



For many years, The Floating Hospital resided immediately adjacent to Pier 17 at the South Street Seaport.

New Medical Provider Partners With DJJ

The Floating Hospital (TFH) began a partnership with the New York City Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to provide comprehensive medical services to youth in Agency care.

TFH has been a provider of quality health care services to the neediest New Yorkers for nearly 150 years and will continue that tradition serving the youth in DJJ care. Providing youth with 24 hour, 7 day a week access to quality medical care ensures the young people in the care of DJJ will receive immediate attention and comprehensive treatment for needs that arise.

For the past two years, the Department has worked in conjunction with the City’s Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) to provide medical services to youth. HHC transitioned out of DJJ, and The Floating Hospital began providing care on Saturday, March 1, 2008.

The process to secure the partnership between DJJ and TFH began in 2006 when a concept paper was issued by the Department, titled “Health and Mental Health Care Services for Youth in Detention”. From there, DJJ held a forum on health and mental health care at CUNY/Baruch College to further build interest in the medical and mental health needs of youth in DJJ care.

On June 28, 2007, DJJ issued a request for proposals that was answered, among others, by TFH, and culminated with the partnership that began in March 2008.

Of DJJ’s new medical provider, Assistant Commissioner for Communications and Public Affairs Scott Trent said, “The Department is pleased to partner with such a venerable institution as The Floating Hospital. Both DJJ and TFH share the mission of providing quality and comprehensive care to youth.”

