



A juvenile resident and her parent in conference with a Department of Education teacher at the Horizon Juvenile Center in The Bronx.

Youth and Families Participate in Parent/Teacher Conferences

On Wednesday, March 21st and Friday, March 23rd, youth in the Department's care and their families participated in parent/teacher conferences organized by the Department of Education.

Passages Academy, a division of DOE that provides educational services to DJJ youth, held the conferences on two dates in the afternoon and evening hours to accommodate the schedules of the families.

Principal Sydney Blair of Passages Academy said, "We are very encouraged by the growing number of parents and guardians participating in Parent/Teacher conferences this year. We feel this is due to the concerted effort by Parent Coordinator Gwen Burton, Administrators, Counselors, Teachers and Caseworkers who did the family outreach to encourage participation."

Horizon Juvenile Center Executive Director Eduardo Marcial added, "Supporting these conferences between the youth and their parents along with the teachers makes the youths' stay here more meaningful because it allows all of us to focus on the positive efforts being made by the residents during their stay in detention. Having been a counselor, I can tell you that a little encouragement can go a long way."

DJJ youth attend a full school day within the detention system.

