



MEMORANDUM

TO: Jacksonville City Council

FROM: Debbie Verges, Program Director

DATE: July 1, 2009

RE: Monthly Report on *Jacksonville Journey*-June 2009

During the month of June we continued to move forward in implementing the *Jacksonville Journey* program. The progress includes (1) The Oversight Committee held its monthly meeting (2) Jacksonville Commitment awarded scholarships (3) Summer Camp offered daily programs (4) Jacksonville Re-Entry Center (JREC) is fully operational (5) JSO has deployed new officers (6) Juvenile Assessment Center continues to process over 600 youth per month (7) Out of School Suspension and Intramural Sports Leagues providing follow up reports.

Additional detail on the progress is below. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

*Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee*-The Oversight Committee held their regularly scheduled meeting in June. Presentations were made by Chief Assistant State Attorney, Dan McCarthy; JSO; Jacksonville Commitment; After Schools Intramural Leagues, Jacksonville Re-Entry Center, and Out of School Suspension. Dan McCarthy shared with the committee that in the five months since Angela Corey has taken office as the State Attorney the recommendations from the *Jacksonville Journey* have been utilized as the blueprint for changes and improvements.

*Jacksonville Commitment*-The Jacksonville Commitment contract has awarded 84 scholarships at the four institutions (UNF, FCCJ, JU, and Edward Waters College).

*Summer Camp*-Summer camp began on June 8, June 15 or June 22 with 23 camps providing over 2,900 scholarships to its participants. The Summer Camp program has been expanded from six to eight weeks.

*Jacksonville Re-Entry Center (JREC)*-JREC is fully operational in its new location on Superior Street. An agreement with the State of Florida Baker Correctional Institution has allowed felons expected to return to Duval County to be re-assigned to the Baker facility. Upon release the Baker facility transports the inmates directly to JREC. Once

they arrive, felony registration is done onsite, parole and probation are in house, and the family may pick up the individual from JREC. This process also allows all *Journey* funded programs to assign their case workers to work with individuals six months prior to release in the Baker facility.

*JSO*-The first class of officers have graduated from the academy and are now deployed throughout Jacksonville. The JSO will be deploying seasoned officers to the hot spots throughout Duval County. Overtime will continue through the month of August.

*Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC)*-The JAC continues to process over 600 youth per month with over 4500 youth being processed year to date. Approximately 80% of the youth are processed within four hours.

*Out of School Suspension and Intramural Sports Leagues* – The JJOC requested follow up information from both programs to deficiencies in service delivery.

*All Information relative to the Journey programs is available on the website at - <http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey/default.htm>. All JJOC meetings are being held in the Ed Ball Conference room. All meetings are broadcast live and recordings are available on the website within 48 hours of each meeting.*