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**Mark Your Calendar**  
**FJJA**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Thursday,**  
**Sept 16, 2010**  
**Largo, Florida**  
**Operation PAR**

## FJJA Members Meet To Chart Direction

FJJA Board members spent three days this month reviewing activities of the past year, identifying critical priorities going forward and charting our direction for this coming year. Members took part in discussions relating to evidence based programming, Florida's definition of recidivism, planning for next year's legislative session, partnering with workforce development, using data more proactively and supporting the 2011 Adolescent Conference.

In the coming weeks, we will be convening the last few conference calls, finalizing work products which summarize those discussions, and meeting with the Department of Juvenile Justice to share specific recommendations and activities endorsed by our membership.

Our retreat discussions included the grim reality that Florida may see a 2011-2012 budget deficit of great magnitude. All members agreed that FJJA needed to prepare for what will be a very challenging

legislative session. Our legislative team will be developing an outline of what members agreed needed to happen, including a focus to expand our current activities and outreach, and efforts to enhance and align local activities with a statewide message. To better meet those challenges, we have identified new strategies including working together locally to showcase the full juvenile justice continuum to local delegations. We will be providing more information in the coming weeks and thank those members who have indicated they will take the lead to develop local activities which support and advocate for a balanced juvenile justice continuum.

In the July Newsletter we will also be updating members on our legislative timeline, as well as fleshing out some activities that we hope to see happen during the summer and fall.



Discussions



Awards



Jon from Outward Bound



Jim and Donnie chart information



Debbie & Gloria from TROY



Tadar and Christina from HBI

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### FJJA Elects New Officers at Retreat

We are pleased to announce the election of new FJJA Executive Committee members. Ballots were collected at this month's retreat and were also collected from voting members who could not attend.

As we get ready to begin our new year, we have identified opportunities to build on our accomplishments and have already identified some areas of focus to benefit our membership. The FJJA Executive Committee works as a team and makes every attempt to leverage each member's individual area of expertise to maximize our success. This is very important given the diverse organizations that make up FJJA.

Congratulations to Vicki Waytowich who now moves from an at-large member to board secretary, and to our three new executive committee members who bring considerable new expertise to the table:

#### Executive Committee

Lori Britt Tomlin, Human Services Associates; Tom Camp, Operation PAR; Debbie Moroney, PACE Center for Girls.

Secretary Vicki Waytowich, Daniel Memorial



From left — Cathy Craig-Myers, Executive Director; Jim Hill, Debbie Moroney, Jon Howard, Vicki Waytowich, Tadar Muhammad, Tom Camp, Jeff Kaplan, Frank Alarcon, and Donnie Read. Not pictured are Lori B. Tomlin, Steve Bauer, and Jim Slattery.

### Recently Released

Implementing an Evidence Based Practice?

The National Implementation Research Network (NIRN) has released a report entitled, *Implementation Research: a Synthesis of the Literature*.

For providers working in the juvenile justice system and the adolescent substance abuse treatment field who are trying to implement an evidence-based practice (EBP), this report summarizes findings from the review of the research literature on implementation and proposes frameworks for understanding effective implementation processes.

To download entire report, go to:

[http://www.fpg.unc.edu/~nirn/resources/publications/Monograph/pdf/Monograph\\_full.pdf](http://www.fpg.unc.edu/~nirn/resources/publications/Monograph/pdf/Monograph_full.pdf)

### In the News

**Florida Times Union** — *Jessie Ball duPont Fund supports Center for Girls and Young Women: Justice for All Girls offers gender-specific treatment program*

<http://jacksonville.com/news/metro/2010-06-02/story/jessie-ball-dupont-fund-supports-center-girls-and-young-women>

**Sun Sentinel** — *Path to court for shackled Broward juveniles is shameful spectacle*

[http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2010-06-18/news/fl-juvenile-shackles-20100618\\_1\\_juveniles-public-defender-shackled](http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2010-06-18/news/fl-juvenile-shackles-20100618_1_juveniles-public-defender-shackled)

**St. Petersburg Times** — *Eckerd Family Foundation to spend last dollar, close up shop*

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/business/eckerd-family-foundation-to-spend-last-dollar-close-up-shop/1103526>

### Member News

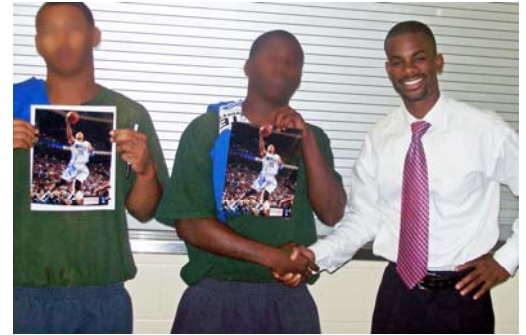
#### Orange Youth Academy Hosts Visit From Orlando Magic Executive Lucas Boyce

On June 8, 2010 Orlando Magic executive Lucas Boyce visited G4S Youth Services' Orange Youth Academy to share his inspirational story with the young men at the program. After a difficult start in life, Mr. Boyce went on to graduate cum laude from the University of Central Missouri with a degree in political science and speech communication.

He achieved the three goals he had set for himself before the age of 30. He worked in the White House as Office of Public Liaison under President George W. Bush. He had the opportunity to travel on Air Force One while working in the Office of Political Affairs.

His final goal was to work for the National Basketball Association. In 2008 Mr. Boyce joined the Orlando Magic as Director of Multicultural Insights and Cause Marketing where he is responsible for strategic business planning and directing the organization's multicultural initiatives and community outreach.

The young men of Orange Youth Academy were grateful to him for taking the time to visit the facility and share his story. Community involvement and partnerships such as this make it possible for Orange Youth Academy to provide the youth it serves with opportunities to learn and practice the skills needed to ensure future success.



#### Pretty in Pink, Girls at Okeechobee Build It, Paint It, Move It, and Beautify It

Dressed in pink, the Home Builder Institute students at the Okeechobee Girls Academy (OGA) can compete with any work crew. Over the course of a month, the students have learned to brick and mortar, build Adirondack chairs, constructed a stage, painted, planted, and moved furnishings around the facility.

Since the program's start-up in mid-March, the girls took what was once a wilderness setting for boys and turned it into a haven to beautify, develop and decorate. While the current focus is on beautifying the campus, the girls welcome future opportunities to help the surrounding Okeechobee community.



### Calendar of Events

#### *Working with Youth with Mental Health Disorders in the Juvenile Justice System*

Friday, June 25, 2010 from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm. [For teleconference information and locations, click here for information.](#)

*Substance Abuse and Mental Health Reinvestment: Transforming Criminal Justice Through Prevention and Recovery* is the theme of the 2010 Reinvestment Grant conference on July 15 and 16 at the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld in Orlando. For information, to go [2010 Reinvestment Conference website.](#)

#### *ARISE 5 Day Master Training*

Monday, July 19, 2010-Friday, July 23, 2010; 8:30-4:30, Seacoast National Bank-3001 PGA Boulevard, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410. To register call: 1-888-680-6100 and speak to Yasmin.