

South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice

DJJ and Corrections share Dental Clinic

In November 2003, DJJ began using the Department of Corrections dental clinic under a joint agreement between the agencies. This arrangement has enabled DJJ to have a modern facility to treat all of its juveniles' dental needs without incurring the high cost of new construction. Corrections is saving money in personnel expenses by not having an on-staff dental assistant.

DJJ would have used Permanent Improvement Project (PIP) money to build a new dental clinic, but is now using those funds in other needed areas within the agency.

Under the agreement, dental staff are shared, which is a plus for DJJ because Corrections performs oral surgery, whereas DJJ previously referred those procedures to a private dentist. This measure alone is saving DJJ approximately \$50,000 in FY 2003-2004 and a projected \$100,000 in FY 2004-2005.

DJJ partners with the City of Columbia and Purdue Pharma, L.C. in prevention initiative

DJJ recently formalized its partnership with the City of Columbia and Purdue Pharma, L.C. to bring the *Communities That Care* prevention model to the City of Columbia. *DJJ's mission supports the Governor's mission by protecting the public and reclaiming juveniles through prevention, community programs, education and rehabilitative services in the least restrictive environment.*

A \$25,000 grant from Purdue Pharma will help fund *Communities That Care*, a science-based community prevention and intervention program. The program takes a systemic approach to community building by helping communities identify the specific risk and protective factors influencing their children, then pinpoints proven programs to reduce those risks and enhance positive outcomes.

DJJ already had an ongoing partnership with the South Carolina Association of Counties to mobilize county councils in 13 counties to implement *Communities That Care* as a way to assist in the healthy development of youth. DJJ appreciates the financial support of Purdue Pharma and the willingness of city and county governments to work toward making a difference in the lives of South Carolina's children.

Schedule

- March 31 SC General Assembly Women's Caucus
12:30 p.m. Jean Laney Harris Memorial Luncheon Honoring All Elected Women
Seawell's on Rosewood
- April 1 Committee to Study the Commission on Women
2:30 p.m. Wade Hampton Office Building, 1st Floor Conference Room
- April 3 Speak to Men's Fellowship Group Regarding "Turning Children Around"
9 a.m. First Northeast Baptist Church, Columbia
- April 5 Speak to Sumter County League of Women Voters
6 p.m. Sumter County Administration Building
- April 6 Speak to St. Andrews Rotary Club
1 p.m. Hilltop Restaurant, Columbia