



Youth Explore Alternatives to Violence

On Monday, April 30th, Council for Unity, Inc., a community based organization, visited Crossroads Juvenile Center in Brooklyn as part of an ongoing comprehensive set of programs implemented by the Department to provide leadership workshops for its youth addressing alternatives to violence.

Crossroads Juvenile Center’s Executive Director Migdalia Aldea said, “the Council’s workshops, which often times are facilitated by ex-gang members the residents can relate to, grant the Crossroads youth a forum to explore alternatives to violence while simultaneously maintaining the respect of their peer group they value so much.”

Monday’s workshop facilitator Michael Hines noted “working with Crossroads residents is a fulfilling experience, especially when you can see the fruits of your labor expressed through their actions.”

Founded in 1975, Council for Unity Inc., is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to empower young people, individuals and groups with the skills necessary to promote safety, unity and achievement in schools and communities.

