
Department of Juvenile Justice

DJJ Girl Scout program receives funding

Among the gender-specific activities for girls at DJJ is a Girl Scout program that is funded by a \$25,000 grant from Girl Scout USA and the Department of Justice. The program was developed under DJJ's collaboration with the Girl Scout Council of the Congaree, which is administering the grant.

This collaboration is ideal for DJJ and furthers its goal to enhance the current level of programs and services for girls. Under the grant, DJJ staff are serving as troop leaders and are facilitating a Studio-2B program. The program is focused on three-interrelated areas: financial literacy, career exploration and goal planning, and community service. The girls are working on special interest and service projects, receiving training in CPR, and building leadership and outdoor skills through camping trips on the DJJ Broad River Road complex.

DJJ hires two attorneys in its Legal Office

DJJ has hired two assistant legal counsels in its Legal Office to work with Larry Vanderbilt, the agency's general counsel. Erika McJimpsey comes to the agency from the 7th Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office where she served Spartanburg and Cherokee counties for more than eight years as assistant solicitor. She is the 2004 winner of the Fritz Hollings Award for Excellence in State Prosecution.

Elizabeth A. Hill will join the agency on September 2, 2005. She is currently the assistant solicitor for the Richland County Solicitor's office, 5th Judicial Circuit, where she has worked for five years.

Ms. McJimpsey and Ms. Hill extensive experience in handling cases in Family Court will assist in improving the juvenile justice system in South Carolina. As part of their work in the legal office, they will also work to enhance the relationship between Family Court judges, solicitors and DJJ in order to achieve the best placement for the success of our youth.

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| August 16 | Speak at Rotary Club
Union Elk's Club |
| August 20 | Speak at Edgefield City Community Leaders Institute |
| August 22 | Friends of Juvenile Justice Board Meeting |