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DOJ Reauthorization Sharpens OJJDP's Focus for FY 2004

The 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act (DOJ reauthorization), signed into law on November 2, 2002, supports the established mission of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) while introducing important changes that streamline OJJDP's operations and bring a sharper focus to its role. The provisions of the reauthorization originally were to take effect in federal fiscal year 2003, but a subsequent appropriations act postponed the effective date to FY 2004 (beginning October 2003).

OJJDP is working within the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) to evaluate the impact of the reauthorization's provisions and to ensure that all transitions are implemented as smoothly as possible. As this work progresses, OJJDP will keep the field informed through its Web site and other dissemination tools (including *OJJDP News @ a Glance*). This article begins the information-sharing process with the following summary of changes mandated by the DOJ reauthorization:

Program consolidation. The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 2002, which is part of the DOJ reauthorization, consolidates seven previously independent juvenile justice programs of the JJDP Act of 1974 into a single prevention block grant. It repeals the following parts of Title II of the JJDP Act: Part C (National Programs), Part D (Gangs), Part E (State Challenge Activities), Part F (Treatment of Juvenile Offenders Who Are Victims of Child Abuse or Neglect), Part G (Mentoring), Part H (Boot Camps), and the first subpart of Part I (White House Conference on Juvenile Justice). In their place, it creates a new Part C that establishes the Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Block Grant Program, under which states and Indian tribes may receive block grants to carry out the general purposes of the repealed programs.

Research, training, technical assistance, and information dissemination. The new JJDP Act further amends Title II by creating a new Part D that authorizes research, training, technical assistance, and information dissemination regarding juvenile justice matters. The Act also adds a new Part E that authorizes awards of grants for developing, testing, and demonstrating new initiatives and programs for the prevention, control, and reduction of juvenile delinquency.

Title V Community Delinquency Prevention. The new JJDP Act reauthorizes the Title V Community Prevention Grants Program, expands its purpose areas, and creates a new reporting requirement on the effectiveness of funded programs.

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Juvenile Accountability Block Grants. The reauthorization also revises the purpose areas, reporting and monitoring requirements, and other aspects of the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants

(JAIBG) program, which will be called the Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) program.

Future issues of *OJJDP News @ a Glance* will identify activities and

resources related to implementation of these and other provisions of the DOJ reauthorization. For the latest information, check the OJJDP Web site at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp. ■

News From the Coordinating Council

The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is an independent body within the executive branch of the federal government. The Council's primary function is to coordinate federal programs related to delinquency prevention, missing and exploited children, and detention/care of unaccompanied juveniles. The Council has nine statutory members representing federal agencies and nine practitioner members representing youth-focused disciplines. The Attorney General serves as chairperson, and the OJJDP Administrator serves as vice chairperson. Council meetings are held quarterly in Washington, DC, and are open to the public. The next meeting is scheduled for July 17–18, 2003. For additional information, visit the Council's Web site at ojjdp.ncjrs.org/council/index.html. An overview of the Council appears in the May/June 2002 issue of *OJJDP News @ a Glance*.

Council Holds Planning Session

At a March 2003 planning session, the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention discussed how its recently created subcommittees can provide opportunities for progress between the Council's quarterly meetings. The new subcommittees

will help the Council assess member agencies' existing programs and expand the use of technology (such as mapping tools) to identify service gaps and target limited resources where they are needed most. The subcommittees will focus on five areas: drugs/alcohol, education, family health, technology and research, and tribal youth. ■



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Reentry



Redesign Broadens Scope of OJP's Reentry Web Site

The Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) Reentry Web site (www.ojp.usdoj.gov/reentry) has been redesigned to provide more information to more people. Still the primary source of information for and about grantees of OJP's Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative, the redesigned site now serves as a resource not only for those actively working to develop and implement local reentry programs but also for anyone with an interest in the issue of reentry.

The site has two new sections: Training & Technical Assistance and State Activities & Resources. The

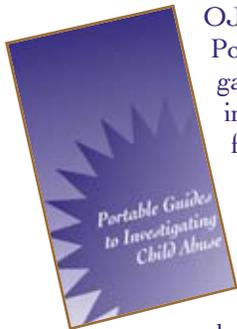
Publications section has been reorganized by topic, for easier access. The Federal Resources section links users to the Web sites of OJP's federal partners, including the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Education, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, the Interior, Labor, and Veterans Affairs, and the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

OJP welcomes feedback about the site. E-mail comments and suggestions to askreentry@ncjrs.org. ■

In the Publications Pipeline

Among the publications currently in the production pipeline at OJJDP are updates and new titles for the Portable Guides to Investigating Child Abuse series, highlighted below. For the latest information on recent publications, be sure to check the OJJDP Web site (www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp), click on "Publications," and go to "New Releases").

OJJDP Updates, Expands Portable Guides Series



OJJDP developed the Portable Guides to Investigating Child Abuse series in response to requests from police officers and detectives for clear, accessible information about how to investigate cases of child abuse and neglect and related child fatalities. The first guides in the series were published in 1996. Since then, demand for the series has not wavered—all 13 of the guides have been reprinted, some as many as three times.

OJJDP is now reviewing the series to determine which guides need to be updated, and work on second editions of two of the guides—*Use of Computers in the Sexual Exploitation of Children* and *Understanding and Investigating Child Sexual Exploitation*—is already underway. OJJDP is also expanding the series. New guides addressing law enforcement's response to child abduction, child prostitution, and child fatality are in the early draft stages. A guide on what investigators should know about child development is also planned. ■

Videoconference Demonstrates How "Mentoring Matters"

The 2-hour live satellite videoconference "Mentoring Matters" aired February 7, 2003, drawing participants at 350 downlinks and 2,000 Internet sites nationwide. Sponsored by OJJDP in association with the Juvenile Justice Telecommunications Assistance Project of Eastern Kentucky University, the conference featured profiles of successful mentoring programs in four settings: community, school, faith-based, and workplace.

To view "Mentoring Matters" on the Web, visit juvenilenet.org/jjtap/mentoring/view.html. Videotapes of the conference are available for \$15 from the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse (call 800-638-8736). ■

Upcoming Events

This feature highlights selected OJJDP-related events. For more comprehensive information on upcoming events in the juvenile justice community, visit the OJJDP Web site at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp and click on "Calendar of Events."

EUDL Audio Teleconferences. OJJDP's Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) program supports initiatives to enforce laws that prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors and to prevent the purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors. The EUDL Training Center offers a series of audio teleconferences. Upcoming conferences include Effectiveness of School-Based Programs (May 20, 2003), Working Together To Enforce Underage and Other Alcohol Violations (June 5), Effective Strategies: Alcohol Purchase Surveys (June 9), and Evaluating Prevention Effectiveness (June 19). For additional information and to register, visit www.udetc.org/Events-AudioConferences.htm.

Missing Children's Day. May 25, 2003, is National Missing Children's Day. Related events include the eighth annual Congressional Breakfast and National Missing and Exploited Children's Awards Ceremony, scheduled to take place May 21 in Washington, DC. The ceremony will honor law enforcement officers for recovering missing children and investigating exploitation cases. OJJDP and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) are also planning to hold a ceremony in observance of Missing Children's Day. For additional information about Missing Children's Day activities, visit the NCMEC Web site at www.missingkids.com. ■

Funding Update

Be sure to check the OJJDP Web site regularly for the latest news on OJJDP funding opportunities, including grant application information, deadlines, and links to the Office of Justice Programs' online Grants Management System. (Go to www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp and click on "Grants & Funding.") To receive e-mail notification of new funding opportunities, subscribe to JUVJUST. (Go to www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp and click on "JUVJUST" in the "Get Information" box.)

FY 2003 Solicitations

OJJDP is soliciting applications for **Strengthening Abuse and Neglect Courts in America: Management Information Systems Project**. This project will help child abuse and neglect courts develop, implement, and maintain automated information systems that enhance compliance with the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997. The solicitation was published in the *Federal Register* on March 26, 2003.¹

OJJDP is currently developing fiscal year 2003 solicitations for the programs listed below.

- ▶ **Coalition Mentoring.** This component of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program will support mentors to assist new or existing community coalitions in their efforts to combat substance abuse.
- ▶ **Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) Program.** OJJDP's EUDL program helps states develop comprehensive and coordinated initiatives to address underage drinking. For information about EUDL, visit udetc.org.

¹ After a solicitation is published in the *Federal Register*, applicants must register within 30 days, and applications are due within 60 days. See the OJJDP Web site for details.

- ▶ **Girls Study Group.** This project will bring together researchers and practitioners to identify strategies for preventing and reducing female delinquency and its consequences.
- ▶ **Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program.** This program encourages the development of regional task forces that address the use of online technology to victimize children.²
- ▶ **Tribal Youth Program (TYP).** OJJDP's TYP grants help tribal communities develop programs that prevent delinquency, reduce violence, and improve juvenile justice systems.
- ▶ **TYP Mental Health Project.** These grants support the provision of diagnostic and treatment services to tribal youth.

FY 2003 Funding for OJJDP

The Funding Update in the January/February issue of *OJJDP News @ a Glance* explained legislative issues

² To extend coverage to areas that do not currently have an ICAC Regional Task Force, this solicitation is limited to law enforcement agencies in Arkansas; New Jersey; northern Florida; the Los Angeles, CA, metropolitan area; and the northern Virginia/Washington, DC, metropolitan area (excluding Maryland).

that have complicated OJJDP's funding situation for the current budget period.³ Those issues have been resolved.

On February 20, 2003, President Bush signed into law a bill that appropriates operating funds for the federal government through the remainder of fiscal year 2003. Now that funds have been appropriated, OJJDP can develop its FY 2003 Program Plan for publication in the *Federal Register*. Programs for FY 2003 are funded as they existed prior to the Department of Justice reauthorization signed into law on November 2, 2002, which introduces a number of significant changes for OJJDP.⁴ The provisions of this reauthorization will not take effect until FY 2004 (i.e., October 2003).

Check the OJJDP Web site at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp or the Office of Justice Programs Web site at www.ojp.usdoj.gov for the latest information on the FY 2003 Program Plan and on the changes introduced by the reauthorization. ■

³ The current federal budget period, fiscal year 2003, runs from October 2002 through September 2003.

⁴ The reauthorization consolidates several previously independent programs into a single Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Block Grant Program and mandates several other changes, as summarized in the article on page 1 of this issue.

Town Hall Meeting on Youth Substance Abuse Sparks Dialog Between Federal and Community Leaders

On February 12, 2003, OJJDP Administrator J. Robert Flores convened a town hall meeting on youth substance abuse as part of the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's (CADCA's) National Leadership Forum XIII. He was joined by Mary Ann Solberg, Deputy Director, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (OJJDP's partner in administering the Drug-Free Communities Support Program), and by Richard R. Nedelkoff, Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance, and Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Mr. Flores welcomed more than 100 CADCA Forum participants to the town hall meeting, which he described as an important opportunity for dialog about the issues that concern members of community anti-drug coalitions. The panelists then highlighted programs funded or sponsored by their agencies to combat substance abuse by youth. They



Preeti Puri and Kim Norris, OJJDP Program Managers, organized the Town Hall Meeting on Youth Substance Abuse.



J. Robert Flores, Administrator of OJJDP, and Mary Ann Solberg, Deputy Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, talk with community anti-drug coalition representatives after the CADCA Town Hall Meeting on Youth Substance Abuse.

encouraged community coalition members to inform them of needs and successes at the local level and stressed the importance of hard data from the field to support federal policy and funding decisions and to ensure that future programs can benefit from proven models.

After the speakers finished their remarks, they responded to written questions from the audience and then opened the floor to comments. A lively discussion between federal and community leaders ensued. Several members of the audience expressed their appreciation to the panelists for listening and for supporting community-based efforts to combat substance abuse by youth. When the town hall meeting adjourned, many participants approached the panelists for informal conversations.

Questions and answers from the meeting will be posted on the Web sites of the participating agencies. See "Selected Web Resources" on this page. ■

Selected Web Resources

The following Web sites offer information on funding opportunities and other resources to help communities combat substance abuse by youth:

- Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA): cadca.org.
- Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program, Bureau of Justice Assistance: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/drugcourts.html.
- Drug-Free Communities Support Program, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp (click on "Drug-Free Communities Support Program" in the "Get Information" box).
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families: www.acf.hhs.gov.
- White House Office of National Drug Control Policy: whitehousedrugpolicy.gov.

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