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**JUVENILE JUSTICE to OPEN INTENSIVE TREATMENT UNIT in MILLEDGEVILLE**  
**Lt. Governor Cagle Highlights Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony**

**(ATLANTA - GA)** Commissioner Avery D. Niles is pleased to announce the official opening of DJJ's Intensive Treatment Unit (ITU) at the former DJJ Bill Ireland facility in Milledgeville, Georgia. To mark the occasion, the Department of Juvenile Justice will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony featuring keynote speaker Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle, Senator Burt Jones, Representative Rusty Kidd and other community leaders. The event is scheduled for December 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 1:00PM with a VIP tour lasting until 3:00PM. The facility is located at 800 North Glynn Street in Milledgeville, Georgia.

The opening of the ITU marks the return of the Department of Juvenile Justice to the newly renovated Milledgeville facility where a thirty-bed youth detention center was specifically constructed to house only male offenders from other DJJ facilities across the state with an emphasis on increased professional staffing for counseling and treatment purposes. The Intensive Treatment Unit is scheduled to open in early 2015.

"The return of the Department of Juvenile Justice to this area signifies the opening of an important era for this agency," said DJJ Commissioner Avery D. Niles. "Not only does the unit bring new jobs here, the Milledgeville ITU also marks a DJJ milestone for purpose-built construction under Georgia's new reforms in 2014."

"The safety measures, technology, and added emphasis on treatment and counseling that are hallmarks of the new Milledgeville ITU also characterize our methodology to always be thinking about preparing young offenders for reentry into their communities as responsible and law abiding citizens," said Commissioner Niles. "We appreciate support from Governor Nathan Deal, Lieutenant Governor Cagle and the local Milledgeville-Baldwin County delegation to help make reforms and the opening of this Intensive Treatment Unit possible."

From the initial planning phase, DJJ was determined to ensure operations at the new Milledgeville ITU would meet high standards. Georgia juvenile justice administrators brought in a team of correctional staff members this fall to complete their training before the official opening and launched special recruitment efforts to bring in the very best candidates to staff the remodeled facility. "DJJ recruited only mature, responsible adults with interests in helping young offenders through troubled transitions in their lives," said Commissioner Niles.

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In addition to a scheduled appearance by Lieutenant Governor Cagle, a wide range of community and elected leaders are expected to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony with local media invited to cover the proceedings. Parking will be provided inside the campus and refreshments available for attendees. As part of the guest tour of the Milledgeville ITU, the newest safety and technological features implemented in the facility will be highlighted.

For more information on Juvenile Justice Reform in Georgia, please visit [www.djnewsandviews.org/juvenilejusticereform](http://www.djnewsandviews.org/juvenilejusticereform). To learn more about employment with the Department of Juvenile Justice and available jobs, go to [www.djcareers.org](http://www.djcareers.org).

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