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Office of Refugee Resettlement & Office of Refugee Services Visit SAVES

The visit by members from the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) from Washington, D.C. & the Office of Refugee Services (ORS) in Tallahassee took place from April 11-13, 2007. They met at the SAVES District Office, Lindsey Hopkins, DA Dorsey, and the Refugee Task Force Meeting at MDC/Wolfson.



Dr. Hoffman welcomes visitors

On Wednesday April 11th, the team visited the SAVES District Office. From ORR were Mr. Bill McPherrin, Deputy Division Director, and his assistant Mr. Ramon Colon, and from ORS Ms. Jane Criswell, Director of Refugee Services, and Mr. George Lewis, Contract Unit Supervisor. Ms. Rosa Borgen, Principal and Mr. Nelson Garcia, Assistant Principal of Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center joined the SAVES District Office personnel, who gave a short presentation on the SAVES Program, including its demographics, an overview of the courses offered, obstacles, success stories, and an outline of the Emergency Immigration Plan that was drawn up during the SAVES Administrators Workshop. This plan was met with much interest and copies went back to Tallahassee and Washington, D.C. After leaving the SAVES District Office, the visitors went to the Lindsey SAVES Office and interviewed the staff. Mr. Jose Felgar, Lindsey's

SAVES contact, led a tour around campus, where they visited the Food Preparation Course, the Dental Technologies Laboratory, and the Nursing Program. Probing questions were asked of the students and instructors by the visitors from ORR & ORS.

The Dorsey visit was held Thursday, April 12th. Dr. Edwina Hoffman and Mr. Georges Legerme of SAVES met Ms. Susan Kyle, Program Analyst from ORR, Mr. Jason Atwood, Contract Service Manager from ORS, Ms. Marie Philogene, Dorsey's SAVES Contact, and Ms. Sophia Hall, Assistant Principal of Dorsey. They visited the Pharmacy Technician Program, the Patient Care Technician Program, and SAVES Targeted ESOL classes. They interviewed the instructors and SAVES students, as well. The Refugee Task Force Meeting, held on Friday, April 13th, was attended by Ms. Susan Kyle of ORR.

Over 50 Refugee Task Force Members attended. The meeting and visit were held in conjunction with an already planned power point presentation by the SAVES District Office giving an overview of the SAVES Program to the Task Force members. After the Task Force meeting, Ms. Susan Kyle from ORR told the SAVES staff how impressed she was not only about the quality of the program, but by the SAVES' team dedication.



The dedication of SAVES staff impressed ORR

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