



Crossroads Executive Director Migdalia Aldea leads tour for Juvenile Justice officials from South Africa.

Juvenile Justice Officials From South Africa Tour Crossroads

On Friday, September 28th, Crossroads Juvenile Center Executive Director Migdalia Aldea, Assistant Commissioner for Program Services Nina Aledort, Director of Operations Rhonda Moore, and Rosenny Fenton and Kristin Misner from the Office of Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services Linda Gibbs hosted an official delegation of Juvenile Justice officials from the nation of South Africa.

Crossroads was one of many stops for the delegation during a visit to the United States. The delegation’s trip was designed to learn about Juvenile Justice systems and exchange ideas and strategies for empowering juveniles in detention to make life decisions that place them on a more positive personal and professional path.

In addition to the tour, the South African officials engaged in a roundtable discussion of juvenile justice issues that included several DJJ staff members, as well as Chief of Staff Kristin Misner and Senior Advisor for Youth and Community Programs Rosenny Fenton from the office of Deputy Mayor Linda Gibbs.

DJJ’s innovative Collaborative Family Initiative (CFI), which provides for continuing, uninterrupted mental health services after a youth leaves detention, was a highlight of the conversation.

“There has been significant interest in DJJ’s programs and operations from our counterparts here in the United States and abroad,” said Assistant Commissioner for Communications Scott Trent. “Providing visiting officials with access to DJJ staff and facilities creates incredibly valuable opportunities to build relationships that ultimately have a profoundly positive impact on our City’s young people and the lives of youth involved in juvenile justice systems around the world.”

