



MEMORANDUM

TO: Jacksonville City Council

FROM: Debbie Verges

DATE: August 3, 2009

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

During the month of July 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 continued with summer school scholarships (3) Team Up programs reported promotion rates and attendance numbers (4) Ex-Offender programs case manage over 1600 clients through June 30 and (5) Intramural Sports League expands programs to the pools and the JSO provides overtime through Operation Safe Streets.

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 July. School Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals discussed the changes the Duval County School system will be making in the fall to maximize the number of students participating in the Out of School Suspension program to the contracted number of 150 students per day, 30 at each location. Kelly Boree, Deputy Director, Recreation and Community Services Department recommended that the Intramural Sports League program be competitively bid to fully maximize the program in the upcoming fiscal year. Committee members Terrance Freeman, Curtis Hart and Charles Griggs will assist the department in the design of the RFP. The committee discussed the Interim report on the progress of the journey programs. The report will be ready for distribution by August 25.

*Jacksonville Commitment*-The Jacksonville Commitment contract has awarded 49 scholarships for the summer sessions at UNF, FCCJ, and JU. Edward Waters College does not offer summer classes.

*Team UP*-The Team Up programs reported their promotion rates and absence rates for the Spring Semester. Overall the 8 elementary programs had a 93% promotion rate and 96% of their students were absent from school less than 21 days. The 7 middle school

programs saw a 90% promotion rate and 88% of participants were absent from school less than 21 days. Over 1700 children participated in the 15 programs on a daily basis.

*Ex-Offender Programs*-The five ex-offender programs (JREC, Operation New Hope, First Coast Worksource Development, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid and Clara White Mission) have worked with over 1600 clients through the month of June. There were 555 new clients processed in the month of June. Training programs are very successful. The difficulty the programs are experiencing is in job placement.

*Intramural Sports Leagues*-The Intramural Sports Leagues programs offered flag football and swimming during the months of June and July. The JSO began in July using Operation Safe Streets overtime to cover the cost of the officers at the 8 park sites. This will continue until September 30. The Recreation and Community Services Department will be developing an RFP for the fiscal year 2009-2010 to outsource the program to a non-profit or faith based provider.

*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.*