

Department of Juvenile Justice

Teen Afterschool Centers

DJJ is collaborating with the South Carolina Black Caucus, the faith-based community, and the non-profit community to open Teen After-School Centers around the state. Currently, pilot sites are operating in Lee, Greenville and Darlington counties.

The centers are located in churches as part of DJJ's outreach to engage the faith community in working with at-risk youth to combat youth delinquency through intervention methods and educational programs.

The centers offer teenagers educational support, computer skills, tutoring, employment training, life skills, and recreational activities on afternoons and weekends. Teenagers can be referred to the center by parents, school resource officers, the Family Court, or DJJ. Additional Teen After-School Centers are planned throughout South Carolina if DJJ is successful with current grant proposals.

Youth Development Center

DJJ, in partnership with Clemson University, hopes to soon open the W.W. Long Youth Development Center for non-violent youth in Aiken County.

The opening of the center will formalize the first major collaboration between DJJ and a major university. This youth program will provide an excellent opportunity for non-violent and determinate-sentenced juveniles to be placed in a residential camp-like wilderness setting. Under the program, the diagnostic issues of juveniles will be addressed and teaching adaptive learning styles will be practiced. Students will remain at the center for up to 12 weeks. During their stay intense focus will be placed on education and innovative recreational program.

Schedule

March 15
9 a.m. Speak to DJJ's School District at DJJ Educational Professional
Development Day
DJJ's Birchwood Chapel

March 16
11 a.m. United Way Annual Board Meeting
Sheraton, Columbia

March 17
9 a.m. Senate Finance Sub-Committee Budget Hearing

March 18
10 a.m. Budget and Control Board Meeting
Wade Hampton Building

March 20 – 23
ACA (American Correctional Association) Juvenile Issues Forum
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
(All costs for this forum will be fully funded by ACA.)

March 24
8 a.m. Afterschool Alliance Breakfast
221 Blatt Building