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Update on the Comprehensive Strategy for Serious, Violent, and Chronic Juvenile Offenders

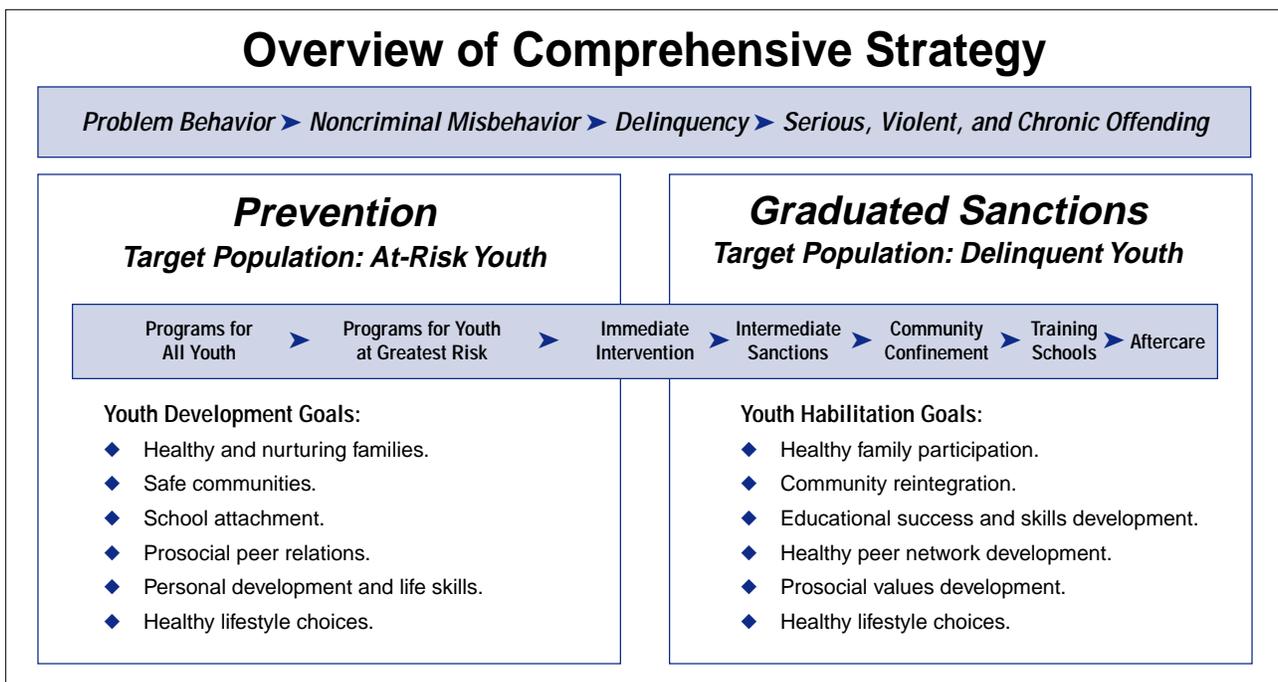
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Training and Technical Assistance

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) published its *Comprehensive Strategy for Serious, Violent, and Chronic Juvenile Offenders* in 1993. After developing and testing both the prevention and graduated sanctions components of the Comprehensive Strategy over the next 2 years, OJJDP launched a national training and technical assistance initiative in 1995 with the publication of its *Guide for Implementing the Comprehensive Strategy for Serious, Violent, and Chronic Juvenile Offenders* (the *Guide*).

The *Guide* provides the framework for developing and implementing the Comprehensive Strategy. It is based on the establish-

ment of a continuum of juvenile delinquency prevention, early intervention, and graduated sanctions programs that are built on research, driven by data, and focused on outcomes. The continuum starts with prenatal prevention and includes community-based prevention services based on a risk and resource assessment, immediate interventions, and a range of graduated sanctions that include institutional care and aftercare services. The prevention, early intervention, and graduated sanctions services and strategies are key points along the continuum and are designed to reduce and control the risk factors that contribute to delinquent behavior and ensure public safety.



Since 1995, OJJDP has disseminated more than 29,000 copies of the *Guide* and has provided intensive training and technical assistance to three pilot sites (San Diego County, CA; Jacksonville, FL; and Ft. Myers, FL) to develop strategic plans for implementing the Comprehensive Strategy. In addition, eight Comprehensive Strategy States were selected. Six of these States (Florida, Iowa, Maryland, Ohio, Rhode Island, and Texas) are currently receiving intensive onsite assistance, and two (Oregon and Wisconsin) are field testing a community planning manual developed by Community Research Associates, an OJJDP technical assistance provider. The manual is a tool to help local juvenile justice planners and professionals develop a strategic plan for implementing the Comprehensive Strategy. OJJDP has also provided strategic planning assistance for development of a continuum of services for the six jurisdictions participating in its SafeFutures initiative, has conducted numerous workshops on the Comprehensive Strategy, and has provided technical assistance to other interested sites.

OJJDP is providing strategic planning assistance on the Comprehensive Strategy through a partnership with the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) and Developmental Research and Programs, Inc. (DRP). OJJDP, NCCD, and DRP review current trends, strategies, and outcomes and provide training and technical assistance recipients with up-to-date information on prevention and graduated sanctions. An update of the *Guide* is planned for next year.

Strategic Plans

San Diego County, Jacksonville, and Ft. Myers are piloting the Comprehensive Strategy training and technical assistance initiative. Jacksonville recently published its strategic plan for implementing the Comprehensive Strategy, and San Diego County and Ft. Myers are planning to publish their plans later this year. Valuable lessons learned in these pilot sites have helped to develop additional implementation tools that have been used to expand strategic planning efforts into other States, OJJDP's SafeFutures program sites, and other jurisdictions.

SafeFutures

SafeFutures is a 5-year demonstration project that is conceptually consistent with the Comprehensive Strategy. SafeFutures

urban sites are Boston, MA; Contra Costa County, CA; Seattle, WA; and St. Louis, MO. Other sites are Imperial County, CA (rural) and Fort Belknap Indian Community, Harlem, MT (tribal government). The project is designed to test the development and implementation of a continuum of care for at-risk and delinquent youth and their families in order to prevent and control juvenile crime and victimization. The six demonstration sites are charged with creating this continuum across the range of prevention, intervention, and treatment services. They are also tasked to provide appropriate and timely graduated sanctions for youth already involved in the juvenile justice system. Each site is receiving up to \$1.4 million annually for 5 years to engage in comprehensive strategic planning, service integration, and program implementation of best practices designed to develop a full continuum of services, supports, and opportunities. As a part of this demonstration project, each site receives assistance with strategic planning by participating in the Comprehensive Strategy training and technical assistance process.

For Further Information

At this time, OJJDP's Comprehensive Strategy intensive training and technical assistance is only available in the competitively selected Comprehensive Strategy States, the pilot site of San Diego County, and SafeFutures sites. For further information about the Comprehensive Strategy State initiative, resources for sites interested in the Comprehensive Strategy, or other related information, call Mark Matese, 202-307-5924. For further information about OJJDP's SafeFutures project, call Kristen Kracke, 202-307-5914. To obtain a copy of the *Guide for Implementing the Comprehensive Strategy for Serious, Violent, and Chronic Juvenile Offenders* or for additional information on this topic, call OJJDP's Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse, 800-638-8736. Jacksonville's strategic plan, *Report of the Comprehensive Strategy Task Force on Serious, Violent and Chronic Juvenile Offenders*, may be accessed via OJJDP's Web site at www.ncjrs.org/jjgen.htm#tskfr.

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