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**OUR MISSION**

- .. To administer justice
- .. Rehabilitate juveniles
- .. Support and strengthen families
- .. Promote public safety

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# THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER NEWSLETTER



## WE'RE HERE !

Let's all collectively pinch ourselves. Yes, it is real. We are here.

Our first day in, Monday October 3, 2011 started out wet. Rain was the forecast, but the days to follow were sunshine and blue skies.

Our first full official day of business, October 11, 2011 had electricity in the air. The staff entered with a

renewed enthusiasm and a communal sigh of relief that the day was finally here.

The visitors were met at the entrance by "Opening Week Greeters". Each wore a festive Lei to identify themselves. The role of the greeters was to direct the public to where they needed to go within

the CCJJC and/or to answer any questions that they may have had.

Our old home served us well and will be missed. But, our new home is easy to get used to, with consolidated services, beautiful décor, a terrific Café and spectacular views of the city.

**It's Official....we're Here!**

### CARLOS ROBINSON: Receives the Public Servants Merit Award presented by the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation

Carlos Robinson, Building Service Manager, received the 65th Annual Franklin A. Polk Public Servants Award presented by the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation on Friday September 16, 2011 in the Ballroom of Marriott Key Center.

The Award honors public servants whose hard work, dedication and commitment to the Citizens of Cuyahoga County is exceptional and is deserving of the acknowledgment of the entire legal community.

The honor began in 1947 by the late Raymond D. Metzner, a past president of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association (CCBA). CCBA Past President Franklin A. Polk served annually as continuous chairman until 1986. Polk was involved with this program until his passing in 1991. The award was renamed in his honor in 1986.

City and County courts and government agencies are asked to nominate worthy candidates.

Administrative Judge Thomas F. O'Malley nominated Carlos sharing the antidote at the luncheon that when he started his tenure with the court each time he needed something the answer always came back "Ask Carlos !"

Carlos shared that he was surprised and honored and never thought that he would receive this prestigious accolade. When he walked to the podium to receive his honor he was greeted with cheers and a standing "O" from family and Juvenile Court well wishers!

## CCJJC AWARDED LEED SILVER CERTIFICATION

The Cuyahoga County Juvenile Justice Center received the OPEA Ohio Revitalization Fund Award and the design has achieved Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification exceeding the minimum credits needed. LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification system, providing third-party verification that a building or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at improving performance across all metrics that matter most: energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality, and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts.



## CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT: Self-assessment training submitted by: Lynne Chavers, Staff Attorney

A Conditions of Confinement workshop was held within our new facility on September 21st and 22nd, 2011. The workshop was designed to prepare Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiatives (JDAI) self-assessment teams to go forward with their facility assessments.

Faculty provided background on the role of conditions of confinement work in JDAI; the development of the assessment instrument;

and the relationship of the instrument to other laws and professional standards.

The Presenters also taught assessment teams how to prepare for and perform the assessment; what to consider in terms of how the results will be used and shared; and how to set the stage for corrective action. The faculty also covered all of the substantive areas of the JDAI self-assessment.



## INTAKE & DIVERSION RECOGNIZES STAFF ACHIEVEMENT submitted by: Angela Ortiz, Senior Intake Officer

The Department of Intake & Diversion, housed under Court Services is where it all begins. The Department consists of six Intake and Diversion Officers who are assigned in the various branch offices located throughout the County as well as the CCJJC. The department receives referrals on juveniles from a variety of sources such as police departments, schools, store security officers, parents, citizens, and other county agencies.

The average number of referrals processed by the department per year is about 10,000 with approximately half diverted from official Court action through the use eight diversion programs. At the start of 2011 the Department of Intake & Diversion believed it was long overdue that these hard working individuals be recognized for their performance and service to others. This began the "Quarterly Achievement Award." The recipient each quarter

to date has received a framed certificate, a highly coveted trophy and a gift card. The first quarter award honoree was Dave Ungham, assigned in the Lakewood Branch office, the second quarter award honoree was Jennifer Mercer, assigned in Parma Branch Office and the third quarter award honoree is Genenne McDougle, assigned at the CCJJC. The race is on for the final quarter of the year honoree. Who will it be?

## SUCCESS STORIES: JUDGE FLOYD SHARES A PROGRESS REPORT ON A FEW YOUNG MEN WHO WERE AT THE CROSS ROADS.

Judge Floyd proudly shared that 5 young men that were before her bench in the recent past have now graduated from The Glen Mills Schools.

She traveled to Concordville, Pennsylvania to show her support and pride in their accomplishments by attending their Educational Awards Ceremony on Thursday,

June 23, 2011. The theme of the ceremony "Education-Bringing Dreams Closer" was a fitting description.

The Glen Mills School was founded in 1826 and is the oldest existing residential school for court referred young men in the country.

Four of the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court youth earned

their General Educational Development (GED) diplomas. One other young man graduated with Secondary Education Honors.

The 5 young men have taken positive steps to productive futures as result of an opportunity made available by the Juvenile Court.

