



Department of Correctional Education

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Purpose & Motto



- ❖ The primary purpose of the Department of Correctional Education (DCE) is that all individuals receiving instruction will attain the highest level of education their abilities will allow. DCE exists to educate, through Academic and Career & Technical Education programs, all who enter our classrooms with the desire to gain the knowledge to succeed in life.
- ❖ Our Motto: “Fighting Crime Through Education”



Mission & Goal



- ❖ The Mission: To provide quality educational programs that enable incarcerated youth and adults to become responsible, productive, tax-paying members of their communities.
- ❖ The Goal: To have every student served achieve a certificate of accomplishment such as a High School Diploma, General Educational Development Certificate, Career Readiness Certificate, WorkKeys Certificate or other certificate showing educational and vocational abilities beyond that with which they began. We also offer college programs located in several facilities which lead to college credits or perhaps an Associates Degree.



Program Examples



❖ Youth Schools

Academic Education / High School Diploma / GED
Career and Technical Education
Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Programs
Social Skills Training
Special Education
SAT/College Preparation
Job/Employability Skills Training
Library Services
Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)



Program Examples



❖ Adult Schools

Special Education

Apprenticeship Programs

Library Services

Adult Basic Education (ABE)

General Educational Development (GED)

Career and Technical Education

Job/Employability Skills Training



Consolidation



- ❖ The objective is to consolidate DCE operations into the DOC and DJJ agencies without compromising the current educational programs and services, while realizing operational and funding efficiencies and flexibility in program delivery.
- ❖ In order to accomplish this objective, the educational structure will be moved to the receiving agencies in whole as it now exists. The adult educational structure to DOC and the youth educational structure to DJJ.



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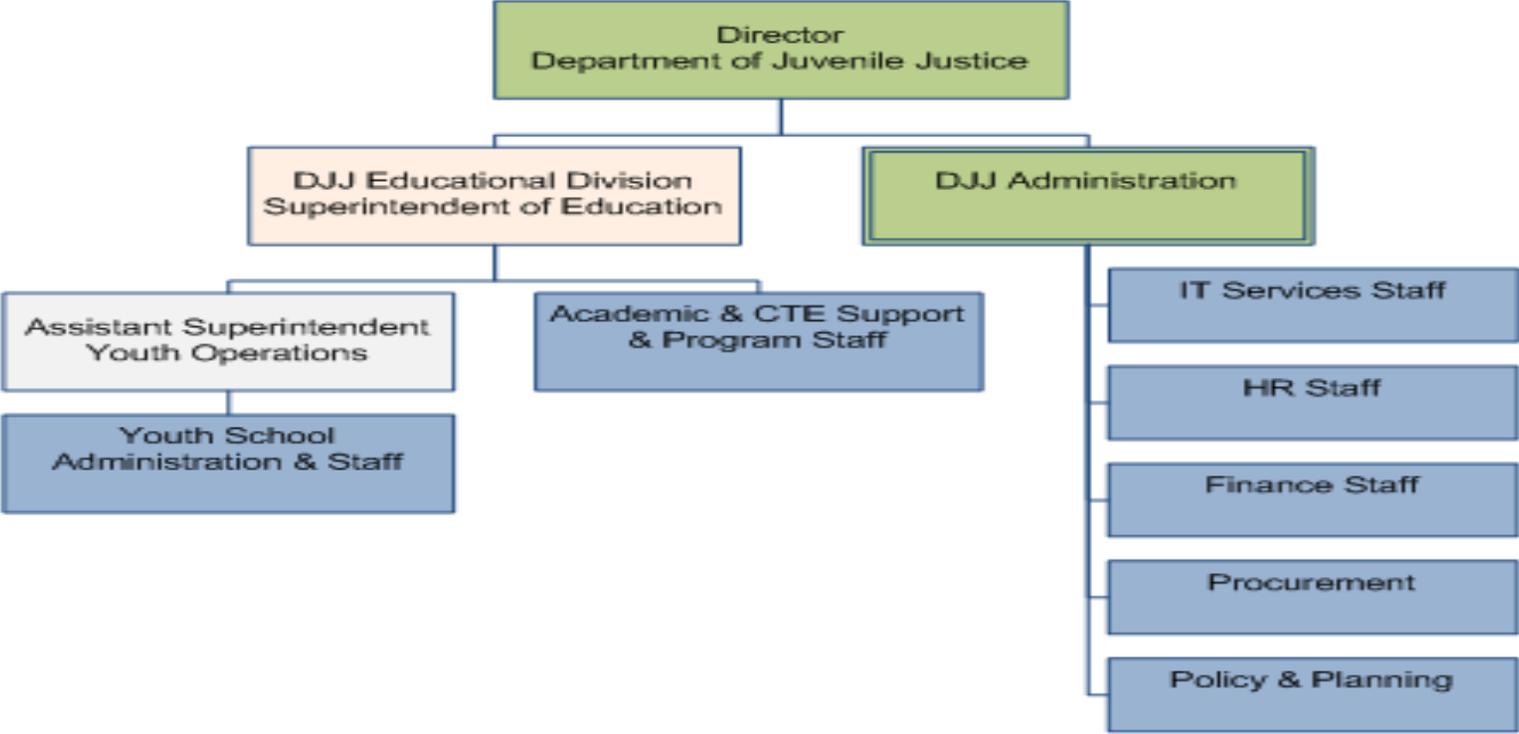
- ❖ There will be an executive level position at each agency titled “Superintendent of Education” which reports directly to the director of the agency.
- ❖ These positions are currently filled by the Senior Deputy Superintendents at DCE which would transfer to the new agencies.
- ❖ Additionally all positions in the schools would transfer under the new structure and be supervised as they are now.



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Department of Correctional Education Youth Operations Consolidation Organizational Chart

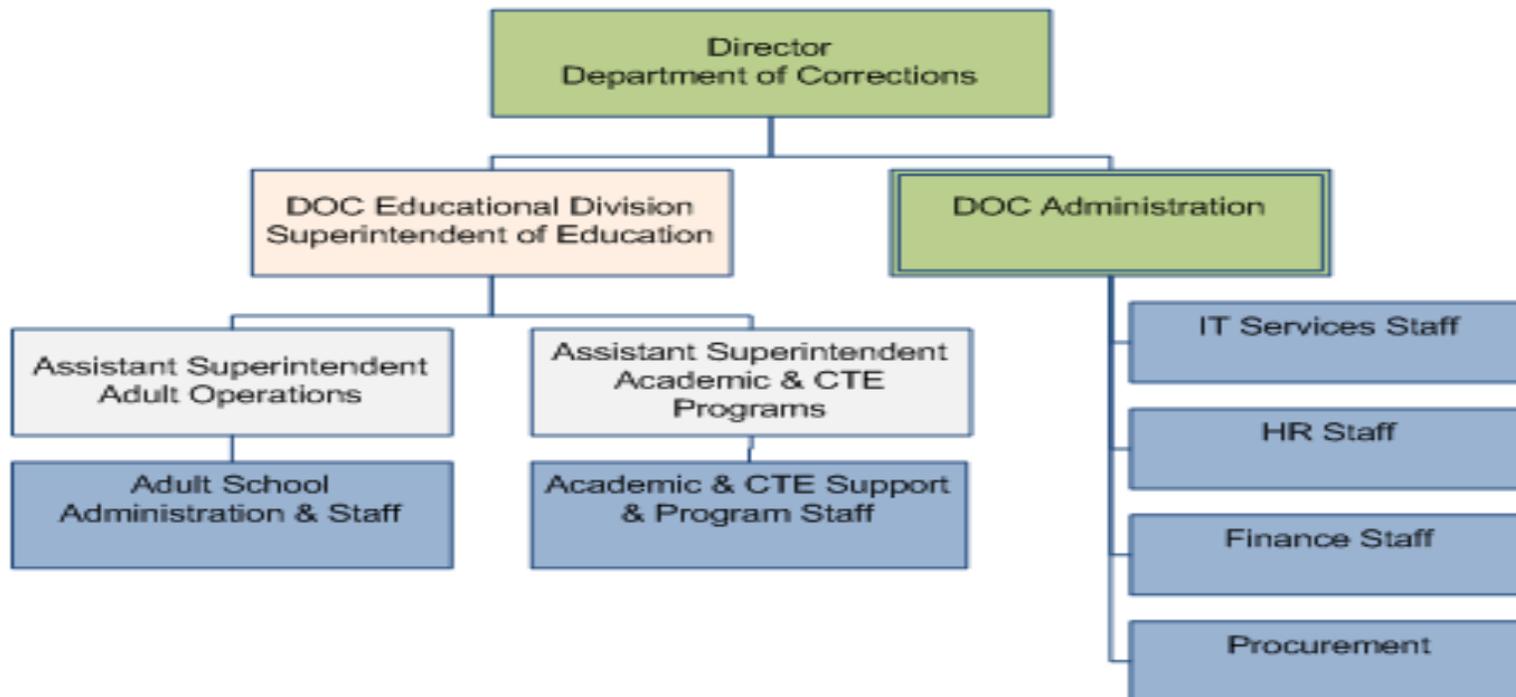




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Department of Correctional Education Adult Operations Consolidation Organizational Chart





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- ❖ No staff positions in the schools (teachers, instructors, cadres, principals or school office staff) are under consideration for layoff or abolishment.
- ❖ Central office staff are being assigned to the appropriate educational division being transferred.
- ❖ Language is being prepared that will assign the educational positions and funding to the receiving agency. The language will stipulate that funding and positions are to be used for educational purposes.



Consolidation



- ❖ The performance measures that DCE is currently required to attain would be assigned to the new agencies to ensure quality, availability and performance will not decrease due to the consolidation.
- ❖ The plan currently under consideration will ensure a minimum savings of at least \$2,000,000 once the consolidation is fully implemented.
- ❖ There will be further savings considering the reduction in leasing space, technology needs and reducing other operational costs.



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- ❖ We are convinced that the academic and vocational gains made over the past several years will continue. It does not matter under which agency or agencies the programs operate, it is the attention to program detail, funding level and hiring the right employees that will determine the future of correctional education in the Commonwealth.
- ❖ Finally, consolidation will also bring about a level of flexibility in planning future educational programming to meet the needs of the re-entry strategic plan as it continues to flourish.



Questions/Comments



Thank you for your time today. I and the DCE staff will be happy to answer any questions, concerns or comments you may have, either today or in the future.