

Winter 2026 Edition



JJC Newsletter



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Since 1976, JJC provided several thousands of children and youth programming through an array of in-home, out of home, community and school based services focusing on intervention, prevention, and community based services. JJC is a non-profit, multi-service organization dedicated to the safety and welfare of vulnerable children, youth and families in Philadelphia.

OUR MISSION

To prevent children and youth from entering the child welfare and juvenile justice system through supportive services in their homes, community and in schools.



WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES



Welcome to our newest members of the JJC community:

- 10/7/2025 - Darell Reid (Case Manager, TIPS-Edmonds)
- 10/7/2025 - Tynesha Thomas (Case Manager, TIPS-Edmonds)
- 11/6/2025 - Lamar Ray (Case Manager, TIPS)
- 12/9/2025 - Chanel King (Outpatient/Mobile Therapist, Behavioral Health)
- 1/2/2026 - Kenya Bowers (Social Worker, Foster Care)
- 1/13/2026 - Tamira McCurdy (Internship, Behavioral Health)
- 1/13/2026 - Davita Wells (Internship, Behavioral Health)
- 2/3/2026 - Keara Medley (Case Worker, IHD)
- 2/11/2026 - Qaisera Golson- El- IHD Case Worker
- 2/12/2026 - Adasha Thomas- IHD Case Worker
- 2/17/2026 - Wyvrettra "Wise" Harrington



BE INSPIRED!

Huge kudos to these employees celebrating over 30 years of service this year:

- Wayne Mallory- 34 years on 2/3/26
- Gene Burgess- 34 years on 3/2/26
- Jeanine Glasgow- 34 years on 3/31/26
- Bridget Taylor- 40 years on 5/19/26

Message from the Executive Director

As we begin to move out of winter and look ahead to spring, I'm reminded that this season is about renewal, growth, and new beginnings. In child welfare work, we are constantly sowing seeds.

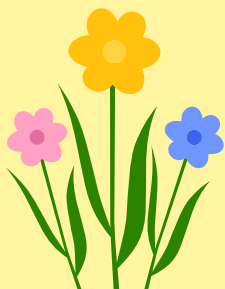
We plant them in the form of conversations, in moments of patience, in the consistency of showing up, and in the care you give every single day. Whether you are working directly with youth and families, preparing meals, transporting our kids safely, keeping our building running, supporting operations behind the scenes, or helping guide the mission forward—every person, in every position, is sowing seeds.

At times, the impact isn't immediately visible. Seeds don't grow overnight. But beneath the surface, trust is being built. Confidence is taking root. Hope is growing. The young people and families we serve may not always say it, and we may not always see it right away, but the work you do matters more than you know.

This spring also represents new beginnings for JJC in a very real way. With the first-floor renovations hopefully nearing completion, we are excited to open up a new space for everyone to enjoy—especially our CERC youth and staff. This space is more than just a renovation. It is a symbol of growth, of investment, and of the future we are continuing to build together. It will be a place where new memories are made, where youth and families feel welcomed, and where more seeds will be planted.

Thank you for all that you do. Thank you for showing up. Thank you for believing in our youth, in our families, and in each other. Every role matters. Every act of care matters. And every seed you plant helps shape a brighter future.

Spring is coming—and with it, all the growth you've helped make possible.



With gratitude,
Jeanine
Executive Director





**Ms. Bridget Taylor,
will be celebrating
40 years with JJC
on May 19th, 2026!**

Congratulations!

***A Life Full Circle: Celebrating Ms. Mikki
by Jeanine Glasgow, Executive Director***

Imagine being a young teenage girl in the late 1970s, placed in a group home because life at home or school had become too difficult to navigate. At that time, services for young people were limited, and the systems of support we know today were only beginning to take shape.

In 1976, the Juvenile Justice Center opened its very first program at 5732 Thomas Avenue—a community-based shelter designed to support teenagers who needed stability, guidance, and care. That program became the foundation for what JJC would grow into over the decades. The shelter operated for more than forty years, closing in 2017, but its legacy continues through the many programs JJC offers today.



For one young person who once lived there, that experience would shape the rest of her life. Many at JJC know her as Ms. Bridget or Ms. Taylor. The youth and staff closest to her know her as Ms. Mikki. For those who had the privilege of working alongside her for many years, that nickname reflects both familiarity and deep respect. I have had the honor of calling her Mikki for more than 34 years. She was my first supervisor, my mentor, and my inspiration to give all that I had to make sure young people were treated with consistent love and compassion.

Ms. Mikki's story is a powerful reminder of how a young person can find purpose even during adversity. Inspired by the care and support she received as a youth; she dedicated her life to helping others. Over the course of more than four decades at JJC, she worked in our residential programs as a cook, youth care worker, supervisor, and director, helping to guide and support thousands of young people.

Her philosophy was simple but unwavering: the kids always come first.

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Ms. Mikki believed every young person deserved to be treated with dignity, respect, and compassion—especially during some of the most challenging times in their lives. She worked tirelessly to make sure youth had what they needed to succeed while away from their families, and she advocated fiercely for their safety and well-being. Staff who worked alongside her quickly learned that her expectations were clear: this work was about care, commitment, and accountability. For those who shared that philosophy, working with her was both inspiring and transformative.

When JJC's residential programs eventually closed, Ms. Mikki's journey with the organization did not end. She continued supporting other areas of the agency, including our foster care department and IPS programs. In time, her role came full circle.

Today, she prepares meals for youth participating in our Community Evening Resource Center (CERC), Aftercare Evening Resource Center (AERC), and IPS programs. After years of running multiple group homes, managing staff, and navigating the demands of residential care, she returned to something she has always loved: cooking for people, especially young people and making sure they feel cared for.



Anyone who has walked through the building in the evening knows the unmistakable sign that Ms. Mikki is in the kitchen. The smell of homemade cornbread, garlic bread, or chicken and noodles often fills the hallways, drawing curious staff and visitors to ask, "What's cooking tonight?"

Although she prefers to keep a low profile, Ms. Mikki represents the heart of JJC's mission. Her life's work is proof that when young people are supported, believed in, and given opportunities to grow, they can go on to make an extraordinary impact on others.

And if you happen to pass by the kitchen and the aroma of dinner tempts you to ask for a plate, just remember Ms. Mikki's one rule:

The kids eat first. Always.

It is an honor to celebrate Ms. Mikki and the remarkable legacy she continues to build at JJC. She has been a blessing to so many people and we are fortunate to still have her here at JJC.

Congratulations!





JJC Programs



AERC: JJC's Aftercare Evening Reporting Center, launched in March 2020, serves justice-involved youth ages 16-20 who are completing probation requirements or working to prevent re-placement in the juvenile justice system. Operating Monday-Friday from 4-8 p.m. (with community service on select Saturdays), the program provides case management, life skills, education and employment coaching, pro-social activities, and behavioral health linkages to help participants remain arrest-free and successfully transition forward, with referrals made through probation officers, judges, public defenders, or district attorneys.

CERC: JJC's Community Evening Resource Center in Germantown serves youth ages 10-17 from 6 p.m.-2 a.m., providing a safe space with structured activities that promote positive development through creative, educational, and wellness programming while addressing violence prevention and life skills. It also supports curfew-violating youth referred by Philadelphia Police in the 5th, 14th, 35th, and 39th districts, offering guidance, safe transport, and resources for families to help youth make healthier choices.

The Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) Community Schools Program at Edmonds School is committed to supporting students, families, and faculty by removing barriers to learning and strengthening the connection between home, school, and community. Through intentional collaboration with school leadership and staff, JJC provides both Attendance and General Case Management programs that support and promote student engagement, family involvement, and academic success. Our presence at Edmonds extends beyond case management, as we actively create opportunities for families to feel informed, supported, and connected to their child's educational experience.

JJC's Department of Permanency Planning (DOPP) has been facilitating child adoptions since 1994 through the Pennsylvania Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN).

Foster Care: JJC's Foster Care Program licenses and certifies resource homes to provide temporary, supportive care for children and youth from birth to age 21 who cannot remain with their birth parents or guardians due to circumstances such as loss, incarceration, or poverty. The program's primary goal is permanency—whether through reunification, kinship care, adoption, or legal custodianship—and JJC is currently seeking resource parents for older youth, LGBTQIA youth, and youth with specialized behavioral and emotional health needs.

Intensive Behavioral Health Services: JJC's Behavioral Health Program provides children and adolescents in Philadelphia County with psychiatric and psychological services, including evaluations, therapy, and behavioral rehabilitation, using trauma-informed, evidence-based practices such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. For nearly 20 years, as a licensed outpatient provider, JJC has offered comprehensive supports including medication management, group and individual therapy, family psychotherapy, and wraparound services delivered in homes, schools, and community settings.

Home Based Detention Services: JJC's In-Home Detention (IHD) program, in partnership with Philadelphia Family Court, has served justice-involved youth for over 30 years by providing intensive home-based case management and mentorship. Youth spend up to 22.5 hours per week with a dedicated case worker, engaging in one-on-one and group sessions focused on goal setting, life skills, leadership, education, employment readiness, cultural awareness, community service, and character building to address underlying issues and support positive development.

Intensive Prevention Services in Southwest and Northwest Philadelphia: JJC's Intensive Prevention Services (IPS), launched in 2011, serves youth ages 10-19 who are at risk of drifting into delinquency by providing in-home family counseling, site-based programming, and community service engagement. Offered four times a week, the program partners with schools, diversionary programs, and police districts to reduce the school-to-prison pipeline, while teaching life skills, character development, and the 7 C's curriculum—competency, connections, coping, compassion, character, control, and confidence.

Parent Empowerment Program: JJC's Parent Empowerment Program is designed to empower parents of all ages to build their confidence and competency skills as parents.

The mission of the program is to help parents recognize and respond lovingly and appropriately to their children's developmental needs at various ages and stages of child development. Our classes are designed to strengthen the relationship between parents and their children and reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect.

Truancy Intervention and Prevention Services: JJC provides a rapid three tier intervention and prevention service to children and youth that have been identified as being truant or at risk of being truant from school. JJC provides case management services to families whose children are experiencing problems with attending school on a regular and consistent basis. Our case managers work within schools in the Northwest region of Philadelphia. JJC truancy case managers work in collaboration with the identified schools, the Department of Human Services, and Regional Truancy Court to help eliminate the barriers impacting school attendance and adhering to Pennsylvania's Act 138.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



JJC COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Tatiana Clark, Program Supervisor

One of the most meaningful ways JJC engages families is through our Family Forums, which serve as spaces for connection, enrichment, and access to resources. Through these forums, JJC has been able to make impactful contributions that expand students' learning beyond the classroom. Last year, JJC supported a donation that allowed Edmonds 8th grade students to travel outside of Philadelphia, including a visit to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C., followed by a celebratory dinner in Maryland. This year, JJC is continuing that commitment by assisting with an 8th grade trip to Baltimore, where students will visit the Blacks in Wax Museum and the National Aquarium, concluding with a group dinner at the Hard Rock Café. These experiences not only enrich students academically and culturally, but also affirm the value of community investment, exposure, and celebration of student achievement.



JJC IN THE COMMUNITY

JJC IPS NW Anti-Violence Coordinator, Norris Holland, was spotted alongside the 39th District to provide resources and information about our programs, at the parent-teacher conferences at Mastery Charter - Pickett Campus.



Announcements



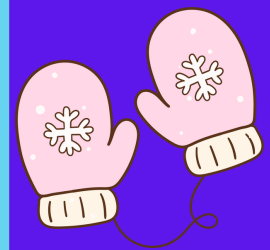
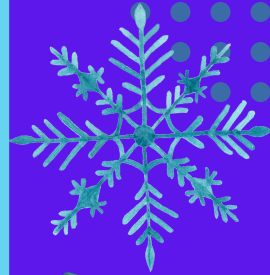
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Since Fall of 2025, the platform has experienced measurable and sustained growth in both audience size and engagement.

- **Follower growth:** Continues to increase. Data shows that we've gone from 470 to over 770 followers, representing a 60%+ increase (300 new followers) since 2024.
- **Visibility:** Nearly 19,000 views in the **last 30 days** alone.
- **Engagement:** Over 900 interactions during the same period, indicating strong audience resonance.
- **Action-oriented impact:**
 - Profile activity increased by 95.6%
 - External link taps increased by 211%, demonstrating increased interest in JJC programs and resources.
- **Audience alignment:** Approximately 78% of the audience is based in Philadelphia, confirming strong local reach and relevance to JJC's mission.

This growth reflects a strategic focus on authentic storytelling, youth-centered content, and consistent messaging that highlights program impact, partnerships, and community engagement. The platform is increasingly serving as an effective communications and outreach tool that amplifies JJC's work and connects directly with the communities it serves.

Employees are most welcomed to contribute pictures, and success stories by emailing dyanajean@juvenilejustice.org.



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Big News!!



EXPLORE OUR NEW

JUVENILE JUSTICE ARTICLES PAGE

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When Getting to School Isn't Simple: How JJC's Truancy Program Soars Above Barriers for Philadelphia Families



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QUICK READ STAYING INFORMED



When Systems Overlap: Supporting Youth Across Foster Care and Juvenile Justice

Many young people who touch the child welfare system – particularly those experiencing placement instability or trauma – are at greater risk for involvement with the juvenile justice system. Research shows that youth with histories of foster care have higher rates of juvenile arrests, deeper justice involvement, and greater risk of recidivism compared with peers without such histories. Understanding this “crossover” trend underscores the importance of strategies that connect services across systems and support youth before justice contact escalates.

In Philadelphia, structured alternatives like JJC’s In-Home Detention program reflect a growing emphasis on community-based supervision and intensive support as alternatives to secure confinement. These approaches align with research supporting diversion, shared case planning, and trauma-informed practice – all designed to reduce unnecessary detention and strengthen stability and outcomes for youth served by both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

To read more on this topic, go to aisp.upenn.edu.

(University of Pennsylvania: From Foster Care to Juvenile Justice.)



Youth Spotlight

Community Evening Resource Center

Marcus

Marcus, who has been a CERC member since 4/18/23, brings a calm, steady presence to the program. While he enjoys many of the same activities as his peers, what sets him apart is his thoughtful approach and willingness to engage deeply in conversation. He listens carefully, reflects before responding, and often offers insight that shows maturity beyond his years. Staff appreciate the respectful way he interacts with others and the consistency he brings each day. Marcus may not always be the loudest voice in the room, but his quiet leadership and reliability make a lasting impact.



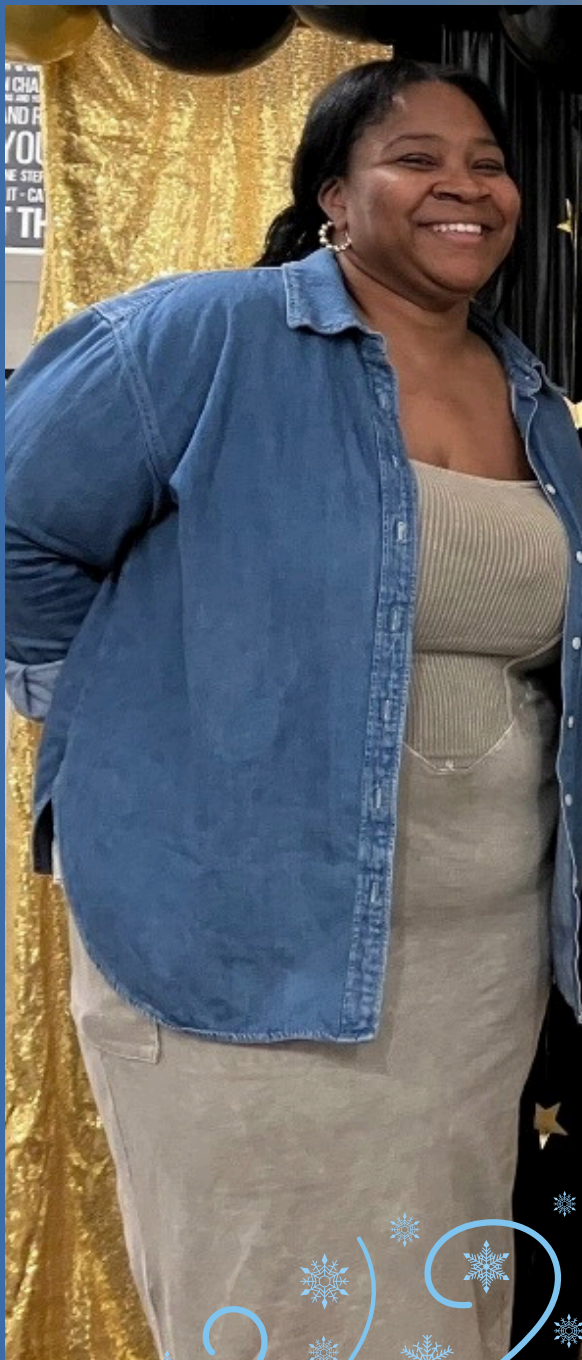
Elias

Elias, who has been a CERC member since 4/17/23, lights up the room with his positive energy and easygoing spirit. Whether he's participating in activities, connecting with staff, or encouraging peers, he does so with enthusiasm and a natural ability to build relationships. He enjoys many of the same program offerings as his peers, but what stands out is how he brings others into the experience. Elias has a way of making people feel included and supported, and his approachable personality makes him a strong peer presence within the group.



Staff Spotlight

Tykedia Harris, AERC Case Coordinator



AERC proudly recognizes Tykedia Harris for her exceptional dedication and unwavering commitment to the program. Ms. Ty plays an integral role in the daily operations of AERC, consistently providing support wherever needed and ensuring that our program runs smoothly.

Whether accompanying youth to PennDOT, building relationships with facilitators, managing transportation logistics, or preparing meals for participants, Ms. Ty consistently goes above expectations. She maintains regular communication with families and engages youth daily to confirm attendance, offering encouragement and structure that meaningfully supports program success.

Her reliability, professionalism, creativity, and positive presence significantly enhance both staff operations and participant experiences. Ms. Ty, thank you for your outstanding service and the invaluable contributions you make to AERC. Your work is deeply appreciated and does not go unnoticed.



The background features a dark blue and teal color scheme. At the top, five spotlights are arranged in a row, casting a yellow glow downwards. The text is centered in the upper half. The lower half contains a large white text block. The entire page is decorated with various sizes and colors of snowflakes, including white, light blue, and dark blue. There are also light blue curved lines and small white dots scattered throughout the design.

Staff Spotlight

Charles Bethea, IHD Case Manager

Charles Bethea has been with the IHD program for over 30 years. During that time, he continues to have a positive impact on the young men of this city. He often puts in a lot of his personal time into this job. Often, he sponsors essay writing contests for the youth to participate. He puts up his personal money as prizes for the essay contest. It is his personal mission to make a difference. He believes in his clients and will go on to assist them even after they have been discharged from the IHD program.



Message from the Community Engagement Team

Since Community Day in October, JJC has continued to grow its programs, community presence, and services to children, youth and families. Across our sites, youth have participated in a wide range of supports and activities, including academic support, individual and group therapy, life skills groups, mentoring, wellness programming, and creative outlets such as music, photography, and art — all designed to support growth, healing, and positive decision-making.

We've also expanded how we share our work beyond our walls. In addition to increasing our social media reach and engagement, JJC strengthened its website presence, with strong site traffic and engagement reflecting growing community interest. We also launched new website features, including a Juvenile Justice Articles page and a Blog Posts page, creating additional ways to share timely information and highlight youth and program stories.

Our Instagram presence has seen steady, measurable growth as well. Since October, JJC has gained a good amount of new followers, increased overall engagement, and consistently reached a wider audience through regular posts that spotlight youth, staff, and program moments. Social media has become an important tool for connection, visibility, and community building.

Throughout this period, our focus has remained on relationship-building, consistency, and meeting young people where they are. We've been out in the community lifting up ways to help our youth as well. Through partnerships, healing-centered activities, and youth-driven moments, JJC continues to strengthen trust and create opportunities for youth to feel supported, seen, and empowered.

This progress reflects the dedication of JJC staff, families, and community partners who show up every day for our youth. Since October, we've built meaningful momentum, and we're excited to carry it forward into the months ahead.

Photo Gallery



DEPARTMENT OF PERMANENCY PLANNING

Congratulations!

Celebrating recent adoptions!



Chloe (white shirt) was adopted on 12/3/25 by Ms. Yullio Walke and her husband Mr. Leonard Robbins.



The Burke-Beacham Family with Egypt, (middle) who was adopted on November 14, 2025 on National Adoption Day. #Wearefamily!

Thank you to JJC Adoption Worker, Stacey Cassidy, for making their dreams come true!

Photo Gallery



After-care Evening Reporting Center



COMMUNITY DAY '25





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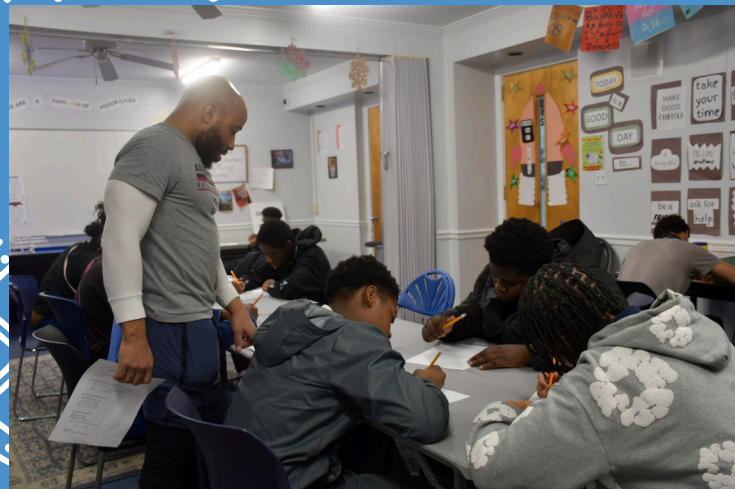
STAFF HOLIDAY PARTY SCAVENGER HUNT



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Join us in strengthening our community, one child and one family at a time.

WAYS TO DONATE

Support JJC — Your Way

There are many ways you can help us continue serving youth and families across Philadelphia:

- Online Donations: Give securely through our website with just a few clicks.
- By Mail: Send a check payable to JJC of Philadelphia directly to our office.
- In-Kind Contributions: Donate new coats, sneakers, school supplies, or other essential items for our drives.
- Sponsorships & Partnerships: Collaborate with us to support programs, events, and community outreach.
- Workplace Giving & Matching Gifts: Double your impact by checking if your employer matches charitable contributions.

✦ No matter how you give, every contribution directly supports our mission to empower young people and strengthen families.