

## What is the Southeast B.A.R.J. Drop-In Center?

The Southeast Balance & Restorative Justice Drop-In Center is a multi-faceted facility, encompassing a satellite probation office. The B.A.R.J. Drop-In center serves as the nation's first model of its kind. The Drop-In Center provides a detention alternative for medium to high-risk pre-adjudicated juveniles, awaiting trial (pre-adjudicated), as well as juveniles who have violated probation (pending revocation), to receive afterschool services in a structured community-based environment and facilitate family support and involvement. The duration of participation is sixty days, with a possibility of a thirty day extension.

## The goals of the Southeast B.A.R.J. Drop-In Center Include:

- Competency Development
- Community Safety
- Accountability
- Exposure to positive role models and cultural experiences

Restorative Justice is enhanced through strong partnerships and collaborations with public and private stakeholders (which includes police officers, community advocates and volunteers). The B.A.R.J. Drop-In Center serves as the nation's first model of its kind.

*"Out of the ashes of our past we rise to  
secure our future and restore justice  
in our community"*

*Carroll T. Boswell 2006*



## Eligibility Criteria

Male youth between the ages of  
12 and 18

Youth must legitimately reside in a  
Police Service Area in the Southeast  
quadrant of the city;

Youth must have a Risk Assessment  
Instrument (R.A.I.) score ranging from  
10 to 16 pending adjudication for the  
following:

- One or more violent felony charges
- Two or more felony charges

## Ineligibility Criteria

Youth with serious violent charges  
pending are not eligible.

## Program Structure

Youth are required to attend  
Monday-Friday 3:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
and  
Saturday 10:00 a.m-2:00 p.m.

## Array of Services Provided

Case Management/Probation Supervision  
Tutoring and Educational Advocacy  
Mentoring and Pro-Social Activities  
Conflict Resolution Skills Building  
Drug Use/Abuse Education  
Health Education  
HIV/AIDS Education & Prevention  
Health and Wellness Activities  
Parent Support/Parenting Skills  
Family Group Conference  
Peer-to-Peer Mediation  
Parent/Child Orientation  
Project Act/Accelerating the Aptitude of Children  
Victim Offender Mediation  
Individual & Family Counseling  
Anger Management  
Alternative Suspension Program  
Saturday Enrichment Community Service  
Cultural Outings  
Life Skills  
Drug and Health Education  
Developing Leaders and Creating Legacies  
Juvenile Anger Management  
Art Appreciation  
Sports and Life  
Topical Review and Civic Empowerment (TRACE)  
Real Men Cook

**Southeast Balance and Restorative  
Justice  
(B.A.R.J.) Drop-In Center**

**Family Court Social Services  
Mission Statement**

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*The mission of  
Family Court Social Services  
Division  
is to assist the  
District of Columbia Superior  
Court  
in the administration of  
justice and serve the community  
by providing probation services  
and social services for juveniles  
and their families”.*

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