



New York City Council Member Sara M. Gonzalez at an earlier Department of Juvenile Justice event.

DJJ Implements Programs For Youth In Detention

The Department of Juvenile Justice recently implemented ten programs through contracted community based organizations totaling \$692,000 designed to improve the quality of life of youth in detention while providing them educational and creative opportunities. The programs, ranging from Double Dutch jump roping to literacy initiatives, are being provided by a host of well known New York City non-profit organizations and institutions.

The diverse programs carried out in DJJ’s secure and non-secure facilities target five key areas in the lives of youth in detention – recreation, art expression, life skills, health, and spirituality. The programs include:

- **Literacy** programming provided by Columbia University Tutoring.
- **Dance, Arts & Crafts, and Writing** programs provided by the Bronx Academy of Art & Dance, Hush Tours, and CCM.
- **Violence Prevention and Conflict Resolution** exercises provided by Tri-state Counseling and Hospital Audiences, Inc.
- **Leadership thru Sport** programming provided by The Urban Dove.
- **Double Dutch** jump roping provided by the Double Dutch Association.
- **Swimming** activities for boys and girls provided by CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
- **Yoga** exercises provided by Yoga for Youth.
- **Educational programs** on hygiene and sexuality by United Community Center, Inc.

Funding for these programs has been provided by the New York City Council through the efforts of Council Member Sara M. Gonzalez, Chair of the Juvenile Justice Committee.

“The services that these organizations will provide to DJJ residents will not only encourage them to be creative, active and educated, but will give the youth knowledge they can use in their communities and throughout their lives,” said Assistant Commissioner for Programs Nina Aledort.

