

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

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STREAMLINED OPERATIONS

- **Shared FTE position with VR**
(savings of \$50,000)
- **Leased 2 buildings to VR**
(Savings of \$55,000 per year for VR and rental income of \$240,000 year for WLGO)
- **CIU Internship**
(Interns replacing eliminated position, with savings of approximately \$100,000)

Combine HR & Finance

(savings of \$80,000 per year)

CREATIVE COLLABORATION

- **Gray Military Academy**
(First year anticipated income \$145,000 with potential earnings of \$300,000 in the second year)

Strategy for FY'11 Budget Reduction

- Elimination of 2 FTE's
- 5 day furlough, agency wide
- 7 FTE's reduced by 20%
- Closely scrutinize all expenditures to absolute essential needs only

Mission Statement

Founded in 1921 by the late Dr. Wil Lou Gray, the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School has served the citizens of South Carolina for eighty-nine years. Adopting the motto, "Why stop learning?"

Dr. Gray dedicated her life to providing an education for the undereducated and, although the educational needs continue to change, the Opportunity School has adapted its mission to meet the critical needs of the students it serves.

Currently the mission of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School is to serve those citizens of South Carolina between sixteen and nineteen years of age who are most at-risk of:

- Being retained in their grade in school.
- Dropping out of school and not completing their education.
- Not making the transition from public schools to the workforce.
- Being truant from school, or whose home, school or community environment impedes rather than enhances the chance that they will stay in school and become prepared for employment.