



*DJJ's Russell Steinberg and Sarah Bass with Commissioner Hernandez and Deputy Commissioner Dawson at Gracie Mansion.*

## **DJJ Employees Acknowledged at Citywide Executive Development Programs Recognition Ceremony**

On Monday, June 23, 2008, the NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services held its Citywide Executive Development Programs Recognition Ceremony at Gracie Mansion. The Citywide Executive Development Programs provide specialized development and networking opportunities for seasoned executives and emerging leaders within City government. Keynote remarks were made by Deputy Mayor for Operations Edward Skyler.

At the ceremony, both Assistant Commissioner for Program Services Nina Aledort and Director of Health and Mental Health Services Sarah Bass were recognized by NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) Commissioner Martha K. Hirst and awarded the Frederick O'Reilly Hayes Prize. The Frederick O'Reilly Hayes Prize recognizes innovative contributions to the delivery of public service by developing leaders in New York City government. Both Ms. Bass and Aledort were recognized for their work in developing and implementing the Collaborative Family Initiative (CFI), a family-focused reentry program for youth with mental health issues returning to the community from detention. CFI is a discharge planning and community connection program intended to ensure continuity of care for youth with mental health needs providing immediate mental health psychiatry, and family-focused supports upon release from detention. To date, 84 youth have been released back to their families and communities through the efforts of Ms. Aledort and Ms. Bass and the CFI program.

Also acknowledged at the ceremony was Deputy General Counsel Russell Steinberg for graduating from the Management Academy. The Management Academy is designed specifically for the City's new and emerging leaders. The Academy's goal is to expose participants to exceptional management practices and accomplishments in agency innovation. The curriculum assists its participants in developing a fuller understanding of the formal and informal processes that drive City government.

