South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice Report to the Court on Progress at the Broad River Road Campus and Plan for Future Development
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In May 2007, the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (SCDJJ) contracted with Chinn Planning, Inc. to conduct a second assessment of progress and development at the Broad River Road Campus. This campus contains the largest institutional capacity within the SCDJJ system, and was the subject of a thirteen year lawsuit surrounding conditions of confinement. When SCDJJ ended the lawsuit in 2003, the Director of SCDJJ agreed to hire a Consultant to review the progress at the Broad River Road Campus in 2005, 2007, and 2009. Based on a review of SCDJJ trend and operational data, tours of the BRR Campus and facilities, and interviews with SCDJJ officials, a response to the progress report and plan for future development at the BRR Campus was prepared and presented to the Department.

The Department of Juvenile Justice accomplished many significant improvements to service delivery at the Broad River Road Campus between 2005 and 2007. Significant improvements were also realized in the overall SCDJJ system, with expansion of community based programs and enhancements to girls programming and program options. A summary of the significant improvements to service delivery for youth committed to SCDJJ custody over the two year time frame include:

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS TO DATE

- Reduction in Population at BRRC
- Construction (in progress) of Replacement Dormitories at BRRC
- Other Improvements to BRRC (A/C replacement, school walkways, Health Service Admin facility, classroom expansion, landscape improvements)
- Ground breaking for the Community Connections Center at BRRC
- Construction (in progress) of a new Front Entrance to BRRC
- Increased Community Involvement and Participation: Volunteers, Friends of Juvenile Justice, Community and University Partnerships
- Construction of the Girls Transition Home
- Dedicated Staff for Housing Units at BRRC
- Increased Direct Care Staffing Ratios
- Hiring of Youth Specialists at BRRC
- Expansion of Girls Programming – Gender Specific
- Health Services Expansion and Improvements
- Reduction in Grievances (Percent Founded)
- Implementation of a Level System of Behavior Management at BRRC
- Hiring of Intensive Supervision Officers for After Care Services
- Staffing and Full Implementation of Performance Based Standards
- Detention Overcrowding Initiatives in Spartanburg and Lexington County