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## what's up doc?



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Greetings to everyone!

Here it is the Friday of Memorial Day weekend. Yes! This has been some week. This time of year is really busy for us at central office. We are trying to ensure that we get the fiscal year wrapped up and also trying to get what we need in next year's budget. Also, there are always bills to watch for, that may affect how we move forward, so we have to be on our toes. We have a good team working together, and only 30 days left! Then, I hope I can get out of the office and come see how you all are doing (in the real world of juvenile justice). I thought I would say it, since that is what you were thinking anyway.....but you are right if that's what you were thinking, because the real heart of OJJ is working with the kids and their families. Our job here is to support the work you are doing.

I was able to make it by the Governor's Conference on Juvenile Justice in Baton Rouge this week, and was glad to see some of our staff in attendance. The staff I saw told me to keep the What's Up, Docs coming, so I will till y'all tell me to stop. The Jetson Rising Stars Choir did an outstanding job and was a big hit with the audience. The silent auction of artwork by Jetson youth at the conference netted over \$720.00, to go into their accounts. What a good job our youth can do with your leadership and guidance!

The staff I saw also said the workshops were really good and they just wished there was some way to know all the OJJ staff who were there, so they could network better. What a good idea. That is something we can do in the future. As we know, getting the job done is all about relationships. It's all about working together, pulling together, and helping each other out. And it is good to be able to put a name with a face. And we are always glad to see our staff taking advantage of all learning opportunities. Go team!

It's a long weekend. Enjoy. Hug a veteran. Thank them for their service to our country. We owe a great deal to them and their sacrifices for our country.

As always, thanks for all you do to meet the mission.

Sincerely,  
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