

**Cabinet Report  
July 30, 2004**

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**

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**DJJ Designated As National Demonstration Site**

South Carolina's DJJ is one of only four sites across the country selected by the American Prosecutors Research Institute (APRI) to participate in "The Performance Measures for the Juvenile Justice System: A National Demonstration Project." Under the project, accountability standards will be created for South Carolina's juvenile justice systems based upon the principles of balanced and restorative justice.

This project is being funded by the U.S. Congress to test a "juvenile justice report card" with the intent of building a core set of performance measures nationwide. Congress selected the American Prosecutors Research Institute (APRI) to implement this project.

DJJ will report its findings to citizens through a published Report Card later this year.

**Girls Relocated to Permanent Quarters at Broad River Road Complex**

During the recent closing of the Greenwood Center, girls in long-term commitment at DJJ were transferred to temporary quarters at DJJ's Broad River Road Complex in Columbia. The girls are now housed in their permanent quarters on the Willow Lane campus of the complex.

The upgraded Willow Lane campus includes new security features and facilities not previously available at the Greenwood Center. These facilities include a full-sized gym, a high school, and a middle school—each reserved exclusively for the girls. Girls will also have their own cafeteria and dispensary on the campus. An interior 12-foot fence segregates all girls' facilities from existing boys' facilities at the complex.

**Juvenile Employment Program Begins First Summer Session**

In July, the Juvenile Employment and Enrichment Program (JEEP), a joint effort between DJJ and the Employment Security Commission, began its first 5-week summer session at four sites across the state. Over 70 juvenile offenders are currently enrolled in the program, which teaches job skills and allows participants to gain actual work experience with local employers.

JEEP sites are currently located in rural areas of Allendale, Jasper, Marlboro, and Orangeburg counties. After-school programs also will be offered at these sites during the school year. As many as 360 juveniles are expected to participate in the program over the course of its first year.

**Schedule**

*August 6*      Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Council

Blatt Building, Room 305

*August 11* Address DJJ school district staff  
BellSouth SC Headquarters

*August 11-15* American Prosecutors Research Institute (APRI) Performance Measures  
Project (*Report Card Project*) -- Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
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