



STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 24, 2008
TO: Frank Peterman Jr., Secretary
FROM: *MR* Mary Roe Eubanks, Inspector General
SUBJECT: Six-Month Follow-Up for OPPAGA Report No. 08-41 – *Redirection Program Achieves Lower Recidivism and a \$14.4-Million Cost Savings Compared to DJJ Commitment*

In June 2008, the Office of Program Policy Analysis & Government Accountability (OPPAGA) released Report Number 08-41, *Redirection Program Achieves Lower Recidivism and a \$14.4-Million Cost Savings Compared to DJJ Commitment*. This report assesses the outcomes of the Redirection Program and confirms that Redirection has achieved substantial cost savings and youth served by Redirection showed significant reductions in recidivism. The report recommended the Florida Legislature to expand the Redirection Program by using Redirection as aftercare to residential commitment and serving special populations. On June 20, 2008, the Department of Juvenile Justice responded that it supports OPPAGA's recommendation.

Florida statute requires that the Office of the Inspector General conduct a six-month follow-up for all OPPAGA and Auditor General Reports. Since there were no specific recommendations or corrective action requests from OPPAGA for the Department of Juvenile Justice, we have determined that no follow-up activity is warranted. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael Yu, Audit Director, at 921-5698.

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The mission of the Department of Juvenile Justice is to increase public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention, and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth.

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