
DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

DJJ School District Receives “Palmetto Gold”

For the fourth consecutive year, the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice’s school district (DJJ) is one of the top performing school districts in the state and has earned the “Palmetto Gold School” designation for its academic achievements.

DJJ will share in funding earmarked for this program with more than 230 other schools receiving Palmetto Gold or Silver awards. Schools receiving the awards are being recognized for having high levels of academic achievement and high rates of student academic improvement. This is the seventh year of the Palmetto Gold and Silver Program which was created by the Education Accountability Act of 1998.

In addition to the monetary award, DJJ will receive a Palmetto Gold flag and a certificate to help commemorate the district’s accomplishments.

Intensive Supervision Initiative Discussed

On January 9, 2008, DJJ Director Byars and TeNeane Johnson, DJJ’s Intensive Supervision/Reentry State Coordinator, presented on the agency’s Intensive Supervision Initiative (ISI), at the National Juvenile Reentry Conference. The conference was sponsored by the Performance Institute. More specifically, their presentation focused on how to effectively plan for a juvenile’s return to the community while they are still incarcerated. Their discussion of the planning process touched on cross-divisional and system communication, working with families and juveniles prior to release, and ensuring referrals are made and transportation is available to youth and their families to meet parole required treatment.

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| January 30 | Combating Gangs Press Conference
Location TBA |
| February 5 | Electric Cooperatives Legislative Appreciation Reception
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center |