

Cabinet Report

Donation from Black Caucus Helps Expand Teen After School Centers

On Wednesday, April 21, 2004, DJJ and the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus formalized a new partnership that will improve intervention assistance to juveniles that are on probation or parole. The formalization includes a \$10,000 donation from the Caucus to help fund Teen After School Centers (TASCs) around South Carolina.

Pilot sites are operating in Lee, Greenville, and Darlington counties and involve the cooperation of the faith-based community and non-profit organizations. DJJ's goal is to expand TASCs to other sites around the state.

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.

Rotarians donate \$5,000 grant to DJJ's high school

DJJ's Birchwood High School Media Center has received a \$5,000 grant through the combined efforts of the Rotary Club of Lake Murray-Irmo and Rotary District 7770. The Club and the District each contributed \$2,500.

The money from the grant will be used to purchase two new computers and related hardware, hard copy and a CD version of the World Book Encyclopedia, and other reading and research materials. The benefits of this grant award are many for students and teachers at DJJ. This project will increase the passion for learning and creativity in learning through making educational tools more current, enjoyable, and creative.

JABG funds will assist in advancing technology at DJJ

A \$326,177 grant from the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program will enable DJJ to complete the implementation process for a new computer-based Juvenile Justice Management System, which stores and tracks juvenile records.

Schedule

- April 27 Press Conference – DJJ Victims’ Memorial Garden
10 a.m. Lancaster County
- April 28 Women’s Caucus
8:30 a.m. Blatt Building, Room 305
- April 29 Address Family Court Judges
9:30 a.m. Madren Center, Clemson University
- April 30 Visit DJJ Coastal Evaluation Center
11 a.m. With Senator Branton and Senator Grooms
- May 5 SC Correctional Association Officers’ Appreciation Luncheon
12 Noon Department of Corrections Training Academy Multipurpose Room
- May 7 Address DJJ Pee Dee Region Managers
10 a.m. Lynches River County Park, Florence