



MEMORANDUM

TO: Jacksonville City Council

FROM: Debbie Verges

DATE: August 31, 2009

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

During the month of August we continued to move forward in implementing the *Jacksonville Journey* program. The progress includes (1) The overview of the first six months report was completed (2) The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at UNF is offering a policy class that is studying the *Jacksonville Journey* (3) Ex-Offender programs (4) Crime Stopper signs (5) Summer Camp

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

*Overview of the First Six Months*-The overview of the first six months written report has been completed. Attached is your copy of the report. We have also posted the report on the city website.

*UNF Graduate Policy Class*- Dr. Michael Hallett is teaching a graduate policy class this fall at UNF that will examine *Jacksonville Journey* programs. Students will conduct original supervised research through immersion in *Journey* programs sites and publish a collaborative final report featuring outcome measures, program design and implementation evaluation, and address broader issues of civic responsibility for crime control in a democratic society. Student reports include reviews of best practices, program strength and weaknesses, areas for future research, and final policy recommendations.

*Ex-Offender Programs*-The five ex-offender programs (JREC, Operation New Hope, First Coast Worksource Development, Jacksonville Areal Legal Aid and Clara White Mission) have case managed over 1421 clients through the month of July. JREC has also provided services to an additional 2284 clients. There were 51 clients that received training in July and the year-to-date number is 196. Fourteen individuals were placed in jobs in July and the year-to-date number is 63.

*Crime Stopper Signs-* To date there have been 279 Crime Stopper signs installed throughout Duval County.

*Summer Camp-*The balance of the summer camp programs concluded Friday, August 7. There were 23 organizations that offered 35 different camp sites.

*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.*