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Dollars and Cents: For Gang Programs that Make Sense



The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (DJJDP) is pleased to announce the Community-Based Youth Gang Violence Prevention grants initiative. Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils (JCPCs) will be able to apply for grants to fund gang assessments and/or evidence-based programming/practices to prevent and intervene with gang-involved youth. This initiative is made possible through a grant awarded to the Department for \$5 million from the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission (GCC) which was able to secure these dollars through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

JCPCs are asked to submit an application to the Department for

these monies by June 26, 2009. The application and request for proposals (RFP) can be accessed by clicking here. The grants will fund 2 year projects, but JCPCs will be asked to reapply for the second year of funding. Unlike the JCPC allocations sent to counties each year, there will be no required local match for these grants.

Secretary Hayes stated, "It is our hope that every JCPC will apply for this wonderful grant opportunity." For questions about this grant opportunity please contact your area consultant or Denise Briggs by email at denise.briggs@djjdp.nc.gov, or by phone at (919) 733-3388.

- Michael Rieder named Outstanding Alumnus by the North Carolina State University Masters of Public Administration Program.



- Micheal Cox presented with the Spirit of Youth Award by the National Coalition for Juvenile Justice.



Secretary Hayes' Message



I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your partnership, assistance, and generosity as our new leadership team has come on board. Everyone has been extremely helpful and willing to work through our budgetary issues for the State and the Department. Due to the issues we have faced—moving, reorganization, legislature coming to town and getting our leadership team together—we have not had the luxury of addressing long term plans of the Department. However, I can assure that we are working towards that goal and will soon begin work on our Strategic Plan for the next 4 years. We NEED you to help with this process and we want to hear from you. We will frequently reach out to you to share your ideas but more importantly we want to learn from you as to how we can strengthen our department and plan for the future. Please email me at linda.hayes@djjdp.nc.gov or mail me your ideas at: 1801 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC, 27699-1801. For story ideas for future Communiqués, please email William Lassiter at william.lassiter@djjdp.nc.gov



Legislative Update

Legislation that is pending in the N.C. General Assembly that will effect the Department if passed includes:

SB 984 – Access to Juvenile Records/Violent Offenders – An act amending the juvenile code regarding access to and use of juvenile court records when the individual is later charged as an adult in a criminal proceeding. This bill would allow adult probation officers to access to the juvenile report sheet produced by AOC. To learn more about this bill [click here](#).

HB 1347 – Chief Court Counselor Delegation – An act to authorize the Chief Court Counselor in each district to delegate certain respon-



sibilities. This bill would allow Chief Court Counselors to delegate their responsibilities while on leave. To learn more about this bill [click here](#).

HB 1414 – The Youth Accountability Act – An act to define delinquent juvenile as a juvenile who is between six years of age and eighteen years of age who commits a crime or infraction and to establish a task force for implementation of the Youth Accountability Act. This bill would essentially raise the age of juvenile jurisdiction from 16 years old to 18 years old in a 5-year phase-in approach. To learn more about this bill [click here](#).

CQI Update

Shortly after his arrival, Dr. Robin Jenkins, Chief Operating Officer for the Department announced the continuous quality improvement (CQI) initiative. So you may be wondering exactly what is CQI and how will this initiative effect my day to day life?

The CQI initiative seeks to define performance indicators, measure performance, and develop procedures that will ensure more consistency in achieving successful outcomes, all with an emphasis on customer and stakeholder input. The objectives of this initiative include: Improving outcomes for juveniles; Defining what successful performance means for the organization and the individual employee; Demonstrating and documenting our successes; and Identifying and eliminating wasteful work processes. This work isn't "Central Office" driven — it starts with the very people that deliver our core

services (court staff, consultants, facilities staff, etc.), and works from the bottom up. It is driven by field-developed goals, objectives, and measures that then help us determine what value is provided by the things we do every day.

With these objectives in mind one can see how this initiative could improve the work performance of an individual employee and the Department as a whole. Through this process the Department will create a balanced scorecard which will validate the successes of the Department, demonstrating to the public and policy-makers the impact we are making with juveniles everyday. This scorecard will be available to the public through the Department's website. For individual employees the major benefit of this process will be eliminating duplicative tasks (becoming more efficient) allowing the employees to focus more time on improving outcomes for youth and the public.

Upcoming Events and Reminders

- Annual Enrollment for the State Health Plan runs through May 29th. To learn more [click here](#).



- The Deadline for JPCPs to apply for the [Community-Based Youth Gang Violence Prevention grants](#) initiative is June 26, 2009



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