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To Whom It May Concern:

Reference: OJJDP FY09 Gang Prevention Youth Mentoring Program


The Take Charge Juvenile Diversion Program, Inc., and the Prince George's County Department of Juvenile Services have worked in partnership since 1990. Over the past year, the Department of Juvenile Services has referred approximately 260 youth to the Take Charge Program. The Department of Juvenile Services will continue to refer youth to their programs for different types of services.

With the increase of gang activities in Prince George's County, there is a definite need for gang prevention and intervention services.

~~The Take Charge Program has done an exceptional job mentoring youth, providing them life skills, academic monitoring and job skills development. Their services has proven to be successful in youth behavior, strengthening the family and making the county a safer place to live, work, our children attend school, play and experience a quality of life with less fear.~~

The Take Charge Program will be applying for the OJJDP FY09 Gang Prevention Youth Mentoring Program grant. I highly recommend that the Take Charge Juvenile Diversion Program receive your most favorable consideration for this grant in support of their request for funding.

Sincerely,



Douglas Mohler
Southern Regional Director

