



*The NYC Department of Juvenile Justice welcomes new Juvenile Counselors to its ranks at April 17<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony.*

## **DJJ Continues To Add To Its Ranks Of Juvenile Counselors**

On Friday, April 17, 2009, the Department of Juvenile Justice welcomed into its ranks four new Juvenile Counselors who graduated from the Department's Staff Education and Training Academy during a ceremony held at the Department's Central Headquarters. Family, friends and DJJ colleagues joined the new employees in celebrating the event.

After opening remarks by Director of the Staff Education and Training Academy (SETA) Torry Moorer, Assistant Commissioner for Program Services Nina Aledort delivered the keynote address. She reminded the new employees that DJJ provides opportunities for youth to turn their lives around by offering innovative programs tailored to keep the young people out of detention; and emphasized that the graduates should view their new role as counselors as a serious responsibility that carried with it the possibility to positively impact a young person's life.

SETA Director Torry Moorer remarked to members of the graduation, "You have completed a training program that not all can complete, to perform a job that not many people can do. You should be proud of your accomplishment."

The graduates will immediately join their colleagues, working throughout DJJ's secure facilities where they will provide direct care and security for youth in detention, enhancing the overall quality of childcare.

