



Department of Juvenile Justice staff discuss Black History Month during celebration at Crossroads Juvenile Center.

DJJ Staff Celebrate Black History Month

On Tuesday, February 24th, the Department of Juvenile Justice hosted a roundtable event at Crossroads Juvenile Center, in Brownsville, Brooklyn, to commemorate Black History Month.

The Department’s Equal Employment Opportunity Officer Tonia Haynes moderated the event, which included a thoughtful and lively discussion of issues concerning Black History Month.

The conversation centered on incorporating Black History into our children’s lives and the significance of celebrating Black History Month.

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer Tonia Haynes noted, “The ‘Roundtable Forum’ gave us a chance to hear each other’s views on Black History and discuss how we can incorporate those positive ideals into our professional lives as we care for the young people in 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.

Every February, cultural events celebrating the significance of Black History Month are scheduled for youth in both secure and non-secure detention.

