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*PRESS ADVISORY*

**SUPERIOR COURT TO OPEN NEW CENTER FOR TRUANT AND  
RUNAWAY JUVENILES**

***Center in NE expands new approach to court-supervised youth***

- WHAT:** Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting: Status Offender BARJ Drop-In Center
- WHERE:** 920 Rhode Island Avenue, NE
- WHEN:** Friday, September 30, 2016 at 11am
- WHO:** Chief Judge Lee F. Satterfield  
Councilmember Robert White  
DYRS Director Clinton Lacey  
Brian Ferguson, Director, Mayor's Office of Returning Citizens  
Mannone Butler, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
Terri Odom, Director, Family Court Social Services Division, DC Superior Court  
Ron DuBrey, Supervisory Probation Officer, Family Court Social Services Division  
Parent of a BARJ youth

The Status Offender and Behavioral Health BARJ (Balanced and Restorative Justice Drop-In Center) is multi-faceted facility, encompassing a satellite probation office and serving as an alternative to detention for at-risk youth with charges relating to truancy, as well as status offenders (also known as Persons in Need of Supervision, or PINS, many of whom are runaways), and youth with behavioral health challenges. This facility builds on the BARJ pro-social model that the Court pioneered in 2007, and this event constitutes the official opening of the Superior Court's fourth BARJ Drop-in Center in the District.

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