



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Jacksonville City Council

FROM: Debbie Verges

DATE: February 2, 2009

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

During the month of January we continued to make strides in implementing the *Jacksonville Journey* program. The progress includes (1) The Oversight Committee met with all 9 members present and there were two sub-committee meetings (2) TEAM UP programs began operations (3) Early Learning programs began (4) Intramural Sports Leagues began registration (5) Juvenile Assessment Center had its grand re-opening (6) Ex-Offender contracts were awarded (7) Out of School Suspension Contract was awarded (8) Code Enforcement began demolishing homes (9) Jacksonville Re-Entry Center(JREC) agreement was executed (10) UNF Intern began working (11) Information available on the website. (12) Summer Camp

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

*Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee*-The Oversight Committee had all 9 members present for its January meeting. The Metrics and Measurements sub-committee and the Administration of Justice Transparency sub-committee held meetings. The office of inspector general is assisting the Metrics and Measurements sub-committee with appropriate measurement tools for each awarded program. Dr. Michael Hallett, Chair of the Criminal Justice Department at UNF has joined the team in an ex-officio capacity and will assist with both sub-committees and their respective reporting needs. At the January meeting of the JJOC reports were given by the Jacksonville Commitment, JSO, JREC, and Out of School Suspension by Linda Lanier of the Jacksonville Children's Commission. The JJOC has requested that the Sheriff's office return to the February meeting and give a detailed report regarding the metrics and measurements developed by the JSO regarding the \$10,803,980 funding from the JJ and specifically the use of those funds by JSO particularly in Zone 1.

*TEAM UP*-As of Monday, January 26 all 15 TEAM UP programs were operational. A number of the programs are operating with over 100 children per day and some are at capacity of 125-150.

*Early Learning*- Staff has been hired for the Early Learning program. Thirteen of the twenty-five centers have been identified and accepted being a part of the transition from

custodial child care centers to early learning centers by deploying early learning literacy coaches into those centers.

*Intramural Sports Leagues*-Registration has begun for Intramural Sports Leagues at Barney Browning, Forestview, Hollybrook, J. Garner Nip Sams, Julius Guinyard, Henry Brown Kooker Park, Terrace Park and Tallulah. To date 63 participants have registered and 177 packets have been picked up and seven staff hired.

*Juvenile Assessment Center*-The grand re-opening of the Juvenile Assessment Center was held Monday, January 26. The city's contribution to the JAC is hiring security officers that allow the JSO officers to return to the street much faster rather than staying with the detained juvenile until a parent/guardian can be located.

*Ex-Offender Contracts*-Contracts were awarded to the following agencies Ex-Offender Employment Jacksonville Area Legal Aid \$94,043 and Operation New Hope \$262,207. Training contracts were awarded to Clara White Mission \$157,367 and First Coast Workforce Development \$396,133.

*Out of School Suspension Centers*-The Contract for Out of School Suspension Centers was awarded to the Duval County School Board. The program should be operational by early March.

*Code Enforcement*-Five homes were demolished in Zone 1 and 50 structures are in pre-demolition status.

*Jacksonville Re-Entry Center*-The JREC contract has been executed.

*UNF Intern*-Joshua Jennings, a criminal justice major at UNF has been assigned to the Mayor's office to assist with the Jacksonville Journey.

*Information available on the website*-All JJOC meetings are being held in the Ed Ball Conference room which allows the meetings to be heard over the internet. Information is available on the website,

<http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey/Oversight+Committee+Meetings>

*Summer Camp*-Of the 31 bids received from summer camp, the JCC review committee will recommend 29 providers be awarded contracts.