

DJJ County Office Directory

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Calhoun 803-533-6270	Hampton 803-943-4296	Spartanburg 864-562-4200
Charleston 843-740-1649	Horry 843-915-8969	Sumter 803-778-2368
Cherokee 864-487-2564	Jasper 843-726-5666	Union 864-429-1640
Chester 803-377-8104	Kershaw 803-432-9171	Williamsburg 843-355-2772
Chesterfield 843-623-2378	Lancaster 803-285-9447	York 803-909-7500
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Title IX – Inspector General’s Office – 803-896-9595
Title II & 504 – Special Education Office – 803-896-8484

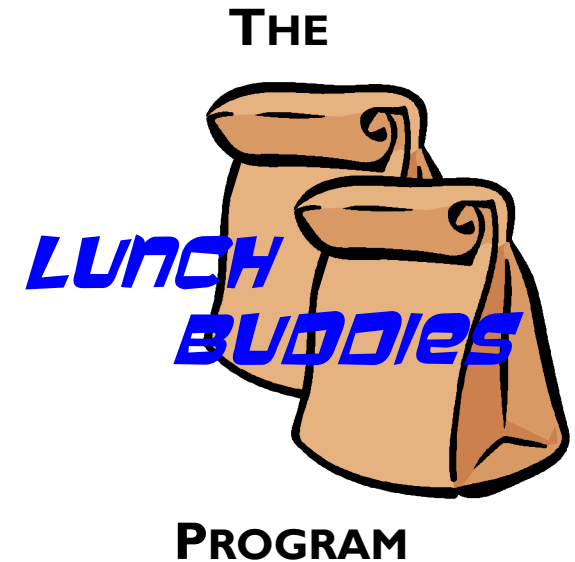
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DJJ's Mission

It is the mission of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to protect the public and reclaim juveniles through prevention, community services, education, and rehabilitative services in the least restrictive environment.

Partnering with a Purpose



What is the Lunch Buddies Program?

Lunch Buddies programs operate nationwide and are designed to connect elementary, middle, and high school students with a caring adult volunteer. The South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) staff volunteer monthly as Lunch Buddies, spending an hour sharing lunch friendship, and supporting the academic and enrichment activities of schools in their areas.

The Lunch Buddies program provides an opportunity for DJJ staff to introduce delinquency prevention and intervention programs to enhance the student's personal growth and ability to make good choices. It's also an opportunity for DJJ to give back to the community and make a positive difference in the lives of children.



Characteristics of Lunch Buddies

It's important that Lunch Buddies be a true believer in the program, and someone who is excited and enthusiastic about working with the students. Also, Lunch Buddies should have a special interest in working with young people, be dependable and committed to the effort, be a good listener, be patient, motivated, and have a positive outlook on life.

Most importantly, Lunch Buddies should be a good role model, providing inspiration for the student to excel in all they do.

Benefits of the Program

There are many benefits to the Lunch Buddies program, all of which can help the student in school, the home, and community, and for *life*. Among these benefits for students are:

- Development of positive self-esteem
- Reduction of discipline referrals in schools
- Less absenteeism
- Better academic performance and grades
- Improved social skills
- Learning to build positive relationships
- Improved personal behavior
- Connection with a positive adult influence

In addition to benefiting the student and schools, Lunch Buddies also help build a positive image of DJJ's involvement in the community, and strengthens the partnerships between the Department, the schools, students, and communities the agency serves.



“Change is Possible”

Partnering with a Purpose

Lunch Buddies is all about *Partnering with a Purpose*. DJJ staff work with their local school administrators to establish a Lunch Buddies program. A plan for implementation is established and objectives and goals are established annually for the students.

An extension of the Lunch Buddies Program is the introduction of other DJJ prevention initiatives including, the Insiders who spread a message of non-violence, Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) and viewing the Think Twice video.



Through programs like Lunch Buddies, DJJ is fully committed to helping our communities be better places for all South Carolinians to live, work, play, **and learn**.

For more information please contact your local DJJ County Office (full listing on back) or:

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