



*Residents recognized for academic performance during graduation ceremony at Horizon Juvenile Center.*

**DJJ Releases Solicitation for Life/Work Skills Program**  
**Funded by the Center for Economic Opportunity**

DJJ is seeking qualified bids to launch the next phase of the Workforce/Lifeskills and Educational Engagement program funded by the Center for Economic Opportunity (CEO) that will focus on school reattachment and life/work skills for youth in secure detention and youth released to the community from secure detention.

Building on input from stakeholders who attended DJJ's forum at Medgar Evers College this summer, research on existing program services and best-practices, as well as feedback from focus groups with detained and formerly detained youth, DJJ is seeking proposers to launch this model initiative.

The long-term goal of this program is to provide youth with building blocks for future economic independence through an initiative that will be delivered both inside and outside detention. DJJ is seeking one or more appropriately qualified vendors to deliver a curriculum, currently being developed specifically for this program, to boys and girls inside detention and upon their return to the community.

DJJ anticipates that two contracts will be awarded for:

- ♦*Services in the Horizon Juvenile Center in the Bronx with community-based services in Upper Manhattan/South Bronx*
- ♦*Services in the Crossroads Juvenile Center in Brooklyn with community-based services in Brooklyn.*

This program will be launched on or about December 1, 2007, and proposal submissions are due by 2:00 p.m. on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

