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The CAP team, front row from left: Melinda Donahue, counselor supervisor; Mildred Andrews, transportation officer; Ellen Kay Knabe, OSA; Andrea McMahon, CAP manager; Brenda Thorne, counselor; Rhonda Jones, counselor; Amy Carroll, counselor. Back row, from left: Debbie Paulus, OSA supervisor; Sylvia Alston, counselor supervisor; Lolita Holmes-Mallory, OSA; Edmund Weaver, transportation officer; Olayunka Ogunbunmi, transportation officer; Agnes Ijasan, counselor; Kristen Ellis, counselor; Kathy Kirven, counselor. Not pictured: Tracey Scott, program assistant; Lemuel Wilson, transportation supervisor, and Pauline Ruffin, transportation officer.

✓ Introducing: Team CAP

Every team has a mascot or identifying symbol and, for DJJ's new Central Admission and Placement (CAP) unit, the choice was obvious.

Just like the caps the new team members are wearing, the youths they serve will come in many shapes, sizes and varieties. They will be housed in the building at 1601 Old Bon Air Road that was formerly known as the Reception and Diagnostic Center before RDC moved its operation across the parking lot to the former Oak Ridge JCC. CAP staff will perform some of the core functions done at RDC in the past, such as commitment acceptance reviews, transportation coordination for accepted residents, and evaluation and assessments. Here's what's new:

The CAP unit was established upon the closure of RDC to manage and maintain the integrity of the commitment packet process and evaluation of residents as they enter one of the intake units now located at Bon Air JCC or Beaumont JCC. The process now includes receiving commitment packets, deploying transportation staff to pick up residents to take them

to JCCs, evaluations, and helping residents adjust to their new situation while meeting their treatment goals and needs.

The CAP team also determines which residents may be appropriate for alternative community placements, such as the Community Placement Program (CPP). CAP staff remains responsible for the case management of residents placed in the CPP, including those residents placed in a re-entry program at local detention centers.

The role of the CAP unit continues to expand and will soon involve program oversight, compliance with contracts, and quality assurance.

"We understand that the change from RDC has not been easy, and we appreciate the CAP unit's continuing commitment to getting it right for each youth, every day," Director Andy Block said.

"Like many of the youth we serve, our staff are resilient and steadfast to promote the agency mission and vision," said CAP Unit Manager Andrea McMahon. "We are evolving and coming together as a team."