



Deacon Joseph Brown of The Christian Cultural Center speaks at DJJ's Black History Month roundtable.

DJJ Staff Celebrate Black History Month

On Wednesday, February 27th, the Department of Juvenile Justice hosted a celebration at its William Street headquarters to commemorate Black History Month.

Deacon Joseph Brown of the Christian Cultural Center provided the event's invocation. Deacon Brown provides volunteer religious services to youth in detention. A thoughtful roundtable discussion of issues concerning Black History Month followed.

The conversation centered on incorporating Black History into children's academic curriculum to fulfill Carter Woodson's intention of merging Black and National History into one American History. Some staff remarked that it was interesting to hear different perspectives on Black History, notably how people from Africa view Black History.

The Department's Equal Employment Opportunity Officer Tonia Haynes noted, "The 'Roundtable Forum' gave us a chance to hear about each other's views on Black History and how we can incorporate those views into our professional lives as we continue to care for the young people in our custody and care."

Throughout February, cultural events celebrating the significance of Black History Month were scheduled for residents in both secure and non-secure detention.

Carter G. Woodson first established Black History Month in 1926 as a weeklong observance. Today it is celebrated as a month-long observance every February in the United States and Canada, and in October in the United Kingdom.

