



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Charlie Crist, Governor

Walter A. McNeil, Secretary

December 19, 2007

Dear Edmund and Susan,

I am writing this note to thank you for the exceptional staff training you conducted on December 12 and 19, 2007 at the Broward Regional Juvenile Detention Center.

As you are aware, I was fortunate to take some time out of my day to sit and participate in the workshop today, "CHOICES Drop It At the Door". Not only was I impressed with the content, but was excited to see the high level of participation by the officers who were selected for the training.

As an individual with a Masters in Education with an emphasis in Health Education and a staunch believer in training, I was impressed with the content and open discussions regarding the workshop topic. It is quite beneficial to our line staff to understand the need to leave their troubles behind in order to face the day-to-day challenges they face each and everyday. In order to be a successful officer, it is vital that they understand their own stressors, their level of happiness and how to cope with the day's experiences, which in detention, are so quickly changing.

I thoroughly enjoyed the feedback the officers provided as well as the prompts, by your facilitator, which encouraged "out of the box" thinking. Awareness is the key to success. More importantly, the officers appeared to be able to transfer the information you provided into their daily lives, including the work environment.

I was most impressed with the officer's enjoyment in being able to participate in the training. Many of my officers expressed gratitude in being selected. My only regret is that we were unable to reach every officer due to fiscal and time restraints we presently are facing. I certainly hope that in the near future we will be able to provide the ARISE CHOICES Drop it at the Door training to every officer working in DJJ.

Due to my firm belief in additional training for staff that is focused on their becoming successful, caring, well-tuned officers, I offer my assistance in transmitting the information via an ARISE Train the Trainer Program in which I would gladly participate. Please note that I would certainly volunteer to conduct training on each shift in order to adhere to the fiscal restraints such as overtime.

I look forward to participating in continual training for my staff. The officer's feedback confirms my belief that not only was this an enjoyable learning experience for them, but a

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vital enhancement in how we view ourselves which directly correlates to how we care for the youth we service.

I'm so pleased that we met at the Blueprint Commission in Fort Lauderdale and planned the training. I look forward to a continued working relationship.

Much success in your future endeavors.

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