

About the Program

Providing at-risk youth with job readiness training and work opportunities is an effective strategy to discourage delinquency and help prevent future involvement with the justice system. The *Store of Hope* is a youth-driven enterprise program of the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), focused on providing job training and work opportunities to young people who are involved with the juvenile justice system. The program's philosophy is rooted in the name itself and is driven by those with a concern for at-risk youth – staff, volunteers, and community partners who are committed to **Helping Others Prepare for Employment**.

The foundation of DJJ's job apprenticeship initiative is its educational curriculum programs such as brick masonry, carpentry, picture framing, welding, and horticulture, along with the after-school programs including ceramic tile design, sewing, upholstery, and young craftsmen.

The *Store of Hope* sells a variety of youth-made products such as custom-painted metal Palmetto trees, Adirondack chairs, decorative tiles, restored furniture, and more. A key component of the program is that DJJ youth spend time on-site in the *Store of Hope* to learn skills associated with managing a business including strategic planning, marketing/sales, customer service, communication skills for the workplace, and finance and accounting skills.

The programs offered at DJJ's Broad River Road Complex in Columbia are equipping youth with important job and life skills and providing them with practical retail and manufacturing experience. Proceeds from the sale of youth-made items goes back into the program for materials, and funds credited to a youth for their efforts is used to pay any restitution owed to their victims.

Target Population

The *Store of Hope* serves incarcerated DJJ youth and those transitioning back to the community from the Broad River Road Complex (BRRRC). Additionally, youth under DJJ supervision in the community from all 46 counties in South Carolina are afforded an opportunity to make items for sale in the *Store of Hope*.

Goals and Objectives

The *Store of Hope* provides DJJ youth with the training and experience needed to develop many important skills and meet another great need: providing a viable means of marketing and selling the wonderful products produced by our young people to the public. The program is designed to help DJJ youth develop the skills and abilities needed to:

- Secure meaningful employment and/or further education or training;
- Repair the harm caused by their crimes to victims and their families;
- Give back to the community through service learning opportunities;
- Successfully meet the conditions of their supervision and;
- Reduce the likelihood of their committing new crimes.

Location, Days and Hours of Operation

The *Store of Hope* is conveniently located at 3208 Broad River Road in Columbia. Store hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



**For more information please contact your local
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For additional DJJ resources please visit our website:
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