The Louisiana Transition Center for Women Cosmetology program should begin around late fall or early winter. All supplies and equipment have been purchased with Department of Public Safety & Corrections (DPS&C) and Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) funds. The bid for the school renovation project will be released soon. The renovation will also be JRI funded, as well as the train-the-trainer protocol. A certified instructor educator will bring the offender cosmetologists back into good standing with their cosmetology licenses. Then, the offender instructors will go through further training to be certified as cosmetology instructors. Having licensed offenders serving as cosmetology instructors is the key to sustaining this program. The Louisiana Board of Cosmetology has worked closely with the DPS&C and has been welcoming of the project at LTCW and the Cosmetology program at Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women (LCIW) which has already started its train the trainer class. The ladies at both facilities are very excited about this opportunity and are anxious to get started.


In 2018, there were a total of 21 new members that joined the NAWJ in District 6. From 2018-2019, District 6 has a total of 75 new members.
On Saturday, September 22, 2019, Judge Sheva Sims, District 6 Director, 2nd Circuit Court of Appeal Chief Judge Felicia Toney Williams; First Judicial District Court Judges Ramona Emmanuel and Karelia Stewart; and Angela Bazile, Executive Counsel to Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson traveled to the Louisiana Transition Center for Women in Tallulah, Louisiana to present Warden Billy Tigner and Program Manager, April Bauer with the donated items.

From the left: Angela White-Bazile, Executive Counsel to Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, 2nd Circuit Court of Appeal Chief Judge Felicia Toney Williams, LTCW Program Manager April Baur, First Judicial District Court Judges Karelia Stewart and Ramona Emmanuel, NAWJ District 6 Director, Judge Sheva Sims, Shreveport City Court

Standing from the left: LTCW Warden Billy Tigner, Angela White-Bazile, Esq., Chief Judge Felicia Toney Williams, Judge Ramona Emmanuel, program candidate Chiquita Massey, Judge Karelia Stewart, April Baur, Judge Sheva Sims, Front row from left: cosmetology program candidates Katie Terrebonne Hendrix and Kala Curtis

LTCW Program candidates Katie Terrebonne Hendrix and Kala Curtis and Program manager April Baur (standing) meet with (left seated) Judge Sims, Judge Stewart; (right seated) Synthia Tate, Lauren Bennett, Angela White-Bazile, Esq., Chief Judge Felicia Toney Williams

From the left: Carl Davis, Lauren Bennett, Synthia Tate, and Angela White-Bazile of the Louisiana Supreme Court, receiving books from Executive Director Tanja Wadsworth and Hospitality Liaison Holly Shaw, The Soloman Episcopal Conference Center