



DJJ Testifies at City Council Hearing

On Thursday, March 15th, the New York City Council's Juvenile Justice Committee held a hearing on the Department of Juvenile Justice's Fiscal Year 2008 Preliminary Budget and Fiscal Year 2007 Preliminary Management Report in the Council's Committee Room at City Hall.

The Chair of the Committee, Sara M. Gonzalez, presided over the hearing at which the Department's Commissioner Neil Hernandez testified. Joining the Commissioner were First Deputy Commissioner Judith Pincus and Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Policy, Carlos Serrano.

The Commissioner highlighted DJJ's Collaborative Family Initiative, which seeks the release of detained youth with mental health needs from detention, and the Workforce Life Skills pilot project, which is part of the Mayor's Center for Economic Opportunities, to reduce poverty in the City. The pilot project will help detained youth by familiarizing them with the skills, opportunities and resources necessary to reconnect them with the educational and workforce mainstream.

