



**DOCCS & OCFS Work to Improve Services Available to Juvenile Offenders
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The Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) and the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) in conjunction with the Vera Institute have partnered together to expand the number of services available to the Juvenile Offender population in OCFS secure facilities.

There are several initiatives already underway to improve the Parole Board hearing preparation, youth and family engagement, educational and vocational programming, improved safety services, and re-entry services.

Organizations were invited to a NYC Community Resource meeting so DOCCS and OCFS could share their vision and plans with the community partners. DOCCS and Downstate Deputy Director for Re-Entry Services Unit Seiveright Miller co hosted this event which featured speaker Dr. Vanda Seward, Statewide Director of Re-Entry Services. The event took place on March 7, 2014 at the Harlem State Office Building in New York City.