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## DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

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### **DJJ Community Planning Charrettes**

Over the next few months, the Department of Juvenile Justice will invite stakeholders and community leaders representing the private and public sector and members of the general public, to participate in an innovative process of community planning called a charrette. A charrette is planned for each of the four regions of the state. The charrette process is made possible through DJJ's partnership with Clemson University's Institute for Economic and Community Development.

The first charrette was held in the state's Midlands Region on Monday, March 20, at Brookland Baptist Church's Community Resource Center, 1504 Sunset Boulevard. The goal of the charrettes is to gain a better understanding of the issues regarding juvenile justice from a community perspective. Topics for the first charrette included Community Stakeholders/Constituents, Community Partners, and Legislative/Policy makers.

Outcomes of the sessions will be used to develop a strategic plan specific to DJJ's Division of Community Services.

### **Schedule**

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| March 21 | Friends of Juvenile Justice Civic/Retailer Luncheon<br>DJJ's Willow Lane Chapel |
| April 3  | Speak at Camden American Legion<br>Camden                                       |