

BULLETIN

A bi-weekly bulletin for staff/offices/programs throughout the entire corporation.

June 30, 2010

WF Redirection Program Featured in Local Newspaper

The *Florida Times-Union* recently featured an article on the White Foundation's Redirection Program in Jacksonville. Excerpts from that article include:

"Called 'redirection', it consists mostly of family therapy and focuses on parents – an emphasis that's nearly impossible to attain when youth are locked up in residential commitment centers.

About 95 percent of the work is focused on parents, said Matthew Birt, program director for the White Foundation. And the therapists travel to their home on evenings and weekends so that work hours and transportation are not barriers. 'What we've found with this model is, if we can get the parents to buy into it and change, we can get better outcomes and keep kids from going even further into the system,' he said.

Sometimes that comes as a shock to parents, said Nicole Janer, project manager for Evidence Based Associates, the private contractor that oversees the entire redirection program for the Department of Juvenile Justice. 'Families typically...have heard that the kid needs to change. The first piece we have to do is help them understand they are going to be the most powerful piece in changing their kids' behaviors,' she said.

One mother of a redirection youth was at first a little nervous about the idea of a therapist coming to her home three times a week. Before long, though, she found herself looking forward to the visits and even calling her therapist between visits. She found that she began to change – as did her daughter."

(Read "Redirection effort helps keep youth out of prison later" at jacksonville.com.)



**Wishing everyone a safe and
happy holiday !**

**"The mind is everything.
What you think, you
become."**

- Buddha

Happy Birthday

July 1

Theodore Williams

July 4

Craig Jones
Anthony Thompson
Porsche Shaw

July 6

Keisha Chambliss

July 7

Quinton Pompey
Jeffrey Hall
Sebrina Walker

July 8

Bobbie Frenton

July 13

William Hill
Katrina Armstead

July 14

Terry Williams

July 15

Lana Arnold

July 16

Penelope Mihas

July 18

Tammy Leslein

July 19

Darrell Stahl

July 22

Andrew Maxwell

July 26

Richard Robertson

July 27

Stephen Soderlind

July 30

Lisa Prentice

Happy Anniversary

Thank you for being an important part of our success!

5 Years -- Megan Young

4 Years -- Katrina Armstead

Patrick Brinson
Duane Cherry
Lavonda Cherry
Edna Curry
Mary Ann Dodson
Virginia Gandy
Marie Hines
Mattie Lee
Sandra McDuffie
Robin Oliver
Dwight Pollock
Rutha Rayam
Kyle Robidoux
Lucille Siler
Dustin Simmons
Valerie Tucker
Eunice White
Lee Arthur Woods

3 Years - Elisabeth Edwards

Susan Gessler
Tarrah Holton
Elizabeth Pipes
Sabrina Stewart

1 Year -- Crystal Combass

Latisha June
Samuel Lewis
Michael Rao
Levar Sims
Godfrey Taylor