

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services



June 5, 2007

Dear OJJSP FY 2007 National Juvenile Justice Program:

**Letter of Understanding for ARISE Foundation**

The Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) provides citywide services for delinquency prevention and the rehabilitation of youth.

I am writing to lend my support for the ARISE foundation staff training and life-skills program for the at-risk youth in the District of Columbia.

The mission of the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) is to rehabilitate youth. ARISE has many years of experience in training juvenile officers to teach life-skill lessons to juvenile offenders. Additional staff training in communication and interpersonal skills including anger and stress management will also be provided by ARISE for (DYRS) staff.

We hope that as a result of the ARISE training, the staff will interact with the youth more positively promoting genuine good behavior and forthright attitudes.

We strongly support this grant application. We will work cooperatively with ARISE Foundation by providing time for staff members to receive training and space for training. We will also provide to their evaluator any information that is relevant to this grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Vincent Schiraldi".

Vincent Schiraldi  
Director  
Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services