

Cabinet Report
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DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Transfer of Female Juveniles

The Department of Juvenile Justice has completed the transfer of female juveniles from the Greenwood Center to the Department's Broad River Road Complex (BRRC.) Closing the Greenwood facility will result in annual savings of \$1.5 million for the Department, and girls now have better access to gender-specific services.

Gender equity is a key aspect of the Department's management philosophy. The Department recently received a State Department of Education's Century Community Learning Centers grant in the amount of \$124,879 for the development of a comprehensive after school program that is primarily focused on girls, but will serve a limited number of boys in a separate location on the BRRC.

After school program components include academic enrichment activities, instruction in life skills and in developing healthy lifestyles, computer instruction, and therapeutic recreational experiences. To assure program success and functionality for juvenile participants, the Department is collaborating with Clemson University's Youth Learning Institute, the USC Center for Child and Family Studies, Columbia College, the Women's Missionary Union, and the Vector Foundation.

Contractual Pharmacy Services

On July 1, 2004, the Department of Juvenile Justice privatized its pharmacy services as a cost savings measure for the agency. This meant that DJJ had to implement a Reduction in Force (RIF) of its pharmacy staff, which included two pharmacists and two pharmacy technicians.

Privatization will enable the Department to realize annual savings of approximately \$200,000 while maintaining the current level of services to juveniles under its custodial care. The decision to privatize came after a thorough analysis to determine if pharmacy services can be provided in a more cost efficient manner without sacrificing quality of care to the juveniles.

Missouri Visit

Funded by a grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and lead by Judge Bill Byars, a DJJ and Clemson University Youth Learning Institute delegation visited juvenile justice facilities in Missouri on June 24-25, including one housed on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University. Missouri has successfully developed both secure facility and community programs to assist at-risk youth that have common core programs. Their underlying philosophy promotes increased responsibility and sound decision-making by youth, within the context of a flexible education system that is designed specifically for

at-risk youth. These behaviors are reinforced through extensive use of peer groups and peer governance.

DJJ receives Collaboration Award

DJJ has received a Collaboration Award from the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus in recognition of its partnership with the Caucus. The partnership's most noted effort is the development of Teen After School Centers in South Carolina for young men and women in a structured environment where they focus on academic enrichment and employment and life skills training.

Schedule

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| <i>July 6</i> | DJJ Equestrian Program Demonstration
DJJ Grounds |
| <i>July 7</i> | Visit Clemson Youth Development Camp
Camp Long, Aiken, SC |