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ETHIOPIAN STUDENTS PLAN VISIT TO JUVENILE COURT COMPLEX

On Friday, November 14, Len Young, Director of Juvenile Probation and Detention Services, and his staff will welcome Dr. Donna Petras and two PhD students from Ethiopia. The two students are enrolled at the Graduate School of Social Work, Addis Ababa University (AAU), Ethiopia. The students, who are in Chicago for one month on a teaching and learning exchange, are attending some classes at Jane Addams College of Social Work, UIC, and are giving guest lectures in others.

An initiative of AAU Graduate School of Social Work has been to improve services to children in conflict with the law. Ethiopia has only one child detention facility and it is located in Addis Ababa, the capitol city, while children in other locations are incarcerated with adults.

The purpose of the visit and tour of the Lake County's juvenile facilities is twofold; first, to learn more about how our juvenile courts and detention facilities operate and, secondly, to develop an ongoing exchange of information and ideas in the area of children in conflict with the law and court and detention operations in order to ultimately improve services in Ethiopia.

Dr. Petras is Professor Emerita at the Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

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