



DJJ First Deputy Commissioner Judith Pincus speaks about juvenile reentry during John Jay College of Criminal Justice forum.

First Deputy Commissioner Participates in John Jay College Forum

On Friday, January 16, 2009, DJJ First Deputy Commissioner Judith Pincus took part in the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Prisoner Reentry Institute “Spring 2009 Occasional Series on Reentry Research.”

Jeffrey Bouffard, Associate Professor and Director of the Criminal Justice Program at Washington State University, presented a study on the ‘Impact of Reentry Services on Juvenile Offenders’ Recidivism,’ which explored process and outcome indicators of unique juvenile offender reentry programs, including a strong reentry mentoring component, compared to similar youth not receiving reentry services¹.

Panel members included Duquann Hinton, a Doctoral Student of Social-Personality Psychology at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, Joe McLaughlin, Director of Youth Services at the Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services, and Judith Pincus, First Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Ms. Pincus is responsible for overseeing the operational and administrative functions of the City’s juvenile detention agency, including re-entry programming. She has been involved in extensive mental health and re-entry initiatives as part of the City’s reform of the juvenile justice system.

First Deputy Commissioner Pincus spoke about the various DJJ programs designed to optimize post-release outcomes. “After returning home, detention should not be enmeshed in the youths’ lives; the youths should be attached to pro-social involvement with community based programs,” she said.

¹ Bouffard, Jeffrey A. and Bergreth, Kathleen, The Impact of Reentry Services in Juvenile Justice Offenders’ Recidivism. Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice 2008, Sage publications