
DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Performance-Based Standards at DJJ

The South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is a leader in measuring performance standards under the national Performance-Based Standards (PbS) project. PbS is a project of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), and sets national standards for safety, security, order, health/mental, education and other programming within facilities, and preparation for community reintegration. DJJ facilities included in the PbS project are its Detention Center, three Evaluation Centers, and three long-term institutions.

From July 30-August 6, national PbS visiting consultant/coach Dave Crowley reviewed DJJ's reporting data, worked with facility managers, PbS Site Coordinators, and critically observed the operations and areas related to PbS. Crowley also focused on youth transition and PbS reintegration data and outcomes with respect to facility-community connectivity, programs, services, and related documentation progress. In ending his visit, Crowley praised "the documentation diligence, the tremendous effort and the progress DJJ staff have made toward more successfully managing such a difficult, needy and challenging population."

DJJ Girls Transition Home

On September 11, an Open House will be held for the first Girls Transition Home on DJJ's Broad River Road Complex. The Home will be a secure, short-term living environment for girls who are within six months of their release from DJJ. The purpose of the house is to prepare the girls to return to their communities with support networks and life skills needed for them to be productive citizens. The house itself offers unique features that represent contributions from DJJ's male and female population. Volunteers and staff organized and trained juveniles to help with interior design, designer ceramic tiles, and custom-made window treatments. Furnishings for the house are being donated by community partners, volunteers, and staff.

Schedule

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| August 30 | SC Child and Adolescent Policy Forum Directors' Roundtable
Clarion Hotel |
| August 30 | Speak at Champions for Youth Dinner
Florence Civics Center |
| September 11 | Open House
DJJ's Girls Transition Home |