



Georgia Juvenile Justice Educational Reform Efforts

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What Motivated Georgia



- ▶ Education personnel
- ▶ United States Department of Justice – Civil Rights Division
- ▶ Understanding the critical need to put Georgia’s youth first
- ▶ Development of a model education program within Georgia’s juvenile correctional centers

GA DJJ Partners



- ▶ GA DJJ Office of Education
- ▶ Georgia Public Broadcasting
- ▶ Metro East GA Learning Resources Services Center
- ▶ Atlantic Armstrong State University
- ▶ Denzel Edge and The Learning House
- ▶ Special Education Consultants

GA DJJ Teacher Retention



- ▶ Hire Highly Qualified Teachers
- ▶ Professional Staff Development (Professional Learning Unit's)
- ▶ Education Conferences
- ▶ Follow Georgia Department of Education Guidelines
- ▶ Provide support in / outside of classroom
- ▶ New Teacher Training CD's
- ▶ Multimedia approaches to teacher training / learning
- ▶ Safe and orderly environment
- ▶ Competitive Salary

Additional Support for Teachers



- ▶ On site mentor
- ▶ Periodic visits from on site supervisor
- ▶ Regional Principal
- ▶ Central Office Education Staff

Disposition of GA DJJ Teachers



- ▶ 80% satisfied or very satisfied with being a teacher
- ▶ 78% satisfied or very satisfied with DJJ teaching
- ▶ 80% believe they make a difference
- ▶ 76% believe they have adequate training
- ▶ 74% believe they can motivate difficult students
- ▶ 73% believe they can deal with problem behavior

Michael Canada's Experience

How did the initiatives put in place by the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice contribute to my decision of becoming a career juvenile justice educator?

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