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## Department of Juvenile Justice – May Recruiting in Atlanta

**(ATLANTA, GA)** The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is recruiting full-time employees for one of Georgia's most challenging yet rewarding criminal justice career areas. Commissioner Avery D. Niles has authorized agency recruiters to find qualified candidates for Juvenile Corrections Officer (JCO) positions at the Metro Regional Youth Detention Center (RYDC) in Atlanta.

“At this upcoming May 16<sup>th</sup> job fair we're recruiting to find motivated applicants who can accept the personal challenge of helping juvenile offenders restructure their lives while in state custody,” Commissioner Niles said.

DJJ runs its own certified state academy where it provides a vigorous training program for new recruits. The agency offers complete state health and benefit packages with competitive compensation for new JCOs.

“We're always looking for applicants who can apply their own knowledge and experience from previous careers in corrections, the military or law enforcement,” the Commissioner explained. “A Juvenile Corrections Officer can truly make a positive difference in the life of a young offender and help prepare them return to build a successful future in their community.”

### Onsite will be interviews conducted:

Date: Tuesday, May 16 – **OPEN to GENERAL PUBLIC**  
Metro Regional Youth Detention Center (RYDC) Job Fair  
Location: 1300 Constitution Road  
**Atlanta, Ga. 30316**  
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Contact: Carol Lawrence (404) 624-2559  
Recruiter: Joe Barnett (404) 807-2611

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**Applicants for Juvenile Corrections Officer positions must bring copies of these important documents to the interview process:**

- Compass Scores (Reading: 70 Writing: 32)\*\* Accuplacer (Reading: 55 Writing: 60 Numerical: 34) \*\*
- SAT Scores (Verbal: 430 Math: 400) or ACT Scores (Verbal: 18 Math: 16)\*\*
- Valid Driver's License
- Birth Certificate
- High School Diploma or GED
- DD214 Long Form with discharge indicated
- Naturalization Forms if Non-US Citizen
- If P.O.S.T. Certified, please bring two (2) forms of Government issued ID & P.O.S.T. Profile \*\*

**\*\*Applicants with a 4-year degree from an accredited college are exempt from taking the Compass test or providing proof of acceptable ACT or SAT scores.**

**\*Please note career fair locations and times may change OR additional career fair dates may be added to the DJJ recruiting schedule. Applicants should check the DJJ website for late-breaking schedule changes at [www.djjcareers.org](http://www.djjcareers.org) BEFORE visiting a DJJ job fair.**

Commissioner Niles said, "DJJ is searching for special candidates to become part of our dedicated team of professionals. At DJJ we didn't invent caring for young offenders, but as professionals we practice it here with them every day," the Commissioner said.

Interested job seekers can click on [www.djjcareers.org](http://www.djjcareers.org) for more information about career opportunities in juvenile corrections. DJJ is 'Veteran-Friendly.' Former military service members with an Honorable Discharge should also click on [www.djjcareers.org](http://www.djjcareers.org) to learn about DJJ's one-time Military Salary Increase Incentive on eligible job titles at "DJJ Careers for Veterans."

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***"DJJ is a great place to make your work count."***

Avery D. Niles, Commissioner  
Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice

***ABOUT DJJ***

*The Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is a multi-faceted agency that serves the needs of this state's young offenders up to the age of 21. The Department employs more than 4,300 men and women at 26 secure facilities and 97 community services offices throughout the state to effect justice and redirect the young lives in the agency's care.*

*Including those who are placed on probation, thousands youths are diverted each year to evidence-based community programs, sentenced to short-term incarceration or committed to the Department's long-term custody by the Juvenile Courts. It is the duty of DJJ's professional corrections staff to preserve public safety and safeguard the citizens of Georgia, as well as protect the victims of crimes so that they can rebuild their lives.*

*At the same time, DJJ holds juvenile offenders accountable for their delinquent conduct so that they can take responsibility for their actions through probation, supervision and secure detention. The youth are provided with medical and psychological treatment, as well as specialized education and programs designed to equip them with the social, intellectual and emotional tools needed to achieve their successful reentry and reintegration into community, workplace and neighborhood settings as more productive and law-abiding citizens.*