

**Cabinet Report  
October 22, 2004**

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**

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**2004 All-USA Teacher Team**

Tim Bunch, DJJ's Communities In Schools Program lead teacher, has received national honors for his work in the DJJ School District. On October 14, Bunch, a 15-year veteran educator, was named to the prestigious USA TODAY All-USA Teacher Team. He is among 20 educators nationwide including one other teacher from South Carolina.

Bunch has worked with the CIS program since 1991, when South Carolina became the first state in the nation to use the CIS program in a correctional setting. As the program's lead teacher, he currently teaches approximately 30 juveniles, who are accepted into the program based on their positive attitudes and demonstrated desire to change and improve their academic performance.

**Employment Program for Youthful Offenders**

Through its partnership with the State Workforce Investment Board and a grant from the South Carolina Employment Security Commission, DJJ has established an employment-training program and is holding a series of press conferences to formally announce the program in four counties.

The \$741,393 grant is funding the Juvenile Employment Enrichment Program (JEEP) for youthful offenders, age 14-18 in Jasper, Allendale, Marlboro, and Orangeburg counties. Press conferences began last Thursday in Jasper County and will continue on Tuesday in Allendale, Wednesday in Marlboro, and Thursday in Orangeburg.

JEEP is a community-based summer and after-school employment and social skills training program for youthful offenders in the juvenile justice system. Currently, 186 youth in the four counties are enrolled in the program.

**Schedule**

- October 26 Allendale County JEEP Press Conference and Open House  
Fairfax, SC
- October 28 Orangeburg County JEEP Press Conference and Open House  
Santee, SC
- October 29 Address Criminal Justice Academy Basic Law Enforcement Class  
DPS, JP Strom Building