

**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES**  
**Director's Report**  
**Policy & Fiscal Affairs Board**  
**April 11, 2013**

The Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) appreciates the significant support of the Policy & Fiscal Affairs Board, the Board of County Commissioners and the DJJS Citizens' Advisory Committee. We continue to receive approval to refill necessary positions when Best Practices and safety and security of youth and staff are in the balance.

**Personnel/Budget**

The Department received the proposed FY 13/14 budget in the amount of \$43,030,359.00. Last fiscal year and this fiscal year the department was not funded for Compensation Time/Overtime. Currently, the Department is expected to exceed our projected overtime budget, due to staff shortages (background check practice implemented in July 2011 has eliminated several potential candidates), the accumulation of compensatory time hours, and the P.O.S.T. training hours required to maintain licensure and stay on top of emerging practices.

The department continues to be able to fill critical front line positions with the support of this body and the support of the County Commission. A DJJS sponsored Juvenile Probation Officer Academy is scheduled to begin May 2013 that should alleviate some of the staff shortage issues.

The Department is actively tracking numerous bills being introduced in this year's Legislative Session. Several bills introduced will have an economic impact of varying degrees with the majority being the adoption of the Statewide Juvenile Justice Reform Commissions' recommendations.

**Community Issues**

The Department continues to partner with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority, numerous faith based organizations, and community partners at the Safe Village Initiative to assist in decreasing criminal behavior in our most needy areas of the Valley.

The Department continues to seek opportunities to partner with community stakeholders in an effort to improve successful outcomes for the youth and families we serve.

**Spring Mountain Youth Camp (SMYC)**

Thanks to the generous support of Judge William O. Voy, SMYC was able to purchase much needed sports equipment, incentive based rewards, and increase our cognitive behavior therapy (Thinking for a Change) training to direct care staff.

In addition to the great work our SMYC teammates do every day, the team has expanded their community service projects this year to include projects at our at-risk schools, our parks and

recreation areas, and high visibility areas throughout the County. The Restorative Justice Model is in full force where our youth can give back to the communities in which they come from.

Baseball season is in full swing, as we cheer our young men to success in a sport that many have never played before. Good luck Golden Eagles!

### **Juvenile Detention**

The Detention Division continues to make huge strides in key safety areas such as limiting the use of force incidents, the use of room confinement, the use of mechanical restraints, and continues to increase valuable day programming designed to reduce recidivism.

The Division went almost two months without one incident involving a use of force. This is great work to a team that is working with a very high-risk population at a critical time in Detention.

The average daily population in Detention is down for the fifth consecutive quarter.

### **Probation Division**

Probation continues working through the re-organization of the Detention Review & Release Program and the Intensive Supervision Unit to be able to work in tandem. Initial reports suggest the transition is going well.

### **Clinical Services** (Psychological Unit)

Clinical Services provides a variety of assessment, case management, and counseling services to youth and their families.

The Substance Abuse Assessment Program has been refunded by Juvenile Justice Grant monies. This program provides assessments for all youth referred to DJJS for the first time for drugs or alcohol.

The Motivational Enhancement Therapy/Cognitive Behavior Therapy (MET-CBT 5) was also refunded for this coming grant cycle. This is a best practice, research based program.