

THE DJJ RUNDOWN



Welcome to The Rundown!

September 4, 2020

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.

A Note from the Secretary

With the upcoming Labor Day holiday, we are heading into the unofficial end of summer—and what a summer it has been.

We are still keeping a watchful eye on the tropics, as we find ourselves in the height of hurricane season. Please continue to keep those affected by Hurricane Laura in your thoughts and let it serve as a reminder of how quickly storms can escalate. As Floridians, we are no strangers to catastrophic hurricanes, but it is our planning and preparedness which demonstrates how we can rebuild and recover in the aftermath of these storms.

Florida's students are also heading back to school, either in the traditional sense or through virtual learning. The transition from summer break to school can be a challenging one, especially during these times. While this school year might look a little different from the rest, remember we are all on this learning curve together. So, let's work together to ensure a safe and successful school year for our students.

With all that is going on, I hope that you take a bit of time out to relax and rejuvenate during the long weekend. We could all use a bit of fun, so I hope you do so while continuing to be safe. As always, thank you for your ongoing support and contributions to Team DJJ.

- Secretary Simone Marsteller

Looking for Labor Day Plans? Explore Florida!



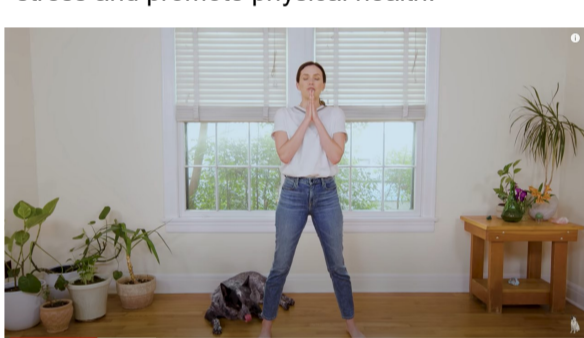
In an effort to revitalize tourism in Florida, VISIT FLORIDA has launched a new campaign to encourage Floridians to explore the offerings of their home state.

The campaign includes the launch of a new site, [LoveFL](#), where you can discover beaches, state parks and other day trips near you.

Whatever you choose to do this Labor Day, please remember to stay safe by practicing social distancing, wearing masks, and washing your hands often.

Take a Break with Office Yoga

DJJ's Office of Staff Development and Training recently shared with us their Wellness Moment, a collection of ways to relieve stress, foster creativity, improve productivity. Please enjoy the instructional video below on office break yoga that can be done anywhere to relieve stress and promote physical health.



Quotable Quote

NOTHING GREAT WAS
EVER ACHIEVED
WITHOUT
ENTHUSIASM

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

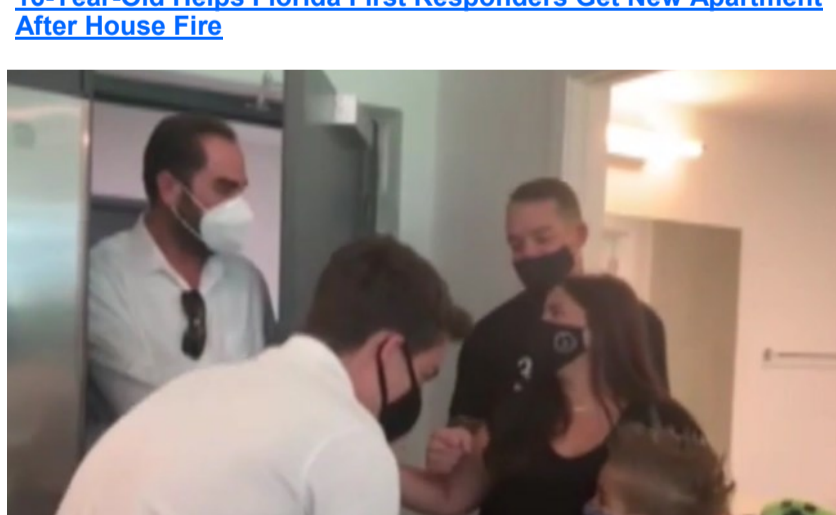
The Good News Report

[A B.O.L.D New Start for Young Men](#)



Brave Overt Leaders of Distinction, or B.O.L.D., is a program was founded in 2010 by Gainesville Police Chief Tony Jones to help young men in Alachua County between the ages of 18 to 26 maximize their potential. The program is funded by the city of Gainesville and grants that use partnerships, resources and services for the purpose of intervention, re-entry, prevention of criminal activity and/or incarceration. The program recently graduated three young men who will enroll in Knoxville College to pursue associate degrees.

[16-Year-Old Helps Florida First Responders Get New Apartment After House Fire](#)



A Florida teen stepped in to help a family of first responders after they lost everything in a devastating house fire. Ryan and Ayleen Apathy are both fighting the coronavirus pandemic as nurses. But after their home burned down, they were searching for a place for their two young sons to live. Steven Ferreiro heard their story on and stepped in to help. Together with AHS Residential, Ferreiro helped get the family a rent-free apartment for three months while they rebuild their home.

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