



# JUMP START

## New Hope for Juvenile Offenders

On July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year a new department came in to being in Illinois – the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ). The department was created last year by Senate Bill 92, sponsored by Rep. Annazette Collins and Sen. John Cullerton, and was signed into law by the Governor on November 17, 2005. The essence of the Senate Bill was to separate the juvenile justice division from within the Department of Corrections and make it its own agency.

The impetus for the new department came from a broad coalition of juvenile justice advocates and members of the Illinois General Assembly who cited Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) figures that showed trends of almost 50% of incarcerated juvenile offenders returning to the system within three years of their release. The current population is 1,400; the per capita cost of incarceration is in upwards of \$70,000.

The hope with the new Department of Juvenile Justice is that young offenders will receive individualized services including educational, vocational, social, and emotional services that will help enable them to become productive adults. Proponents expect that the new department will help reduce the number of juvenile offenders that return to the juvenile system.

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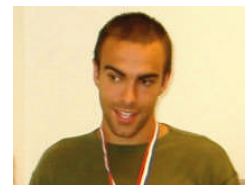
## Welcome to Andrew Myers !



Andrew originally applied to the program as a Jump Start volunteer, but began his service at IYC-St. Charles as an AmeriCorps member at the end of May 2006.

When asked why he decided to become involved in Jump Start, Andrew replied, “This is an excellent place to see what the world is like in other people’s lives and it gives me the opportunity to help other people’s needs.”

In his spare time, Andrew enjoys spending time with his family. He has two sisters: Rachel, 18, and Jillian, 10. Andrew is also involved with his church. He belongs to a college ministry group called “Crave,” where he leads a small group of 10 college-aged men.



*Andrew Myers*

We are lucky to have Andrew aboard as our newest AmeriCorps member at IYC-St. Charles !

- Callie Caughlin

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In addition to the services provided inside of juvenile facilities, the new department will also provide transitional and post-release treatment programs for juveniles, including counseling, mental health, and substance abuse services.

The eight juvenile facilities that currently house youth and School District #429 will move from the Illinois Department of Corrections into the new department. The new department is “budget-neutral” meaning its funding, approximately \$125 million, will simply be transferred from IDOC’s existing budget.

Illinois joins 39 other states that currently separate their juvenile and adult corrections systems.

### **Acting Director Named**

Kurt Friedenauer, the Deputy Director of the Juvenile Division of the Illinois Department of Corrections, was named the Acting Director of the new Department of Juvenile Justice in late May by Governor Blagoyovich. Mr. Friedenauer, who has a broad background in working with at-risk and delinquent youth, joined the IDOC as the Deputy Director in October, 2004. Immediately prior to that he was vice president of Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Services at Rosecrance Health Network in Rockford, and before that was the Assistant Secretary of Probation and Community Corrections in the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. During his tenure in Florida, Friedenauer was directly responsible for helping implement a major restructuring of the Department of Juvenile Justice while managing a diverse workforce of over 1,700 employees and an annual operating budget of \$140 million.

In the Governor’s office press release announcing the appointment, Acting Director Friedenauer said, “I am pleased and honored that the Governor put his faith in me to lead this new agency through such a critical period. I’m confident that by working with all the leaders and groups that were instrumental parts of the transition team that the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice will be a success. I look forward to the challenge and thank the Governor for this opportunity.”

*Watch your coming issues of Eye on IYC to learn more about the new Department and the people within it as the information becomes available.*

## **News from the Centers**

### **A Book-a-thon at IYC-Harrisburg**



On Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> approximately 190 students voluntarily took part in a book-a-thon introduced by Warden Pattison. Students eagerly accepted the challenge to read at least 10 hours, and most students completed a book review and response form as well. Jump Start Program Coordinator Leslie Logeman and VOCAL members Lisa Abell, Lisa Holmes, and Leona Nichole Minton were hidden behind a mound of books as they distributed and collected materials during the weekend event. Most every student started immediately and, when it was time to collect the books, several students wanted to know if they could check out the book later in order to finish it ! The book-a-thon turned out to be a success. Students were awarded participation certificates and body wash while making good use of their time as well !

*- Leslie Logeman*

# News from the Centers

## IYC-St. Charles Dog Program



Members from the Anti-Cruelty Society presented a three-day program for youth at IYC-St. Charles. During the sessions, a select number of youth were able to attend seminars pertaining to the treatment of animals. Both staff and Anti-Cruelty members were able to bring in dogs to promote the program and provide examples of how to care for animals.

The final day of the presentation was the most exciting. Members from the Anti-Cruelty Society set up an obstacle course to show the youth how to positively reinforce dogs' behavior, and how this will lead to a well behaved dog. The obstacle course proved that the pets will do as they are told if they are treated respectfully.

Overall, the program was very successful. Both youth and staff alike enjoyed the three days of animal education. The program promoted awareness of pets and pet care while being fun at the same time. The Anti-Cruelty Society was very passionate in their teaching and love for animals. Their motivation proved that respecting and treating animals with care is both responsible and popular.

- *Brian Triumph*

## Making a Difference at IYC-Murphysboro

You have, no doubt, heard it said that if you want to get something done - "Ask a busy person!" Karin Wargel, Diagnostician for IYC-Murphysboro, certainly fits that description. She is now tutoring cadets at the boot camp facility one-to-one, and is a natural when it comes to working with young people. Previously Karin was employed at IYC-Harrisburg as an educator and has always offered tremendous support to the Jump Start program. It is good to know Karin has an opportunity to make an impact in the lives of these cadets by working with them one-to-one!

- *Leslie Logeman*

## A Graduation at IYC-Warrenville



Tuesday, July 18th was a very exciting day at IYC-Warrenville – graduation day! Today, youth, teachers, staff, and outside guests of the graduates all gathered together to celebrate the accomplishments of the youth who have graduated from high school or passed their GED over the last few months. The graduation was done in much the same way as at any other school. The graduates dressed in purple caps and gowns and "Pomp and Circumstance" played as they walked down the center aisle to receive their diplomas.

The program featured a guest speaker, Cynthia Miller, the recently retired former principal of the school at IYC-Warrenville. There was also an acknowledgement of everyone who recently received their 8th grade diplomas. But for most of the attendees, the best part of the ceremony was the speech each graduate had the opportunity to give in which they thanked their teachers and families (and, in some cases, the resident Jump Start volunteer).

After the graduation, staff, guests, and the newly minted graduates all convened in the gym to eat cake and relax for a little while. It was a rare chance for teachers and volunteers to meet with student's families, and for families to reunite in a setting other than the visiting room. It was a very happy day for everybody.

- *Brendan Detzner*

# News from the Centers

## IYC-Harrisburg Members Trained



On May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, Lisa Holmes, Leona Nichole Minton, and I attended the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) Pre-Service Orientation Training (PSOT) at John A. Logan College in Carterville. IDOC provides the training in order to familiarize people who will be working in the jails and youth centers with IDOC requirements and expectations, as well as train them for working in that specific environment.

Over the course of the training, we discussed proper conduct at the youth centers, how to communicate with and supervise the youth, legal issues, discipline, anger management, and suicide prevention. For suicide prevention, they taught us that the proper way to handle the situation is to calm the person down, tell them that everything is all right, and that you will get someone who is experienced to help them.

While I enjoyed everything that the instructors taught us, I especially enjoyed the gang training. In this training we watched a movie about the origin of gangs. The movie also discussed gang clothing, the importance of different colors for gang members, graffiti, and symbols and slang used by various gangs. For example, rolling one pant leg up is a symbol used by some gangs, and the word “kite” is slang for a letter or note.

The PSOT will help me to be more aware at IYC-Harrisburg and out in my community as well.

- Lisa Abell

## “Aloha” from the Southern IYC’s

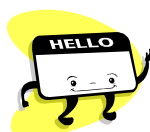
Under the beautiful hardwoods and pines of Giant City State Park, the Illinois Youth Centers from Harrisburg, Murphysboro, and Pere Marquette came together on June 26 for a Special Education In-service. The day’s events included group activities that required teamwork and collaboration, workshops on working with Special Education students, and discussion of what it takes to be “Highly Qualified” as an educator.



*Participants in the Special Education In-Service*

The training room sported a tropical décor and attendees were greeted with “Aloha” and given leis to wear. The group enjoyed the highly informative training, a delicious home-style chicken dinner, and a picture-perfect day in the park as well !

- Leslie Logeman



**Welcome ....**  
New tutors !

IYC-Warrenville  
Lynda Aird  
Joan Coghlan

IYC-St. Charles  
Pamela McLane  
Jeri Mell  
Dot Read

Thank you for volunteering !

## English

### The Ultimate Joy Ride through our Language

Long ago T.S. Watt Published a poem titled “English” in the *Manchester Guardian*:



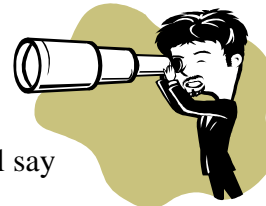
I take it you already know  
Of *tough* and *bough* and *cough* and *dough* ?  
Others may stumble, but not you  
On *hiccough*, *thorough*, *tough*, and *through*.  
Well done ! And now you wish, perhaps,  
To learn of less familiar traps ?

Beware of *heard*, a dreadful word  
That looks like *beard* and sounds like *bird*.  
And *dead*: it’s said like *bed*, not *bead* –  
For goodness’ sake don’t call it “*deed* !”  
Watch out for *meat* and *great* and *threat*.  
(They rhyme with *suite* and *straight* and *debt*).  
A *moth* is not a *moth* in *mother*,  
Nor *both* in *bother*, *broth* in *brother*,  
And *here* is not a match for *there*,  
Nor *dear* and *fear* for *bear* and *pear*,  
And then there’s *dose* and *rose* and *lose*  
Just look them up – and *goose* and *choose*,  
And *cork* and *work* and *card* and *ward*,  
And *font* and *front* and *word* and *sword*,  
And *do* and *go* and *thwart* and *cart* –  
Come, come, I’ve hardly made a start !  
A dreadful language ? Man alive !  
I’d mastered it when I was five.  
And yet to write it, the more I tried,  
I hadn’t learned at fifty five.

Source: Lederer, Richard (1990). *Crazy English*. New York: Pocket Books, a division of Simon & Schuster, Inc.

## Tutor Tip

### Predictions



#### Reason:

Anticipating what a writer will say is important in developing comprehension skills. Finding specific details to support predictions is an essential thinking skill.

**Materials:** Any short narrative interesting to your student.

**Preparation:** Divide the reading selection into short sections.

**Procedure:** Use a blank sheet of paper to cover all of the article except the title.

Read the title together and look at the pictures if there are any. Ask your student to predict what the story will be about. Ask why they think so. Accept all answers; after all, how can a prediction be wrong ? Offer a few suggestions of your own if your student has difficulty doing so.

Move the paper so your student can see the first section. Have your student read this section to check his initial predictions. Find specific words and lines to support ideas.

Make new predictions before the student reads the next section. Ask the student what he or she thinks will happen and why.

Continue this procedure of predicting, reading, and discussing for each section of the reading material.

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# Tutor Training

The tutor training sessions, originally slated for June, have been rescheduled for Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 5-8:30 p.m. and Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Both will be held at IYC-St. Charles.

The sessions, which all volunteers are required to attend, are designed to introduce new tutors to the objectives of School District #428 and the Jump Start program and provide an opportunity to ask questions about the program, the youth, and what they can expect in the tutoring experience. Specific tutoring techniques and research and theory on “best practices” will also be presented.

All new tutors in northern facilities should arrange to attend one of the two sessions. Current Jump Start tutors are welcome to attend as well. With our new program year, which began on July 1<sup>st</sup>, these training sessions will be offered quarterly in both northern and southern Illinois.

## Questions ? Suggestions ?

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## Upcoming Dates

### School Closings

IYC-St. Charles – July 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

### IYC-St. Charles Tutor Training Dates

Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 5-8:30pm

Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 12:30pm

### Summer Celebration

Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

Pottawatomie Park

101 S. Second St., St. Charles

6pm – 8:30pm

### Labor Day

Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

Centers closed



### SCRABBLE for Literacy

Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

DePaul Center

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