

THE DJJ RUNDOWN



Welcome to The Rundown!

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Welcome to The DJJ Rundown, a quick and informative way for our agency, providers and community partners to stay connected. We look forward to bringing you important news and updates on what's happening with Team DJJ as well as sharing some fun topics and ideas. Thank you for taking a moment out of your day with us and as always, thank you for supporting our agency's work in helping Florida's youth and families.

Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Launch of New Survey Tool for Self-Assessment and Safe Behavior Scores on COVID-19

Governor Ron DeSantis has announced the release of an online survey to allow residents, especially older adults, to make important self-assessments on their COVID-19 behaviors through the Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA).

The survey asks Floridians to review their decisions with respect to COVID-19 situations, to see how different actions affect their own health, and the health of others. The Florida Safe Survey allows individuals to have a tool at their disposal that fully engages them in the outcomes of their actions.

The self-audit is available at FloridaSafeSurvey.com and takes only a few minutes to complete. Respondents of the survey may anonymously answer questions such as the amount and type of their weekly activities, the number of people in their household, their ability to receive physical or mental health assistance if needed, and the types of preventive measures used on a regular basis.

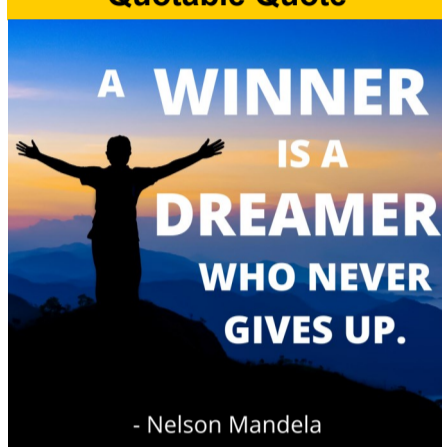


DJJ News You Can Use

We want to welcome and congratulate the following newly appointed members of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention State Advisory Group (SAG): Samantha Vance, Jamie Rosseland, Kathy Atkins, Darrin Williams, and Honorable Judge Lee Haworth!

What is the SAG? The SAG is comprised of a wide array of individuals from across the state with training, experience or special knowledge of the juvenile justice system. They are dedicated to the prevention of juvenile delinquency throughout the state of Florida and work directly with staff from DJJ's Office of Prevention. As part of their work, SAG members are responsible for the administration and management of federally allocated funds.

Quotable Quote



Did you know? The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Community Resource Guide helps parents, stakeholders and staff locate resources, such as mentoring and counseling, available to youth and families in their local communities. Find assistance [here](#).

The Good News Report

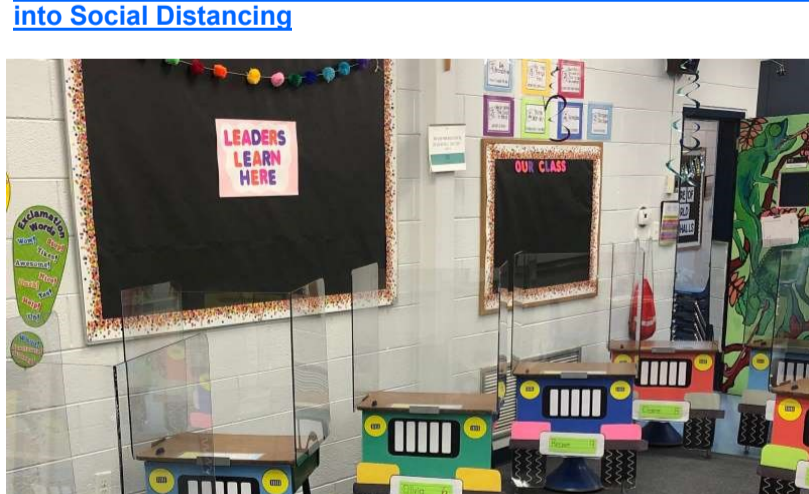
[2-Year-Old Golden Retriever Comforts Firefighters in California](#)



A 2-year-old golden retriever, a certified crisis response therapy dog named Kerith, spreads love to firefighters as they take on the Woodward fire in California's Marin County. When the firefighters know that Kerith is scheduled for a visit, they get excited and look forward to seeing her during their shift.

"She makes people feel loved, special and important. One firefighter told me 'Kerith has the uncanny ability to make me feel like I am the most important person in the world.'" says Kerith's handler, Heidi Carmen.

[Florida Teachers Transform Desks into Jeeps to Ease Students into Social Distancing](#)



First-grade teachers Patricia Dovi and Kim Martin wanted to turn the tri-fold plastic dividers they were given into something playful for their students. They designed their desks to look like Jeeps, and the plastic dividers function as the cars' windshields and windows.

Anything that we can do to add some silliness and some creativity to get them excited is going to be really important in the longevity of this school year," Dovi says.

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