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Hello, Everyone:

Another busy week in the life of Team OJJ! My staff and I, within the Office of Management and Finance (OMF), have been very busy with Requests for Proposals and Contracts, updates and changes related to Procurement, Property Audits, Human Resource initiatives related to Acadiana Center for Youth and a week full of preparation, presentations and discussions surrounding the Monthly Budget Meetings. The Monthly Budget Meetings, as usual, were very informative. They give the OMF an opportunity to discuss and receive feedback on expenditures and needs related to managing both our Secure Care Facilities, as well as, the Regional Offices. If you're like me, it just seems that there aren't enough hours in a day. It's so amazing that we all do so much each week to take care of the business, in each of our areas, that impacts the lives of the youth of this state. We all touch so many by what we do each day.

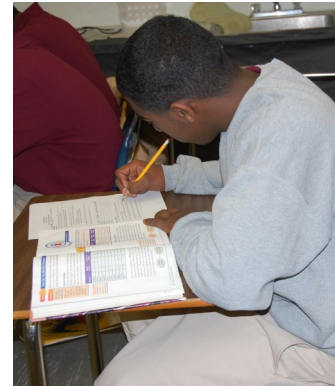
Speaking of having an impact. One of our Baton Rouge PPOs, Dana May, definitely made an impact this week. While crossing the Mississippi River Bridge, Dana played a key role in saving an unknown man's life. The man was attempting to end his life by jumping off of the Mississippi River bridge. Dana stopped, got out of her vehicle and spoke to the gentleman in an attempt to calm him down and continued to do so until EMS arrived. Seconds after EMS arrived, the man let go of the bridge, but EMS grabbed him and stopped him from falling. When we talk about touching lives and doing what we can every day to make a difference, it doesn't get much better than that. Great Job Dana! It just goes to show that OJJ has the type of staff, who are willing and able to do what it takes to save lives!

Although it looks as though we'll get some much needed rain (fingers crossed) over the next few days, the weather has been really nice all week. I've always loved this time of year. It's truly great to get a reprieve from the high temperature and humidity. It would be nice to have a weekend as beautiful as this week has been, but my lawn could really use the rain. I've been watering constantly and it seems as though my grass is still turning brown. It's just that time of year and it seems the older I get, the faster the time goes by. It's hard to believe we are only a little over a month away from Thanksgiving.

We should all express our right as citizens by getting out and voting this weekend, if you haven't already done so. I'm sure the polling sites will be very busy. I usually try to get out very early to beat the crowd and that way I can continue on with my day with the relief and pride in knowing that I've done my duty as a citizen of the great state of Louisiana.

I'd like to close by using the words of our fearless leader...with my sincere thanks to every member of Team OJJ, for doing what you do, day in and day out, to meet the mission.

Sincerely,  
Gearry Williams



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