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DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

DJJ to Release Nationally Recognized Juvenile Justice Report Card

As part of the Department of Juvenile Justice's participation in the "Performance Measures for the Juvenile Justice System: A National Demonstration Project," representatives from the Department recently attended a regional meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. with three other states that are involved in the project.

South Carolina is one of only four demonstration sites in the country selected to participate in this project and has the distinction of being the only statewide jurisdiction selected. The U.S. Congress funds the project as well as travel for the states involved. Congress selected the American Prosecutors Research Institute (APRI) to implement the project.

The project involves DJJ developing and testing a "juvenile justice system report card" with the intent of building core sets of juvenile performance measures for potential use nationwide. Under the project, accountability standards will be created for South Carolina's juvenile justice system based upon the principles of balanced and restorative justice.

Presently, the Department is analyzing data results specific to key factors that comprise the juvenile justice system. The data will be included in a Report Card the Department will release to citizens in late September.

Schedule

September 7	Governor's Cabinet Meeting DJJ, Willow Lane Chapel