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INTRODUCTION

The objective of this report is to provide information on Bureau of Justice Assistance funded programs across the nation to the States and subgrantees, and to provide a channel of communication between professionals who deal with drug abuse and violent crime issues on a daily basis. The programs highlighted in this report on prosecutorial response to drug abuse and violent crime provide a useful source of information to initiate and replicate innovative programs, and serve as a tool to improve established programs. This manual should be a valuable resource in the fight against drugs and violent crime.

The response by the criminal justice system to the increasing problems of drug abuse and violent crime has been to increase the number of law enforcement officers, build more jails and prisons, implement drug testing and intermediate sanctions programs, and impose mandatory penalties. While all of these strategies have contributed to the effort of mitigating the problems of drugs and violent crime, many prosecutors believe that traditional criminal justice responses are not the only solutions to these problems.

Prosecutors across the nation recognize that their responsibility to uphold public safety goes beyond convicting drug and violent crime offenders. Prosecutors today seek strategies beyond the usual processing of criminal cases, to empower communities, to prevent crime before it occurs, and to break the cycles of crime and addiction. This document reports on some of those prosecution programs developed and implemented by the States to address drug abuse and violent crime. Program information was obtained from the 1992 State Annual Reports and was submitted by the State Administrative Agencies.

ARKANSAS

Drug Prosecution Coordination

Project Start Up Date:
1990

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$19,042
Bureau of Justice Assistance; State funds

Purpose Area:
Career Criminal Prosecution

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program assists prosecutors in Arkansas, and task force members can contact a prosecutor for information. The program provides assistance to 400 to 500 cases per year.

Program Description:
The Prosecution Coordination Commission of Arkansas has established a statewide program to provide technical assistance and training to prosecutors and task forces. Program staff have provided training seminars, produced training manuals, and developed model legislation, all related to drug enforcement topics and asset forfeiture procedures. Attorneys in the program advise Arkansas drug prosecutors on all drug cases.

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Prosecution Management Support System

Project Start Up Date:
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Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$436,966
Bureau of Justice Assistance; State funds

Purpose Area:
Career Criminal Prosecution

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves prosecutors, law enforcement personnel, court personnel, and probation and parole personnel.

Program Description:
The program provides information to all elements of the criminal justice system on career criminals from the time of arrest to disposition through a statewide computer network. This service is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The system includes such information as charges at arrest and conviction and sentencing data.

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Supervised Treatment Education Program (STEP) Court

Project Start Up Date:
1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$2,000,000

Bureau of Justice Assistance; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Federal Center for Disease Control; Arkansas Justice Institute; Arkansas Supreme Court; Administrative Office of the Courts; Arkansas Department of Health

Purpose Area:

Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The program serves nonviolent offenders in the Sixth Judicial District who have been charged with possession of narcotics or other offenses. The offenders served are drug addicts who are not on probation or parole and do not have prior firearm or violence-related offenses. Approximately 600 offenders are served per year.

Program Description:

The Supervised Treatment Education Program (STEP) Court is part of the Drug Diversion Assessment Unit. STEP Court is a pretrial diversion program with a twelve month treatment component. The main feature of the program is a centralized assessment unit which performs psychosocial testing. The initial testing for program participants is a two-hour addiction assessment. The Department of Health and Human Services wrote the assessment portions of the program. Testing for AIDS, tuberculosis, and sexually transmitted diseases is a component of the program that determines whether participants will be referred to the public health system. STEP Court pre-empts the formal charges of the prosecutor and takes some of the burden off of the court system by bypassing the prosecutor. This is done when an offender is arrested and enters the program as a condition of his or her bond. STEP provides individual and group counseling, vocational placement, and family services. The program is an outpatient program with some inpatient beds available. There is jail space dedicated to the program if the STEP Court judge is in need of it.

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1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$529,117

Bureau of Justice Assistance; Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office; Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office; Santa Clara County Probation Department; Santa Clara County Municipal Court; Santa Clara County Police Departments

Purpose Area:

Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The program is aimed at street-level offenders and serves 1,500,000 people per year.

Program Description:

This program has several goals. The first goal is to develop and implement a procedure to expedite the processing of street-level cases from arrest through disposition at the San Jose facility. A second goal is to maintain a log of targeted cases from the time each is received by the Law Enforcement Court Liaison Unit or the Probation Department, until the disposition of the case. A third goal is to develop a procedure to locate each defendant's outstanding narcotic cases and consolidate them in court. Another goal of the program is to shorten the time in which the law enforcement agencies deliver out-of-custody cases to the District Attorney's Office for review and issuance of a criminal complaint.

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Drug Offender Program

Project Start Up Date:
1990

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$330,153
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Identify and Meet Treatment Needs
Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Major/mid/street-level drug offenders are targeted by the program. The project serves 708,168 people in several districts, and approximately 1,057 cases are reviewed and 1,329 cases are filed per year.

Program Description:
In response to the drug problem in Ventura County, the Drug Offender Program (DOP) has been formed as a multi-agency program consisting of the District Attorney's Office, the Probation Department, and the Ventura and Oxnard Police Departments. The DOP targets its efforts on adult, street-level drug users, focusing on those arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance and those who are upper-level dealers. The focus of this project is to provide the resources and coordination not only to attack the County's street-level drug problems, but also to provide the resources and coordination to attack Ventura and Oxnard's drug problem at the top. Law Enforcement will investigate upper-level traffickers as well as provide assistance to the grant prosecutors, while probation and prosecution will target street-level drug problems.

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Early Disposition Project

Project Start Up Date:
1990

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$1,875,830
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves approximately 8,863,164 citizens of the County of Los Angeles.

Program Description:
The goal of this program is to enhance the administration and processing of defendants charged with felony offenses. The objectives are to adjudicate cases in a reduced time frame and provide specialized services. The Sheriff's Department, District Attorney, Public Defender's Office, and Probation Department work together to implement the project. Defendants charged with felony offenses within the targeted area are referred to the Early Disposition Project. This project enables the defendant to enter a plea at the time of arraignment in Municipal Court. Once the plea is entered, the case is transferred to Superior Court for the probation and sentencing hearing. Probation provides the investigative report. After sentencing, cases referred to Probation are evaluated and accepted into the intensive supervision program according to severity.

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Kern Anti-Drug Abuse Project

Project Start Up Date:
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Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$375,265
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Urban Enforcement and Prosecution of Street Drug Sales

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The project serves 603,200 major/mid/street-level drug offenders per year.

Program Description:
The District Attorney's Office, through the Kern Anti-Drug Abuse Project, funds a full-time Deputy District Attorney. This deputy files petitions to revoke probations and handles revocation of probation hearings for narcotic offenders who are on felony probation. The grant-funded Deputy District Attorney has been successful in keeping an increased number of repeat offenders who are on felony probation in custody pending disposition of revocation proceedings. The program has been successful in identifying some defendants for revocation of felony probation who previously "slipped through the cracks." It will ensure that all narcotic offenders who are on felony probation are identified and targeted for enhanced prosecution efforts.

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***Narcotics Analysis, Prosecution,
and Offender Supervision
(NAPOS)***

Project Start Up Date:
1990

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$1,053,905 plus San Bernardino County resources
Bureau of Justice Assistance; San Bernardino County

Purpose Area:
Multijurisdictional Task Force
Targeting Domestic Sources
Identify and Meet Treatment Needs
Improve Drug Control Technology
Urban Enforcement and Prosecution of Street Drug Sales

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The target population is major and mid-level drug offenders, street level offenders, and gang-related offenders. The project serves the 1.4 million residents of San Bernardino County.

Program Description:
The prosecutors in the Narcotics Analysis, Prosecution, and Offender Supervision (NAPOS) project handle felony Health and Safety Code violators. As expected with abusers of controlled substances, probation violations are common and frequently involve other offenses. New offenses are filed by the NAPOS prosecutor along with a petition to revoke probation on the original probation grant. Other probation violations filed by the NAPOS supervising probation officer are also handled by the NAPOS prosecutor in a joint effort to remove defendants from the community who have failed to benefit from the intensive supervision and rehabilitative efforts of the NAPOS program.

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Regional Anti-Drug Program

Project Start Up Date:
1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$175,100
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Career Criminal Prosecution

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Street level drug dealers convicted of felony drug offenses. The program serves Contra Costa County (population: 836,975).

Program Description:
The program's staff provide enhanced services to the Criminalistics Laboratory by increasing the number of blood and urine samples from street level offenders which are examined for drugs and by reducing the turn around time for such analyses. The project prosecutors are assigned the duty of screening and filing all the drug-related felony cases developed by law enforcement in Contra Costa County. They also have the primary responsibility of working with various State-sponsored task forces and local narcotics units in coordinating and prosecuting offenders. The program staff in the Probation Department contacts all male inmates in the County who have been convicted of felony drug offenses before they are released from custody to begin drug testing, drug education, counseling, and treatment which will continue after release.

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San Francisco Drug Abatement Program

Project Start Up Date:
Late 1980's

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$280,755
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Urban Enforcement and Prosecution of Street Drug Sales
Innovative Programs

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Major/mid/street-level drug offenders and gang related drug offenders are targeted by this program. The program serves San Francisco County (population: 742,000).

Program Description:
The San Francisco Drug Abatement Program provides three full-time prosecutors to target mid-level to major-level drug offenders, gang-related drug offenders, drug offenders who are dealing while armed with a firearm, and drug dealers who have committed a third crime. These attorneys vertically prosecute the targeted offenders. The project manager of this grant supervises, directs, and assists in the targeted cases referred by law enforcement, by monitoring street buy-bust programs in the areas targeted, monitoring targeted probationers who reoffend, and assisting in the investigative stage of cases, which includes the preparation of search warrants. The Vertical Team, which consists of three experienced prosecutors, works closely with law enforcement and probation to investigate and prepare cases. A project attorney is available 24 hours a day to assist law enforcement in writing and reviewing search warrants and for consultation on legal issues. A project attorney

handles each targeted offender's case from rebooking to conviction. Project attorneys make every effort to ensure that the offenders remain in custody throughout the proceedings and that they receive the maximum possible penalties on all cases.

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Denver Drug Court Project

Project Start Up Date:
1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$35,961
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Second Judicial District Courts; Denver District Attorney's Office

Purpose Area:
Career Criminal Prosecution

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves all drug-related felony arrestees in the Second Judicial District.

Program Description:
The overall goal of the Denver Drug Court is to respond to drug offenders in a more effective and efficient manner. The operation of the Denver Drug Court depends on a team which includes district attorneys, public defenders, judges, probation personnel, treatment community personnel, and law enforcement agencies who are assigned to the drug court. The team concept facilitates specialization in the handling of drug cases, assessment at the earliest

possible juncture, the ability to individualize treatment, and consistent responses to violations of court or treatment requirements through close monitoring by the court. Two alcohol and drug screening tests are administered by the Drug Court to all drug-related felony arrestees within twenty-four to forty-eight hours of arrest. Depending on the results, arrestees may be referred for more comprehensive testing at the pre-sentence investigation stage. This assessment is completed within seven to ten days of a defendant's arrest, and the results are utilized to make appropriate treatment referrals at the time of sentencing. The Drug Court project also seeks to promote interagency communication and cooperation by establishing an Advisory Committee consisting of members from each of the following agencies: courts; District Attorney's Office; law enforcement; public and private defense counsel; State Court Administrator's Office; treatment providers; public health agencies; education; probation; and corrections.

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Prosecution Case Management Expansion

Project Start Up Date:
1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$83,810
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Colorado District Attorney's Council (CDAC)

Purpose Area:
Criminal and Justice Information Systems

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The program coordinates the reporting of arrest information from law enforcement agencies and disposition information from district attorneys to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) covering the 18th Judicial District, seven front-range districts, and nine rural districts -- approximately 90% of the State's population.

Program Description:

The District Attorney's Office of the 18th Judicial District along with seven other front range districts and nine rural districts which represent approximately 90% of the State's population use a prosecution case tracking system operated by the Colorado District Attorney's Council (CDAC). Data, such as charge, disposition, and sentence, on all felony cases and some misdemeanor cases is currently being entered into the system. The data entry system allows the arresting agency to open the case on the Colorado Bureau of Investigation's data system and input all required information (arresting agency's name, offender's name, charges, etc.). CBI then electronically transfers the arrest information to CDAC, which disburses it to the district that will file the case. Once charges are filed by the District Attorney, CBI is still able to access the open case and add information up through sentencing for that case. This system guarantees that arrest and sentence information match and cuts down on duplicate entry of arrest information. The project also addresses the needs of the rural District Attorneys' Offices. By developing a case tracking system that operates on a PC network, the rural District Attorneys' Offices are able to manage the cases better. This allows for more complete, accurate reporting to CBI. The network case tracking system will also provide DUI and other statistical reports.

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CONNECTICUT***Expedited Juvenile Drug
Prosecution Unit*****Project Start Up Date:**

1990

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$440,000

Bureau of Justice Assistance; matching State funds

Purpose Area:

Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The program served 1,300 juveniles charged with drug or other offenses who were at risk of becoming involved in substance abuse and were referred by the court.

Program Description:

The program consists of a prosecutor advocate and an investigator dedicated to the investigation and preparation of drug and drug-related cases in each of the three city courts. The creation of these units has resulted in the establishment of three highly skilled units, focusing upon approximately one-third of the cases referred to the Superior Court for Juvenile Matters. The program works in conjunction with two other juvenile detention and supervision projects in a holistic approach to the treatment of juvenile offenders and their families. Extensive police training and community programs are conducted to publicize the court's approach to the handling of juvenile drug offenders.

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***Statewide Drug and Crime
Control Project***

Project Start Up Date:
1989

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$108,796
Bureau of Justice Assistance; State General Funds

Purpose Area:
Career Criminal Prosecution

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program targets all career criminals.

Program Description:
The Statewide Drug and Crime Control Project is an innovative program staffed by two financial investigators, eight prosecutors, and three support staff. The program originally was designed to allow experienced prosecutors to give attention to serious drug cases. Once the four-year formula grant fund period ended, the State took over full funding of the prosecutors, and the formula grant funds were used for an asset forfeiture program. This program has been very successful because it filled in a gap in asset forfeiture prosecution. U.S. attorneys in the State will only prosecute these cases when the funds involved exceed \$25,000. However, this project will prosecute career criminals for small assets.

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DELAWARE

***Attorney General's Case
Management Improvement
Program***

Project Start Up Date:
1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$50,654
Bureau of Justice Assistance; matching State funds

Purpose Area:
Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Two staff paralegals conduct 1,000 offender intake interviews and maintain 1,200 complete case files per year.

Program Description:
The Attorney General's Case Management Improvement Program assists the Attorney General's Office in keeping pace with the increasing criminal caseload. The program provides two staff paralegals who assist in improving the quality of prosecution and case processing. The paralegals conduct 1,000 intake interviews, maintain 1,200 case files, and produce three reports each month for police agencies that outline their compliance with case processing standards.

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FLORIDA***Drug Trafficking Prosecution Grant*****Project Start Up Date:**

1990

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$445,648

Bureau of Justice Assistance; matching State funds

Purpose Area:

White Collar and Organized Crime, Corruption and Fraud

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

Program funds support six prosecutors and two legal secretaries who act to disrupt and dismantle illegal drug organizations in the entire State of Florida.

Program Description:

The Drug Trafficking Prosecution Grant supports the efforts of the Office of Statewide Prosecution to use a team approach in fighting drug and money laundering activities. The team prosecution approach allows each case to receive comprehensive evaluation and attention. The pretrial process is shortened through the improved response time of the prosecution team. The Office of Statewide Prosecution also strives to establish long-term commitments to multi-agency law enforcement investigative units operating in the higher crime rate areas of the State.

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Sarasota Domestic Violence Program**Project Start Up Date:**

1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$35,478

Bureau of Justice Assistance; Florida Bureau of Community Assistance

Purpose Area:

Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

Victims of domestic violence whose abusers have been arrested or have a non-arrest criminal complaint filed against them. Approximately 450 victims and defendants per year.

Program Description:

The objective of the program is to prosecute as many domestic violence cases as possible and place offenders in treatment programs. The program gives victims the information, education, and support they need to stop the cycle of abuse. The program ensures victim safety through bonds and conditions of release from jail. The program also issues subpoenas, conducts pre-filing interviews, provides sentencing recommendations based on pre-filing information, assists with restraining orders, provides accompaniment to court, photographs injuries, refers victims to community agencies for assistance, files Crime Compensation applications, and attends court appearances.

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GEORGIA***The Chatham County Gemini Project***

Project Start Up Date:
1990

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$105,104
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Chatham County

Purpose Area:
Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process
Innovative Programs
Urban Enforcement and Prosecution of Street Drug Sales

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves law enforcement personnel and violent offenders in the First Judicial District.

Program Description:
The Early Intervention Program (EIP), implemented by the District Attorney, works closely with law enforcement agencies and court personnel to speed up the judicial process. The goals of EIP are to: increase communication between the District Attorney and all law enforcement agencies; improve the quality of prosecution in all hearings; increase

contact with victims and witnesses of crime before first appearance; expedite the processing of warrants through the Chatham County Criminal Justice System; and terminate drug cases in order for the District Attorney to focus more attention on the balance of the felony caseload. EIP has evolved into the Chatham County Gemini Project, which has shifted substantially from EIP in both emphasis and scope. It is more sharply focused on coordination between police and prosecution. The goals of the program are to create a systematic training program for law enforcement personnel throughout the First Judicial Circuit and to place strong emphasis upon the investigation of homicide cases, especially those related to drug trafficking.

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Conditional Discharge Program

Project Start Up Date:
1990

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$41,425
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Columbus Consolidated Government

Purpose Area:
Alternatives to the Corrections System

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves first-time controlled substance offenders in the Third Congressional District.

Program Description:
The Columbus Police Department and the Muscogee County Sheriffs Department joined to form the Conditional Discharge Program to deal with the problem of substance abuse in Columbus. First-time

substance abuse offenders are sentenced to the program for six months to three years. The program provides 24 hours of drug education, prison tours of one of Georgia's boot camps and the Jackson Diagnostic Center, random drug screens, close supervision and counseling, and an aftercare program conducted by private and public mental health agencies.

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Prosecution Techniques on Televised Testimony of Child Abuse Cases

Project Start Up Date:
1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$5,500
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
BJA Discretionary Grant

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves prosecutors statewide.

Program Description:
The program provides prosecutors with the skills and confidence needed to use video equipment to record interviews and testimony of children who have been the victims of child abuse and, when necessary, present the recorded interviews in court. The program also improves the prosecutor's techniques for interviewing child abuse victims and the ability of the prosecutor to manage child abuse cases.

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HAWAII

Domestic and Family Violence

Project Start Up Date:
1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$275,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves domestic violence victims and family members in Hawaii County.

Program Description:
The program's objectives are to expedite the time frame for referral of domestic violence victims to the Prosecutor's Office; to vertically prosecute all domestic violence cases; to establish a prosecutor-based volunteer outreach program for domestic violence victims; to promote interagency coordination and training; and to assess county resources for domestic violence victims and family members.

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***Domestic and Family Violence
Response Team***

Project Start Up Date:
1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$195,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The project serves Kauai County, and during its first six months of operation, 121 domestic violence victims including child sex abuse victims were provided services.

Program Description:
The prosecutor team is trained to expedite the investigation and prosecution of domestic violence perpetrators and to provide counseling services to domestic violence victims and family members. Coordination with other criminal justice agencies has been increased to develop staff training opportunities and services to domestic violence victims.

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Domestic Violence Prosecution

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$50,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance; County of Maui

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
During the year July 1992 to June 1993, 240 trials of domestic violence perpetrators were conducted and 1,034 complaints were filed in court by the Prosecutor's Office.

Program Description:
The objectives of the program are to establish a domestic violence prosecution unit and increase the number of domestic violence cases prosecuted using a vertical prosecution model; establish a career criminal classification system to identify repeat offenders; and provide training and networking opportunities for the domestic violence prosecution unit.

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***Specialized Prosecutorial
Response in Neutralizing
Tragedy (SPRINT)***

Project Start Up Date:
1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$190,000

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:

Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The project serves victims of domestic violence.

Program Description:

The objectives of the program are to establish a formal training program to recruit and train volunteers working with the domestic violence prosecution team; increase victim access to community resources such as counseling, medical assistance, and work-training programs; develop a resource inventory for victims; and reduce the number of repeat victims through these services.

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Violent Crime Prosecution Unit

Project Start Up Date:

1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$275,000

Bureau of Justice Assistance; County of Maui

Purpose Area:

Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The Violent Crime Prosecution Unit prosecutes repeat and first time violent crime offenders, especially in the areas of sexual assault, murder, and

robbery, in the County of Maui whose population is 109,000.

Program Description:

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui, Violent Crime Prosecution Unit is a specialized unit dedicated to prosecuting violent crime offenders, especially in the areas of sexual assault, murder, and robbery. The majority of the cases are sexual assaults. Through specialized training, the use of vertical prosecution, and improved prosecution procedures, the unit prosecutes violent criminals on the most serious charge(s) and seeks maximum incarceration. The unit also expedites the processing of these cases and provides timely counseling and support services to the victims through the victim-witness counselor.

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IDAHO

***Complex Criminal Investigations
and Prosecution Team***

Project Start Up Date:

1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$169,262

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:

Career Criminal Prosecution

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

Assistance in investigation and prosecution is provided statewide to all local law enforcement agencies.

Program Description:

Each prosecution team comprises one prosecutor and one lead investigator who coordinate with a group of ten investigators located throughout the State to assist local law enforcement with the prosecution of difficult cases. Emphasis is in the field of medical health care provider fraud, public corruption, insurance fraud, racketeering, and money laundering. Members of the investigative pool, working in conjunction with the local law enforcement agencies, develop the cases. Prosecution is then handled by the Complex Criminal Investigations and Prosecution Team, who also work with the local prosecutor, when possible, to bring these criminals to justice.

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ILLINOIS***Cook County Nuisance Abatement Program*****Project Start Up Date:**

1990

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$800,580

Bureau of Justice Assistance; Cook County

Purpose Area:

Urban Enforcement and Prosecution of Street Drug Sales

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The program targets apartment buildings, homes, and businesses in Cook County that represent a drug nuisance. The unit has responded to more than 5,150 complaints and completed nearly 2,210 abatements since the inception of the program.

Program Description:

The goal of the program is the elimination of drug trafficking and drug-related crime in neighborhoods through the abatement of drug houses and outlets for drug paraphernalia. The Narcotics Nuisance Abatement Unit (NNAU) works closely with neighborhood groups, local police, various government agencies, and private citizens to identify drug houses and sellers of drug paraphernalia. The following strategies are employed: voluntary abatement, prosecutorial abatement, and community outreach. Complaints, tips, and other information are received via hotline, and felony drug cases that involve seizures from buildings and homes are also referred to the Unit. Unit activity focuses on addresses that have been the site of narcotics seizures or arrests in the previous six to twelve months. Once it is determined that abatement action is warranted, the Unit's first course of action is to effect a voluntary abatement of the nuisance by contacting the property owner to evict the tenant from the premises. Most of the cases handled by the Unit are voluntary abatements. If the owner refuses to cooperate or is involved in narcotics activity, the case may be referred to other units within the State Attorney's Office or the local narcotics task force; to another government agency such as the building or zoning commission, water department, or the Federal or State Environmental Protection Agency for inspection; or to the Grand Jury for investigation. Additionally, the Unit may file formal abatement action and charge the owner or agent with a Class 4 felony of knowingly maintaining a narcotic nuisance. Following a voluntary abatement or successful prosecution, Unit staff along with local police and community groups monitor the targeted premises to ensure the nuisance has been permanently abated.

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Homicide/Violent Crime Strike Force

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$479,760
Bureau of Justice Assistance; State General Revenue Funds

Purpose Area:

Innovative Programs

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The program serves 512,090 residents in St. Clair and Madison Counties.

Program Description:

The primary goal of the program is to increase the number of solved investigations of drug-related homicides and violent crimes in Madison and St. Clair Counties. The Strike Force, a cooperative effort between the Illinois State Police, Illinois Attorney General's Office, and local police and prosecutors, concentrates on older, unsolved homicides. The City of East St. Louis, located in St. Clair County, is one of the most violent cities in the nation, with more than one homicide per 1,000 people. It traditionally has had a very low clearance rate due to lack of resources to hire and train specialized officers to investigate and prosecute these cases. The Strike Force consists of five special agents, one investigator, and two attorneys under the auspices of the Illinois State Police and the Illinois Attorney General. Local police officers and Assistant State's Attorneys participate in the investigation and prosecution of cases.

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INDIANA

Prosecutors Management Support System (PMSS): Juvenile and Gang Case Tracking Module

Project Start Up Date:
1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$223,736
Bureau of Justice Assistance; matching State funds

Purpose Area:

Improve Drug Control Technology

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The program serves local prosecutors in 55 counties and maintains a database containing 100,000 criminal offenders from the past five years.

Program Description:

The Prosecutors Management Support System (PMSS) is a computerized case management system developed for the local prosecutors' offices in Indiana. Currently, there are 55 counties using PMSS. Offender and criminal history information is collected from the counties by the main computer at the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council (IPAC) office. The overall goal of the Juvenile and Gang Case Tracking Module is to provide local counties with the ability to computerize juvenile and gang case information and to utilize this information in

the county. Statistical information can be obtained from the system, and training is provided to all users of the system.

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IOWA

Closed Circuit Televising of Testimony of Children Who Are Victims of Abuse

Project Start Up Date:
1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$38,461
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Iowa Crime Victim Assistance Program

Purpose Area:
Jurors, Witnesses, and Victims of Crime

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program operates statewide; training is targeted at prosecutors and their staffs.

Program Description:
The Closed Circuit Televising of Testimony of Children Who Are Victims of Abuse program involves providing to all counties on an as-needed basis the electronic equipment necessary to comply with an Iowa act relating to criminal trial testimony by minors and certain victims and witnesses of crime. The program also provides training to prosecutors and support staff in order to utilize the

new statute in such a way as to minimize the chance of a successful appeal.

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Youthful Offender Program

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$165,850
Bureau of Justice Assistance; matching State funds

Purpose Area:
Improve the Corrections System

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves approximately 120 juvenile offenders per year, aged 16 to 20, who have been waived into adult court in Polk County.

Program Description:
The Youthful Offender Program was established to provide a sentence alternative to youthful offenders in Polk County who are waived to adult court, thereby diverting them from long-term prison and/or probation sentences. The project provides six months to one year of programming in the areas of substance abuse, attitudinal/behavioral change, pre-employment training, and education designed to reach the offenders at this critical juncture of their lives and steer them from a life of criminal behavior.

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KANSAS***Special Drug Prosecutor -
Crawford County***

Project Start Up Date:
1990

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$31,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Crawford County

Purpose Area:
Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves the 35,434 citizens of Crawford County.

Program Description:
The goal of the Special Drug Prosecutor in Crawford County is to strengthen the drug demand reduction and enforcement efforts by increasing the number of convictions. To strengthen prosecution efforts, the drug prosecutor works with law enforcement officers in the development of cases prior to the court process to ensure that no technical problems occur that could endanger a case. The drug prosecutor is responsible for the prosecution of all drug offenses and related cases for the Crawford County Attorney's Office. The drug prosecutor is available to discuss ongoing cases with other law enforcement agencies in the county, as well as State and Federal agents or officers from other jurisdictions.

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***Special Drug Prosecutor - Geary
County***

Project Start Up Date:
1991

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$47,124
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Geary County Law Enforcement Fund

Purpose Area:
Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves the 29,400 people of Geary County and is aimed at all offenders with charges relating to illegal drugs.

Program Description:
Under this project, a full-time Assistant County Attorney was hired who is responsible to the County Attorney to litigate all aspects of narcotics cases. To enhance communication between law enforcement and the prosecutor and increase the efficiency with which prosecutions are handled, the office of the Assistant County Attorney has been relocated to the Junction City Police Department. Case files and docket control for narcotics cases are managed from the drug prosecutor's office. Decisions regarding strategy, tactics, and plea bargaining are made in consultation with the County Attorney and the law enforcement task force representatives at weekly task force meetings. The Assistant County Attorney maintains statistics regarding the status and dispositions of the

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Special Drug Prosecutor - Leavenworth County

Project Start Up Date:
1990

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$32,378
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Leavenworth County

Purpose Area:
Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program targets drug-related cases filed in the Leavenworth County Attorney's Office or filed in municipal courts and redirected to the Leavenworth County Attorney's Office. The program serves Leavenworth County (population: 65,000).

Program Description:
The Special Drug Prosecutor provides coordination among all local and State law enforcement agencies dealing with drug cases in Leavenworth County including the Leavenworth County Attorney's Office, Leavenworth Police Department, Lansing Police Department, Leavenworth Sheriff's Office, Tonganoxie Police Department, Basehor Police Department, Bonner Springs Police Department, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and other agencies involved in investigating drug activities within the Leavenworth County area. The Special Drug Prosecutor is responsible for prosecuting all drug offenses, reviewing all cases where drug forfeiture

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Special Drug Prosecutor - Shawnee County

Project Start Up Date:
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Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$34,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Shawnee County

Purpose Area:
Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves the 164,800 residents of Shawnee County.

Program Description:
The Special Drug Prosecutor in Shawnee County works in conjunction with the Topeka Police Department's Street Crime Action Team (SCAT), the Narcotics Unit, and the Shawnee County Sheriff Department's Drug Enforcement Unit to maximize the efforts of these units. The efforts of those agencies and their resulting arrests necessitate the existence of a full-time Drug Prosecutor. The Drug Prosecutor is specially trained, possesses hands-on experience in prosecuting drug offenses, and maintains close contact with the law enforcement agencies in the county.

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***Special Drug Prosecutor -
Wyandotte County***

Project Start Up Date:
1989

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$60,156
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Wyandotte County

Purpose Area:
Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program is directed at all drug cases and serves the 161,574 residents of Wyandotte County.

Program Description:
The Drug Enforcement Unit consists of three Assistant District Attorneys. Within the District Attorney's Office, the Drug Prosecution Unit is integrated into the Criminal Department. The unit also serves as a resource for the office's Juvenile Department in juvenile offender cases of drug offenses. The Drug Prosecution Unit works closely with the Vice and Narcotics Unit, Kansas City, Kansas Police Department and with other law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction in Wyandotte County, including the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), the Kansas Highway Patrol, the Edwardsville, Kansas Police Department, the Bonner Springs, Kansas Police Department, the University of Kansas Police Department, and the Wyandotte County Sheriff's Department. The Drug Prosecution Unit also works closely with the forensic analysts at the Bethany Medical Center, the KBI, and the Adult Probation and Community Corrections Departments in Wyandotte County. The prosecutors assigned to the Drug Enforcement Unit are on call 24 hours a day to assist law enforcement officers. In addition,

their duties include reviewing drug cases forwarded to the office by various police agencies with jurisdiction in Wyandotte County to determine if charges should be filed, case preparation, courtroom presentation, handling post-adjudication matters, and obtaining search warrants.

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LOUISIANA

***Street Gang Identification and
Narcotic Reduction Grant
(STING)***

Project Start Up Date:
1991

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$47,411
Bureau of Justice Assistance; City of Baton Rouge

Purpose Area:
Urban Enforcement and Prosecution of Street Drug Sales

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program targets gang members involved in violent street crimes and narcotics trafficking and serves the 385,000 citizens of Baton Rouge.

Program Description:
The objectives of the program are to: monitor street gang activity; compile and disseminate intelligence information in reference to street gangs; target

hardcore gangs and their members in narcotics violations and other criminal acts and, at the same time, discourage followers from continuing in gang activities; assist investigators in identifying involved gang members; aid prosecutors in developing working cases which will lead to convictions under the new street gang involvement law; track the involvement of gangs in narcotics trafficking statewide; and curtail gang activities.

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Street Reduction of Violent Crime

Project Start Up Date:

1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$63,174
Bureau of Justice Assistance; local match

Purpose Area:

Multijurisdictional Task Force

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

Violent offenders and offenses related to drug sales and use are addressed by this program. The program serves the City of Shreveport, Louisiana (population: 372,000).

Program Description:

The Shreveport Police Department is conducting a two-stage violent crime reduction program by identifying drug-related locations that compromise the public's safety or adversely affect surrounding areas, and by targeting the identified locations with intensified enforcement techniques to apprehend violent offenders. The department concentrates additional efforts on recovering stolen property related to drugs; reducing personal attacks, robberies, and carjackings through targeted

enforcement; and performing street corner sweeps to locate and remove illegal weapons. The program's objectives are to (1) provide increased safety to the citizens of Shreveport by reducing criminal activities in the area through intensified enforcement resulting in arrests; (2) prevent crime through fear of apprehension; (3) expose more officers to investigative techniques; (4) remove illegal weapons from the streets; and (5) decrease the number of robberies and violent crimes in targeted areas. The program utilizes over four hundred officers throughout the department, some with extensive training in search and seizure, narcotics investigation, surveillance techniques, and techniques of warrant execution. The department also has available numerous marked and unmarked vehicles and access to legal advice through City Attorney's and District Attorney's Offices.

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Violent Offender Intensive Prosecution

Project Start Up Date:

1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$66,541
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Jefferson Parish

Purpose Area:

Career Criminal Prosecution

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The program addresses violent repeat offenders, and serves the population of Jefferson Parish, approximately 500,000 people.

Program Description:

The program objectives are to (1) incapacitate certain targeted chronic violent offenders; (2) reduce the incidence of trial continuances for these offenders; (3) ensure that the targeted chronic violent offenders do not receive suspended sentences or probation; (4) reduce the average time from arrest to trial for non-grand jury cases from 300 days to 90 days, and for grand jury cases from 153 to 90 days by the end of 1993; (5) ensure that these targeted chronic violent offenders are sentenced to the Department of Corrections; (6) use the Habitual Offender Act in all applicable cases; (7) create a case file on targeted individuals and utilize a special Criminal Intercept Team which will respond immediately to the arrest of a targeted individual on any charge; and (8) target 100 cases per year for the project.

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MARYLAND***Community Anti-Drug Assistance Project*****Project Start Up Date:**

1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$62,984 plus one full-time attorney and two attorneys provided by the Community Law Center Bureau of Justice Assistance; City of Baltimore; State asset forfeiture funds

Purpose Area:

Community and Neighborhood

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

Six areas of Baltimore are targeted for the program including three police districts which are actively involved in community policing. The program affects approximately 725,000 people.

Program Description:

The Community Anti-Drug Assistance Project has successfully coordinated the efforts of and created a partnership between the State Attorney's Office, City Solicitors' Office, Community Law Center, and Baltimore City Police Department to effect change in the basic unit of the community: the neighborhood. Agreements have also been reached with the Office of Housing and Community Development. Additionally, this project complements the police department's shift towards a community policing concept. The project is publishing procedural how-to manuals and training community organizations to handle nuisance abatement cases.

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District Court Screening Unit Volunteer Training Project**Project Start Up Date:**

1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$17,127
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Montgomery County General Fund

Purpose Area:

Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The program serves persons in Montgomery County charged with misdemeanor cases involving drug and alcohol abuse. Volunteers screen 450 to 500 cases per month.

Program Description:

The purpose of this project is to enhance the ability of the Office of the State Attorney for Montgomery County to screen and divert misdemeanor cases involving drug and alcohol abuse when appropriate. The project's goal is to provide volunteers with thorough training in identifying those cases that may be appropriately diverted and to tailor diversion to address underlying drug and alcohol problems. A part-time legal assistant working as a professional trainer provides orientation to volunteers; trains them in the proper handling and assessment of cases, including the identification of underlying drug and alcohol problems; and screens drug possession cases for diversion to a first offender program.

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Diversion Alternative Program

Project Start Up Date:
1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$55,169
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Washington County Commissioners

Purpose Area:

Alternatives to the Corrections System

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The program serves controlled dangerous substance users, nonviolent property crime offenders, and domestic abuse perpetrators in Washington County, whose population is 100,000. Approximately 210 cases are processed by the program each year.

Program Description:

The Diversion Alternative Program diverts cases from prosecution, saving the time and expense of processing cases through the criminal justice system and enabling defendants to seek rehabilitative measures without prosecution. Defendants, defense counsel, and prosecutors agree on a contract that includes a treatment plan specifically designed for the defendant. Treatment is provided by established agencies. The project coordinator interviews prospective clients, schedules assessments and evaluations for the clients, and tracks the client's participation in the programs and/or treatment and his/her compliance with the contract. The coordinator organizes and supervises diversion plans for clients and notifies the State Attorney when the client completes the contract or does not comply with its provisions.

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Drug and Alcohol Diversion Program

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$71,116

Bureau of Justice Assistance; Howard County Police
Forfeiture Fund

Purpose Area:

Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process
Identify and Meet Treatment Needs
Community and Neighborhood

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The target population is the 200,000 people in
Howard County.

Program Description:

The goal of the Howard County Drug and Alcohol
Diversion Program is to reduce criminal caseloads in
the Circuit and District Courts and to identify, for
early intervention through education and treatment,
first offenders who have been charged with
marijuana and alcohol (not DWI) offenses. Eligible
defendants will be screened by Diversion Staff for
referral to an education or treatment program
provided by the Howard County Health Department
and private agencies. Upon referral, the State's
Attorney will remove the case from the criminal
justice process soon after arrest to a STET docket.
Upon successful completion of the program, the case
will no longer be prosecuted, and the defendant's
record will be expunged. The defendant's failure to
complete the program will result in the return of the
case to a criminal docket for prosecution.

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***Felony Drug Defense Division for
Baltimore City*****Project Start Up Date:**

1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$625,565

Bureau of Justice Assistance; State General Fund

Purpose Area:

Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The program targets felony drug offenders and
serves the State of Maryland.

Program Description:

The Felony Drug Defense Division for Baltimore
City is an eight attorney unit which tries felony drug
cases before circuit courts specially dedicated to
drug adjudications. Through specialization, vertical
representation, extensive training, and paralegal
assistance, superior and efficient client
representation has been achieved. Prompt initiation
of this representation, careful monitoring of case-
length intervals, and close interaction with potential
sources of alternative dispositions have alleviated
court delay and jail overcrowding.

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Grants, Research, and Computerization Effort (GRACE)

Project Start Up Date:
1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$42,701
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Baltimore City
General Funds

Purpose Area:
Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves the adjudication process.

Program Description:
GRACE is designed to counter the confusion caused by the enormous impact of the narcotics epidemic upon the adjudication process, by creating the ability to deal more efficiently with the statistical and grant reporting needs of the process. The project will provide a high-capability personal computer and a trained person to operate it. Project goals include centralization and computerization of grant reporting requirements; computerization of statistical collections, reporting, and analysis; and creation of the capacity for new comparisons and analysis of available data. The overall purposes are to prevent the escalating narcotics problem from interfering with efforts to track and counter it, and to provide long-term resources to prevent a foreseeable crisis if the present rate of this escalation continues. GRACE will introduce a relatively inexpensive resource to help prevent the tremendous expense which would be required if the inability to keep up

with the statistical demands created by the narcotics epidemic were to occur. GRACE will be of long-term value to the adjudication process.

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Misdemeanor Offender Alternative Sentencing (DO TIME)

Project Start Up Date:
1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$26,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Wicomico County
Council

Purpose Area:
Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves recreational drug users who are first-time offenders in Wicomico County (population: 75,000). During a twelve month period, 167 cases were screened and 51 were eligible for the DO TIME Program.

Program Description:
The Misdemeanor Offender Alternative Sentencing Program (DO TIME) is a pretrial, diversionary program servicing Wicomico County. The program diverts first-time drug offenders charged with misdemeanor offenses into a structured, one-year program that includes drug treatment, community service, and payment of a program fee to Wicomico

County in exchange for placing the case on the STET docket.

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Pretrial Detainee Diversion Program

Project Start Up Date:
1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$2.3 million
Bureau of Justice Assistance; State General Fund

Purpose Area:
Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process
Improve the Corrections System

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program has served approximately 100
nonviolent offenders with drug problems.

Program Description:
The Pretrial Detainee Diversion Program provides
treatment and a well-planned aftercare component.
To ensure judicial confidence, the treatment is
provided in an intense method, and criminal justice
supervision links offender accountability to judicial
scrutiny. The key to merging treatment with

correctional needs is a valid assessment and
placement into treatment.

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Project Positive Diversion

Project Start Up Date:
1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$33,300
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Anne Arundel County;
State Attorney's Office

Purpose Area:
Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves Anne Arundel County
(population: 450,000).

Program Description:
Project Positive Diversion provides an alternative to
traditional methods of addressing the problem of
drug crimes and crimes influenced by drug use by
offering drug treatment and education to first-time
drug offenders. Under the project, modeled after
other successful programs, a Program Coordinator is
responsible for identifying candidates, referring them
to appropriate treatment facilities, and monitoring
and evaluating the success of the diversionary
efforts. This program links existing community
resources with the courts, the prosecutor's office,
and the police in an effort to provide an alternative
to prosecution and jail, thereby keeping first-time
offenders from engaging in subsequent criminal
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Prosecution - Investigation Initiative

Project Start Up Date:
1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$18,750
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Maryland Network
Against Domestic Violence

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Seven trainers have worked with over 100 police
officers, investigators, and prosecutors in Cecil,
Frederick, and Talbot Counties.

Program Description:
This project is an interagency response to domestic
violence involving law enforcement agencies, the
State Attorneys' Offices, and domestic violence
programs in Cecil, Frederick, and Talbot Counties.
The intent is to prosecute domestic violence
batterers aggressively and coordinate a public
awareness campaign against domestic violence.

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Special Prosecutor in Narcotics Enforcement

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$13,975
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Cecil County
Government General Fund

Purpose Area:
Innovative Programs

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program assists in the preparation of almost all
drug arrests in Cecil County for the Cecil County
Narcotics Task Force. The program serves the
73,000 residents of Cecil County.

Program Description:
This program provides a Special Prosecutor to assist
in the enforcement of Controlled Dangerous
Substance Laws in Cecil County. The Special
Prosecutor works with the Cecil County Joint
Narcotics Task Force, the Sheriff's Department, the
Maryland State Police, and the five municipal police

departments and other agencies charged with enforcing the Controlled Dangerous Substance Laws. The duties of the attorney include criminal prosecution; enhancing investigative techniques and strengthening cases for indictment; reviewing search and seizure warrants, wiretap applications, and bond reviews; assisting in debriefings of defendants; and coordinating forfeitures of monies, automobiles, and property.

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State Drug Prosecution Coordinator

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$97,700
Bureau of Justice Assistance; 24 State Attorneys' Offices

Purpose Area:
Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
This program coordinates drug prosecutions for all 24 Maryland jurisdictions and serves the prosecutors in those jurisdictions.

Program Description:
This program coordinates and enhances prosecution efforts of the various State Attorneys' Offices. The agenda of activities includes: continuing education seminars; regional and statewide group meetings; special multi-day programs; publication of new developments and trends in case prosecution and

management; lending direct assistance in the investigation and prosecution of drug and asset forfeiture cases; statistical information gathering; monitoring proposed legislation and testifying on it when appropriate; and serving as the liaison between Maryland prosecutors and various local, State, and Federal agencies.

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MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts Attorney General's Elderly Protection Project

Project Start Up Date:
1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$90,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Massachusetts Attorney General's Office

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The project trains police patrol officers and supervisors, elder protective service workers, prosecutors, and victim advocates. Thus far, it has trained 500 officers, 65 protective service workers, 829 recruits, and 35 other related professionals per year.

Program Description:

The Project provides multi-disciplinary training designed to promote collaboration among police officers and local elder protective service workers, which enhances police skills in reducing, reporting, and responding to instances of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of older citizens. Training explores the following topics: the demographics of an increasing elder population and its implications for police services; myths and facts about aging; effective communication techniques, including background on the concerns, fears, and vulnerabilities of the elderly; enhanced investigation through detailed report writing and photographs; financial exploitation in its various forms; the elder abuse reporting law and coordination with the protective services system; understanding domestic violence and its applicability to the elderly; mental health issues; police response to missing persons with Alzheimer's Disease; and case studies on elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. This is the only comprehensive, statewide law enforcement training program concerning elder issues in Massachusetts.

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Roxbury Court Family Violence Project**Project Start Up Date:**

1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$165,000

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:

Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The program serves all victims of domestic violence who access the Roxbury District Court program.

Program Description:

This program combines increased advanced training of Assistant District Attorneys and victim witness advocates in domestic violence prosecution; increased communication and coordination of efforts between the District Attorney's Office and the Boston Police Department in domestic violence cases; and community outreach to educate neighborhoods and schools on the issue of domestic violence.

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MICHIGAN***Career Criminal Prosecution*****Project Start Up Date:**

Site dependent

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$900,000

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:

Career Criminal Prosecution

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The program targets cocaine, methamphetamines, and marijuana dealers and traffickers.

Program Description:

This multi-site prosecution program is designed to disrupt foreseeable patterns of serious drug activity by improving the prosecutor's resources and management capabilities. Multi-county grand juries are being used as an effective means by which to indict and prosecute major conspiracy drug offenders. Activities include a separate full-time prosecutorial unit with special screening criteria, police investigative legal assistance and advice, vertical prosecution, and limited or no plea bargaining policies. Grand juries use the underlings of major traffickers to testify against them via plea offers and grants of immunity, and to utilize grand jury subpoena power to obtain otherwise unattainable records of these major traffickers for purposes of prosecution.

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MISSOURI

Drug Abatement Response Team (DART)

Project Start Up Date:
1991

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$440,922
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Jackson County

Purpose Area:
Community and Neighborhood

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program targets narcotics sellers. In its three years of operation, the program has produced over 300 search warrants, over 200 narcotics arrests, and over 100 buy/bust operations resulting in numerous arrests.

Program Description:
The Drug Abatement Response Team (DART) is designed to utilize the expertise and experience of

various government agencies to close down drug houses in Kansas City neighborhoods that comprise the Central Patrol and Metro Patrol divisions of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department. In the three years since DART has been in existence, the project has closed drug houses through evictions and sent notice letters to owners of properties where drug dealing was taking place. DART vacated properties where drug dealing took place and boarded up drug dealing properties. Once all drug houses have been closed, the main objective for DART is to facilitate the conversion of the property from an unlawful, destructive use to a lawful, peaceful use by the community.

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Violent/Drug Crime Prosecutor

Project Start Up Date:
1990

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$37,200
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Newton County
Prosecutor's Office

Purpose Area:
Career Criminal Prosecution

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program targets drug cases and serves the 45,000 residents of Newton County.

Program Description:
The program funds one prosecutor who is responsible for handling 95-98% of court appearances for the Newton County Prosecutor's Office. The prosecutor is responsible for all drug cases in Newton County.

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NEBRASKA

Drug and Violent Crime Prosecution Unit

Project Start Up Date:
1988

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$220,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance; State Legislature

Purpose Area:
Multijurisdictional Task Force
Career Criminal Prosecution

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The prosecutors in the program serve as adjunct prosecutors to all law enforcement officers and prosecutors in Nebraska.

Program Description:
The Drug and Violent Crime Prosecution Unit of the Nebraska Attorney General's Office enhances the direct delivery of local prosecutorial services and assists both local prosecutors and law enforcement agencies in responding to drug activity and violent

crime across the State. The program has three components: supplementing existing prosecutorial resources, facilitating inter-agency cooperation, and training prosecutors and law enforcement officers.

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NEVADA

Career Criminal Prosecutor

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$64,982
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Washoe County

Purpose Area:
Career Criminal Prosecution

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The project serves the 255,000 inhabitants of Washoe County.

Program Description:
Through the Career Criminal Prosecutor, the Washoe County District Attorney's Office has joined with the Northern Nevada Repeat Offender Program (ROP), the Sparks Police Department, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, the DEA, the FBI, and all other major law enforcement agencies in the State to identify, target, arrest, and prosecute career criminals. The Career Criminal Prosecutor is continually in communication with the officers on

the streets implementing the Repeat Offender Program. The officers call the prosecutor for advice on additional investigations; discussions are held to determine whether the quality of a case dictates proceeding with an arrest or waiting until additional evidence is collected. The Career Criminal Prosecutor is called directly for search warrants needed for repeat offender cases. The Career Criminal Prosecutor also conducts meetings with the Second Judicial District Court Judges to explain the Repeat Offender Program and to describe the part the District Attorney's Office and ROP officers play in the efficiency and effectiveness of the project. The Career Criminal Prosecutor is notified when a repeat offender is appearing before the court for a bail determination. The prosecutor attends the bail hearing or calls the judge and informs him of the defendant's criminal history and prior convictions. This is done in an attempt to increase bail set on repeat offenders, and the prosecutor has been very successful in doing this.

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Northern Nevada Repeat Offender Program

Project Start Up Date:
1991

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$64,961
Bureau of Justice Assistance; State forfeiture funds

Purpose Area:

Career Criminal Prosecution

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The program serves the 255,000 residents of Washoe County. Since 1991, the program has targeted 675 repeat offenders, and 181 felony criminals have been arrested.

Program Description:

The Northern Nevada Repeat Offender Program (NNROP) is managed by the Reno Police Department with the participation of the Northern Nevada police agencies, Department of Parole and Probation, and an attorney from the Washoe County District Attorney's Office. NNROP is a proactive program designed to identify, track, arrest, and imprison the most active recidivists in Northern Nevada. The objective of NNROP is to seek the maximum sentence possible for crimes committed by repeat offenders. NNROP has two main functions: a Target Team and an Action Team. The Target Team is responsible for obtaining information on repeat offenders currently active in Northern Nevada. It is the Action Team's responsibility to locate and arrest the targeted suspects.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

Merrimack County Adult Diversion Program

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$110,000

Bureau of Justice Assistance; Merrimack County
Corrections

Purpose Area:

Improve the Corrections System

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

First time, nonviolent felony offenders are served by
the program.

Program Description:

The Merrimack County Adult Diversion Program is a prosecution/law enforcement-controlled, pre-indictment program designed to divert nonviolent offenders from the criminal court docket into a rigorous, comprehensive, community-based rehabilitation program. The program is designed to provide the appropriate offender with a broad insight into his/her educational, vocational, chemical dependence, and social deficits through a comprehensive assessment process. The program then gives the offender a contract that requires him/her to address constructively those deficits during a specified period of time. To assist in this self rehabilitation, the program provides opportunities for treatment, community service, restitution, counseling, and education. The offender's progress towards achieving his/her goal is monitored and supported by an advisory board made up of volunteer community leaders.

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NEW MEXICO

***Career Criminal Prosecution
Program***

Project Start Up Date:

1989

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$95,000

Bureau of Justice Assistance: Metro Narcotics
Agency

Purpose Area:

Innovative Programs

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The program focuses on career criminals and serves
Dona Ana County (population: 140,000).

Program Description:

The purpose of the program is to coordinate resources in the investigation, prosecution, and conviction of mid- to upper-level drug trafficking conspirators and organizations within Dona Ana County. Another purpose of the program is to reduce the number of investigations and the success of prosecutions, and to enhance recovery and forfeiture of assets from criminal activities through forfeiture actions.

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Comprehensive Domestic Violence Intervention Program

Project Start Up Date:
1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$75,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance; State of New Mexico;
Town of Taos

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Approximately 200 domestic violence perpetrators are referred annually by the court into counseling under the program, and approximately 400 perpetrators receive services from other community organizations affiliated with the program each year.

Program Description:
The program is designed to reduce the incidence of domestic violence through court-ordered offender counseling, mandatory arrest policies, no-drop prosecution policies, increased community awareness and education, law enforcement training, and readily available victim counseling.

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11th Judicial District Attorney's Career Criminal Prosecution Program

Project Start Up Date:
1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$50,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance; State of New Mexico

Purpose Area:
Career Criminal Prosecution

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Prosecutors have filed career criminal charges on approximately 120 habitual and repeat offenders annually.

Program Description:
This program provides a special prosecutor who concentrates on prosecuting violent crimes committed by habitual offenders. The prosecutor works under the supervision of the Deputy District Attorney.

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First Judicial District Attorney's Domestic Violence Program

Project Start Up Date:
1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$75,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance; State of New Mexico

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Approximately 75 domestic violence offenders are formally admitted to the program per year to receive counseling. In addition, approximately 250 have received referral assistance and limited counseling under the program.

Program Description:
This pre-prosecution diversion program provides counseling for men and women involved in domestic abuse situations in an effort to modify behavior through anger management techniques. Perpetrators who do not complete the program are prosecuted in court.

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NEW YORK

Enhanced Narcotics Prosecution

Project Start Up Date:
1989

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$17,584,313
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Bronx District Attorney's Office; Monroe County General Revenue; City of New York General Revenue Funds; New York State Career Criminal Grant; Federal Grant to Combat Money Laundering

Purpose Area:
Career Criminal Prosecution

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program is targeted at career criminals in Bronx, Monroe, New York, and Richmond Counties and serves the populations of all four counties.

Program Description:
The Enhanced Narcotics Prosecution Program is funded in four sites. The program goal is to improve public safety and disrupt criminal activity through expeditious prosecution and effective case management. The objectives are to improve or maintain an enhanced level of resources and identify alleged violent and drug crime offenders for priority prosecution, and to increase top count convictions against those charged with violent and felony drug crimes. Federal funds support staff enhancements and project costs associated with the prosecution of narcotics and violent felony cases in Bronx, Monroe, New York, and Richmond Counties. Projects use a system of direct police referral of potential cases to dedicated staff. Intake procedures are used to screen all felony cases and identify priority cases. Projects use policies of vertical prosecution and limited plea bargaining. Caseload assignments are reduced to allow for an intensive and focused prosecution effort.

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Erie Prosecutor Task Force

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$319,283
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Multijurisdictional Task Force

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Street level and major narcotics violators are served by the program.

Program Description:
The Erie Prosecutor Task Force is a cooperative investigation and prosecution effort which involves Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies. Investigation strategies are developed, and cases are guided by technical assistance and counseling provided by staff of the District Attorney's Office.

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Family Violence Prosecution

Project Start Up Date:
1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$155,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Richmond District Attorney's Office

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The project area served is Richmond County with a population of 400,000.

Program Description:
The objective of the program is to address effectively through prosecution the problem of domestic violence. The program will coordinate community-based outreach and education programs that target victims of family violence and encourage their participation in the criminal justice system.

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Kings Prosecutor Task Force

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$676,860
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Multijurisdictional Task Force

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program targets drug gangs.

Program Description:

The program seeks to disrupt drug gang trafficking and street operations by breaking their ties to larger organizations. Community-based trial teams interface with the Major Narcotics Investigations Bureau, which works with various enforcement groups and participates in intelligence gathering and undercover surveillance.

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***New York County District
Attorney Domestic
Violence/Elder Abuse Program***

Project Start Up Date:
1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$471,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Married women and senior citizens in New York County are served by this program.

Program Description:

The program is designed to enhance the response of the criminal justice system to the growing problems of domestic violence through community outreach, education, and prosecution of such cases by the Manhattan District Attorney's Harlem Office.

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Queens Prosecutor Task Force

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$422,700
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Multijurisdictional Task Force

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
This program targets mid-level dealers and street distributors.

Program Description:

The project leads investigations that focus on the movement of large quantities of drugs that are shipped into the John F. Kennedy International Airport and moved into public housing projects.

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Suffolk Prosecutor Task Force

Project Start Up Date:
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Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$319,283
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Multijurisdictional Task Force

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program targets mid-level drug traffickers and street distributors.

Program Description:
The program, which is associated with the Long Island Regional Crack/Cocaine Initiative, coordinates investigations within the eastern towns of Suffolk County.

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Westchester Prosecutor Task Force

Project Start Up Date:
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Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$319,283
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Multijurisdictional Task Force

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program targets drug gang networks, violent drug criminals, and public housing drug offenders.

Program Description:
The program coordinates and promotes information sharing among major agencies, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Drug Enforcement Agency Task Force, State Police, COMBAT, and Metro-North Police Department (transit). Regular meetings are held to review cases and investigations.

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NORTH CAROLINA

Repeat Offender Program

Project Start Up Date:
1991

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$67,796
Bureau of Justice Assistance; City of Fayetteville

Purpose Area:
Career Criminal Prosecution

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program targets approximately 47 habitual and career offenders per year.

Program Description:
The goal of this program is to target repeat offenders by focusing efforts on identification,

apprehension, and prosecution of repeat offenders. The Fayetteville Police Department, the District Attorney's Office, Probation, the County Sheriff's Office, and the Parole Commission are involved in this program.

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Violent Career Criminal Task Force (VCCTF)

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$1,463,151
Bureau of Justice Assistance; North Carolina legislature

Purpose Area:
Career Criminal Prosecution

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program has targeted 500 repeat violent offenders.

Program Description:
The goal of this program is to improve public safety by disrupting the criminal activity of high-rate, violent offenders. Funds are provided for agencies to develop projects that create a separate unit within the prosecutor's office. This unit comprises full-time support staff. Funds are used to establish or improve the investigation and prosecution of persons arrested on felony charges. The State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), as part of the program, operates a targeting force in each of the three Federal Judicial Districts in the State to arrest and jail violent career criminals using Federal firearms statutes.

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Violent Crime Prosecution

Project Start Up Date:
1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$82,880
Bureau of Justice Assistance; North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts

Purpose Area:
Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves the entire population of North Carolina and is targeted at violent offenders.

Program Description:
The goal of the program is to develop prosecution systems and strategies within each prosecutorial district that target high rate violent criminals, disrupt their activity, and prosecute them for longer sentences. The program organizes, analyzes, and coordinates information among the 37 prosecutorial districts by dividing them into three regions. The prosecution methods that covers topics such as trial

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**NORTHERN MARIANA
ISLANDS**

***Domestic Abuse Task Force
(DATF)***

Project Start Up Date:

1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$50,000

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:

Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The program targets victims of domestic violence and is expected to serve 300 victims annually.

Program Description:

The Domestic Abuse Task Force (DATF) is a new program designed to provide a centralized, coordinated, multi-disciplinary response to domestic violence, with emphasis on victim safety and prevention of further and more serious violence or injury to women and other family members. The Task Force is composed of a prosecutor, a victim advocate, a police officer, and a social worker. The advocate works full-time with the prosecutor, who

is also the Task Force leader. Operating on a Memorandum of Understanding, each Task Force member performs certain activities to provide services to victims of domestic violence.

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OHIO

Greene County Team

Project Start Up Date:

1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$52,412

Bureau of Justice Assistance; Greene County

Purpose Area:

Jurors, Witnesses, and Victims of Crime

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The program provides investigative services for approximately 135 sexually assaulted children and their parents each year in Greene County.

Program Description:

The program's objectives are to increase the number of victims of crime receiving assistance and to develop an integrated community system of victim

assistance through increased coordination and communication among appropriate agencies, organizations, and groups providing services. This project, comprising one law enforcement officer assigned full-time to the project, one victim/witness advocate, and one representative from children's services, investigates all charges of child sexual assault and endangerment in Greene County. Each team member is highly trained and skilled in interviewing both children and adults.

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Prosecutors Management Support System (PMSS)

Project Start Up Date:
1990

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$699,817
Bureau of Justice Assistance; State prosecutors' offices

Purpose Area:
Criminal and Justice Information Systems

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves prosecutors' offices statewide.

Program Description:
Under the program, a software case management program is written specifically for the prosecutors' offices in Ohio, and each office is assisted in the purchase of hardware to run the software program.

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OKLAHOMA

District Attorney's Task Force on Crimes Against Children (DATF)

Project Start Up Date:
1986

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$106,723
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Tulsa County; donations from the Junior League of Tulsa; volunteer students from Tulsa University Law School

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
All children in the Tulsa County area who are victims of child abuse or neglect, approximately 347 per year, are served.

Program Description:
The objective of the Tulsa County District Attorney's Task Force is to combat child abuse and neglect for as many children as possible in Tulsa County. This program focuses on securing intergovernmental cooperation and exchange of information in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect, with referrals to and assistance from treatment and other case providers.

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OREGON

Gang Prosecution Unit

Project Start Up Date:
1988

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$234,935
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Multnomah County

Purpose Area:
White Collar and Organized Crime, Corruption and
Fraud

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program targets gang members and processed
493 criminal cases in 1993.

Program Description:
Three attorneys work with specialized gang details
in the Portland Police Department and the Oregon
State Police Department, as well as with a special
investigator. The attorneys also work with the
Youth Gang Task Force to prosecute cases. The
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PENNSYLVANIA

Allegheny County Enhanced Child Abuse Prosecution Project (ECAP)

Project Start Up Date:
1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$60,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Child abuse victims in Allegheny County are served
by the program.

Program Description:
The Enhanced Child Abuse Prosecution Program is
a collaborative effort among the District Attorney's

Office and major local agencies to enhance the prosecution of child abuse cases and reduce the effects of victimization. Three Assistant District Attorneys in the Crime Persons Unit prosecute only child abuse cases. As a result, Assistant District Attorneys are available to investigators to conduct joint interviews of child abuse victims, regularly attend preliminary hearings, consult with victims and their families, and consult with agencies providing services to the victim.

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***Berks County Child Abuse
Prosecution Unit***

Project Start Up Date:
1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$91,600
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Child abuse victims and offenders in Berks County are served by the program.

Program Description:

The Berks County Child Abuse Unit comprises two investigators specially trained in child abuse, a crime victim coordinator, and an Assistant District Attorney who specializes in child abuse cases. The project's objectives are to increase arrests and convictions of child abusers through a comprehensive approach to prosecution; guarantee the 24-hour availability of trained investigators to

respond to emergencies; interview children properly and promptly; ensure that families and victims are informed of case progress; track incoming child abuse complaints through investigation, prosecution, settlement and outcome; disseminate all relevant child abuse information to county police units; work with police units to develop child abuse recognition skills and investigative abilities; act as a liaison and coordinator for families, medical and school personnel, and social service providers to assure the well-being of the victim; and provide court orientations for child victims and their families.

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***Butler County Child Abuse
Prosecution***

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$45,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Child abuse victims and offenders are served by the program.

Program Description:

The Butler County Child Abuse Prosecution project is operated through the District Attorney's Office. The project hires a child abuse prosecutor whose responsibilities include (1) developing guidelines

and protocols for interviewing child victims of sexual exploitation and physical or mental abuse; (2) coordinating the efforts of existing agencies involved in child abuse cases; (3) establishing guidelines and protocols for health care professionals who come into contact with victims of child abuse; (4) developing policies and procedures to be used by the District Attorney's Office as guidelines for the recommendation of bail and other conditions to be imposed upon child abusers; (5) participating in the investigation of suspected child abuse cases which occur in the county; (6) developing educational programs for children in an effort to prevent abuse and re-abuse; and (7) creating a team to review all child deaths throughout the county.

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Chester County Child Abuse Prosecution

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$63,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Child abuse victims and offenders are served by the program.

Program Description:
The Chester County Child Abuse Unit addresses problems in investigation, prosecution, and support services in the county. The project's goals include

increasing successful prosecutions, reducing emotional trauma to child victims, developing countywide standards for handling reports, and creating a proper atmosphere for child victims to be interviewed and prepared for court.

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Child Abuse Prosecution Project

Project Start Up Date:
1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$47,828
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Child abusers in Venango County are served by this program.

Program Description:
The District Attorney's Office employs an Assistant District Attorney on a part-time basis to prosecute only child abuse cases, develop written policies and procedures for handling child abuse cases, and determine a standard method for collecting evidence. This project trains law enforcement officers to increase their skills in investigating incidents of child abuse and improve their interviewing techniques.

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Children's Champions Program

Project Start Up Date:

1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$42,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Wayne County

Purpose Area:

Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

Victims of child abuse are served by the program.

Program Description:

The program aids in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases. The Assistant District Attorney and Victim/Witness Coordinator attend all court proceedings. More extensive victim services allow for numerous contacts among the Assistant District Attorney, the Victim/Witness Coordinator, victims, and witnesses. These contacts often occur at the homes of the victims when they are unable to travel to the courthouse. This program also includes a Child Death Review Team and a Multi-Disciplinary Team.

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Combatting Drug Gang Activities

Project Start Up Date:

1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$800,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Pennsylvania Office of
Attorney General

Purpose Area:

Operational Effectiveness of Law Enforcement

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The project targets gangs involved in drug activity.

Program Description:

The Office of the Attorney General has established a unit of prosecutors and agents who are responsible for targeting drug gang activity within its Drug Law Division. The activities of the unit focus on intelligence gathering, investigation, prosecution, training, and coordination with local and State law enforcement agencies. A Chief Deputy Attorney General supervises the activities of the investigators, clerical personnel, and assigned Deputy Attorneys General. The supervisory attorney also facilitates contact with the members of the intelligence unit already in place at the Pennsylvania State Police Headquarters in Harrisburg. The unit's lawyers provide input as to the direction of cases; handle legal issues such as obtaining evidence by means of electronic surveillance; and guide cases through the statewide investigating grand jury. Once the case culminates in completion of arrest warrants, the unit's lawyers handle prosecution for the Commonwealth.

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Criminal Justice Training

Project Start Up Date:
1991

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$350,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance; District Attorneys
Institute

Purpose Area:
Innovative Programs

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The project has trained 1,473 criminal justice system personnel in Pennsylvania including juvenile police, probation, and detention facility personnel, county prosecutors, police officers who deal with child abuse investigations, adult probation, parole, corrections, and victim services personnel.

Program Description:
The program provides training projects that meet identified needs of justice system personnel. Specific training projects are contracted to selected government agencies deemed capable of providing the quality and level of course content necessary for the program. In those instances when governmental training resources are unable to meet a need, the project identifies and contracts an appropriate non-public training provider.

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Delaware County Child Abuse Prosecution: Multi-Victim Child/Suspect Child Sexual Abuse Investigations

Project Start Up Date:
1984

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$65,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Child abuse victims and offenders are served by the program.

Program Description:
Through the Child Abuse Unit of the Delaware County District Attorney's Office, a Deputy District Attorney reviews all search warrants and criminal complaints resulting from child abuse investigations by the Criminal Investigation Division. Vertical prosecution is provided by an Assistant District Attorney who handles the case throughout the court proceedings. The Deputy District Attorney is available to municipal police for legal counsel in child abuse cases 24 hours a day. The Unit funds a county detective who investigates multi-victim and multi-offender child sexual exploitation cases on a proactive basis. The detective makes contacts, interviews victims, and implements community educational programs.

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Domestic Violence Response Team (DART)

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$42,289
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Victims of domestic violence are served by this program.

Program Description:
Operated through the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, the Domestic Violence Response Team (DART) provides a centralized, coordinated, multi-disciplinary response to domestic violence. It emphasizes victim safety and prevents further and more serious violence or injury to children. The project's goals include contacting victims of domestic violence within 24 hours of arrest; offering multi-service coordinated intervention; prosecuting abusers promptly; using vertical prosecution; seeking appropriate sentences and/or treatment for abusers; and implementing intensive case management.

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Enhanced Court School

Project Start Up Date:
1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$37,480
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Jurors, Witnesses, and Victims of Crime

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Child abuse victims in Allegheny County are served by this program.

Program Description:
This project enhances and expands the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office Court School Program. A victim/witness coordinator identifies cases as soon after charging as possible and prior to the preliminary hearing by conducting "Court School I" Juvenile Court School Programs. Other activities include notification to parents about the child's rights and responsibilities as a victim/witness, coordination of any special needs such as transportation, and making referrals to other service agencies.

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Erie County Child Abuse Prosecution and Investigation Unit

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$64,500
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Child abuse victims and offenders are served by this program.

Program Description:
Erie County's Child Abuse Unit is composed of an Assistant District Attorney and a child abuse coordinator. The Assistant District Attorney serves as a child abuse prosecution specialist. The child abuse coordinator organizes, develops, and implements a comprehensive child abuse investigation/prosecution program. The unit develops countywide child abuse investigation/prosecution policy; provides immediate telephone notification procedures for child service agencies, schools, medical facilities, and other community organizations to the police and the Office of the District Attorney regarding all sexual abuse cases and cases of physical injury; serves as a liaison among the Office of the District Attorney, police, child service agencies, and the community; trains child abuse specialists in small police departments; and coordinates available victim and children's agency services.

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Home Security Program

Project Start Up Date:
1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$32,272
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Jurors, Witnesses, and Victims of Crime

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves all of South Philadelphia.

Program Description:
This project provides security and social services to support families and individuals who are at risk of violence in their homes and communities. Key project activities include targeting certain at-risk individuals and working with the District Attorney's Office, police departments, and community groups.

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Lackawanna County Child Abuse Task Force Expansion and Reinforcement

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$59,817
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Child abuse victims and perpetrators are served by the program.

Program Description:
This project provides a full-time child abuse prosecutor and transportation for the child abuse task force. The project objective is to increase the clearance rate of reported child abuse cases and to prosecute successfully those charged with the crime.

The full-time Assistant District Attorney for child abuse responds on a 24-hour basis to the crime scene to assist police, provide legal assistance to investigators, work with agencies dealing with children and youth, and prosecute cases. By assisting with victim interviews, the prosecutor establishes a rapport with the victim immediately, reducing victim trauma and enhancing the victim's ability to participate in the case.

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***Lancaster Child Abuse
Prosecution Unit***

Project Start Up Date:

1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$126,390
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:

Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The program serves Lancaster County.

Program Description:

The Lancaster County Child Abuse Prosecution Unit includes an Assistant District Attorney who oversees the criminal investigations of referred child abuse cases and decides whether to press charges and which charges to confer. The Assistant District Attorney handles all child abuse prosecutions from the preliminary stage to the final sentencing. A County detective coordinates law enforcement efforts, provides assistance to local police departments in child investigations, and if necessary,

takes over the investigation. A paralegal/coordinator assists the Assistant District Attorney and investigator in the preparation of child abuse cases. In addition to this, the paralegal/coordinator schedules and handles the unit's administrative functions and coordinates unit activities with community service agencies.

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***Lehigh County Child Abuse
Prosecution: Sexual
Offenders/Domestic Violence
Unit***

Project Start Up Date:

1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$32,922
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:

Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The program serves child abuse victims and offenders.

Program Description:

The Sexual Offenders/Domestic Violence Unit is devoted to the prosecution of child abuse cases. The Unit consists of two District Attorneys and a child abuse investigator. This investigator is responsible for countywide investigations of suspected child abuse. The prosecutor and investigator work as a team to complete investigations in a more timely manner. The team works closely with local police departments and agencies to form a network of

professionals dedicated to meeting the special needs of child abuse victims and their families.

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Philadelphia CHILDSAF

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$107,260
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves child abuse victims and offenders.

Program Description:
The goal of the program is to prosecute the abuser successfully while providing support to the child victim. Program components include a multi-disciplinary approach in which a prosecutor from the Child Abuse Unit and a social worker from the Support Center for Child Advocates work together to identify and follow through on cases; vertical prosecution which is especially useful for serious child abuse cases because of the victim's heightened need for consistency; and pre- and post-conviction services which allow the social worker on the CHILDSAF team to make referrals to outside agencies, provide limited counseling, and follow-up after prosecution.

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Public Nuisance Task Force

Project Start Up Date:
1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$200,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Philadelphia District
Attorney's Office

Purpose Area:
Urban Enforcement and Prosecution of Street Drug
Sales

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program targets drug nuisances, crack houses, stores, and bars. It serves the City of Philadelphia.

Program Description:
The Public Nuisance Task Force consists of city and State law enforcement officials and private volunteer attorneys working with community organizations. The unit has been successful in using litigation to close and/or negotiate settlements with many nuisance bars in Philadelphia. The overall goal of the program is to provide the legal support required to reclaim neighborhoods from undesirable elements by forcing the owners of drug- and alcohol-related nuisances to eliminate these activities. This is accomplished by bringing the property into compliance by threatening closure, loss of licenses, or other equitable remedies. The program teaches residents and community groups safe and effective methods to police and monitor their neighborhoods; uses a computerized data bank to streamline and update data collection regarding the nuisance properties; enhances cooperation and communication between law enforcement agencies and community groups; identifies, communicates with, and secures court testimony of police and neighborhood witnesses on specific nuisance investigations; and negotiates with property owners to eliminate

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Schuylkill County Court School Project

Project Start Up Date:
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Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$6,250
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Jurors, Witnesses, and Victims of Crime

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Child victims of sexual assault in Schuylkill County are served by this program.

Program Description:
The objective of the project is to assist child victims and their families in developing an understanding of the court process, their roles in the process, and the roles of various system personnel. The Court School meets every other month with groups of six to eight children.

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Somerset County Child Abuse Prosecution

Project Start Up Date:
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Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$26,576
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Child abuse victims and offenders are served by this program.

Program Description:
An Assistant District Attorney at the Somerset District Attorney's Office handles the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases. The Assistant D.A. is trained in the dynamics of child abuse and in effective investigation and prosecution practices. The project's goals are to investigate and dispose of child sexual and/or physical abuse cases in a timely, thorough, and consistent manner, and to involve and assist the victim's family during the investigation and court proceedings.

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***York County Child Abuse
Prosecution***

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$69,251
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Child abuse victims and offenders are served by this program.

Program Description:
The Child Abuse Unit serves the special needs of child victims. The project assists the child victim as the case moves through the system. The unit works closely with agencies to ensure that the child and family receive appropriate counseling. The goal of this project is to expand the established unit, particularly in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases. The unit presently consists of a child abuse enforcement coordinator and a prosecutor. The expansion would create the positions of Child Abuse Investigator and Child Abuse Paralegal, which would increase offender arrests and convictions.

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PUERTO RICO***Enhancement of the Child Abuse
Division***

Project Start Up Date:
1990

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$152,330
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Puerto Rico Funds

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The project serves 3,500,000 people in Puerto Rico.

Program Description:
The program's goals are to investigate and process child abuse complaints at family and institutional levels, where investigation results in probable cause, and to file and process child abuse cases. These goals were accomplished by appointing two Assistant District Attorneys, one investigating agent, one legal stenographer, and one administrative secretary to the Child Abuse Division.

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***Prosecution Management Support
System - Phase II -
Implementation***

Project Start Up Date:
1991

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$600,000-700,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance; State funds

Purpose Area:
Criminal and Justice Information Systems

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves prosecutors in Puerto Rico.

Program Description:

In Phase I of the project, a conceptual design of the management information system to modernize the Office of Criminal Investigation and Prosecution in the Department of Justice was created. The conceptual design was used in Stage II as the basis for developing a prototype of the system. This prototype was developed in close coordination with users to determine the specific requirements of the system, to establish operating specifications, and to ensure that the system satisfies the operational requirements of the Office of Criminal Investigation and Prosecution.

Program Submitted By:
Puerto Rico Department of Justice

RHODE ISLAND

***Attorney General's Narcotics
Strike Force***

Project Start Up Date:
1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$350,980
Bureau of Justice Assistance; State funds

Purpose Area:
Multijurisdictional Task Force

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves the State of Rhode Island.

Program Description:

The Strike Force is a coordinated, comprehensive law enforcement initiative to combat the drug problem in the State. The Strike Force initiates many investigations on its own with multijurisdictional impact. The program's major objectives are to increase the level of distributors targeted by the Strike Force; to increase the number of heroin arrests; to increase participation by local police jurisdictions; and to increase police presence in housing projects scattered throughout the State. The Attorney General's Narcotics Strike Force is an established program with an organizational structure and lines of communication with State, local, and Federal officials in place. The Strike Force management believes that activities necessary to accomplish the force's goals are dependent on the quantity and quality of information available to the Strike Force. Both 1993 and the first half of 1994 have been very successful years for Strike Force

operations. Specifically, arrests are at an all-time high and significant inroads have been made in major heroin trafficking operations.

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SOUTH CAROLINA

Criminal Drug Organization - State Grand Jury

Project Start Up Date:
1989

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$930,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance; South Carolina
Attorney General's Office

Purpose Area:
BJA Discretionary Grant

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The statewide program indicts 570 individuals for
drug trafficking per year.

Program Description:
The goal of the State Grand Jury's Criminal Drug
Organization is to increase multijurisdictional
cooperation in order to eliminate sanctuaries for
violent criminals and illicit drug operatives. The
State Grand Jury's Criminal Drug Organization
Project investigates and prosecutes large drug
trafficking organizations operating throughout the
State. The project has five full-time prosecutors,
enabling the project to conduct increasingly complex
investigations and prosecutions statewide. This

program allows the investigative and prosecutorial
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directly and integrally with each other to combat
illicit drug activity at the higher levels.

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Improving Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process Through the Differentiated Case Management (DCM) Program

Project Start Up Date:
1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$570,083
Bureau of Justice Assistance; York County; State
Statutory Scheme Pursuant to Defense of Indigents
Fund (fines from Magistrate's Court)

Purpose Area:
Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Initially, the program targeted only drug and drug-
related cases for disposition under the differentiated
case management system. The program will be

expanded to include additional types of cases in the future. The program serves the 131,000 residents of York County.

Program Description:

The purpose of the Differentiated Case Management (DCM) system is to implement a more efficient method of disposing and docketing cases by using a tracking system to monitor the progress of each case through the judicial process. Cases are screened as soon as possible. The strength and complexity of the case is determined by an experienced prosecutor, who assigns it to the proper prosecution "track." Each track consists of stages that are designed for quick resolutions. Swift representation of the defendants after arrest, deadlines for release of discovery material and plea negotiations, pre-trial conferences, and scheduling of hearings for legal motions are several of the matters addressed during these stages. The most important emphasis in a case-differentiated docket system is on deadlines, which encourage more pleas.

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TENNESSEE

Metropolitan Davidson County Special Prosecution Unit on Domestic Violence

Project Start Up Date:

1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:

\$46,000

Bureau of Justice Assistance; City of Nashville;
Victims of Crime Act funds

Purpose Area:

Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:

The program serves Metropolitan Davidson County (population: 510,784). Approximately 4,500 victims and perpetrators of domestic violence are processed by the program annually.

Program Description:

The Metropolitan Davidson County Special Prosecution Unit on Domestic Violence is a program developed by the District Attorney General of the 20th Judicial District in Nashville, Tennessee. The program consists of a vertical prosecution unit with specially trained attorneys who handle all felony domestic violence cases. The unit works closely with the Family Violence Police Unit, the Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence, victim/witness advocates, and community and court agencies that serve the victims of domestic violence and their batterers. A coordinated, continuous relationship exists between the Victim Intervention Program and the Special Prosecution Unit on Domestic Violence. Shelter advocates are notified of court proceedings involving victims receiving shelter services. The victim advocates in the Special Prosecution Unit on Domestic Violence also work closely with the Peace Program and other batterers' programs.

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UTAH

Child Abuse Prosecution

Project Start Up Date:
1990

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$384,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance; State agencies

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
This program serves prosecutors and investigators requiring technical support with child abuse cases.

Program Description:
The Child Abuse Prosecution Unit operates out of the Utah Attorney General's Office and responds to the problems of physical and sexual child abuse. The Child Abuse Unit supports a multi-disciplinary approach to child abuse cases, encouraging the Division of Family Services, law enforcement, and prosecutors to work together and share information. The Child Abuse Unit also provides training statewide and has assumed a leadership role in proposing and lobbying for legislative changes to child abuse laws. Unit personnel provide assistance to prosecutors and investigators who need technical assistance, advice, or consultation. The unit also assumes the prosecution and/or investigation function when requested by the County Attorney. Other responsibilities include reviewing and

responding to complaints referred to the Attorney General's Office regarding inadequate investigative or prosecutorial efforts in child abuse cases, and maintaining up-to-date training on all developments in the area of child abuse investigation and prosecution, with the goal of being a resource for others involved in the prosecution of these cases.

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Drug Diversion Program - Davis County

Project Start Up Date:
1993

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$15,626
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Davis County

Purpose Area:
Identify and Meet Treatment Needs

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program targets first-time drug offenders and serves 89 clients per year.

Program Description:
This is a model program established through the Davis County Attorney's Office. Services are rendered to clients in a variety of settings, dependent on the offense charged and the seriousness of the addiction. The treatment program is developed after the initial assessment of the problem, ranging from six months of group treatment for marijuana use to 18-24 months of group and individual treatment for more serious addictions. Urine tests are conducted on a random basis at least twice a month for the term of the diversion, which usually ranges from six to 24 months.

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Drug Diversion Program - Weber County

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$28,651
Bureau of Justice Assistance; Weber County

Purpose Area:
Identify and Meet Treatment Needs

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program targets first-time drug offenders and serves 54 clients per year.

Program Description:
This is a model program established through the Weber County Attorney's Office. Services are rendered to clients in a variety of settings, dependent on the offense charged and the seriousness of the addiction. The treatment program is developed after the initial assessment of the problem, ranging from six months of group treatment for marijuana use to 18-24 months of group and individual treatment for more serious addictions. Urine tests are conducted on a random basis at least twice a month for the term of the diversion, which usually ranges from six to 24 months.

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VERMONT

Career Criminal Prosecution Program: Chittenden County

Project Start Up Date:
1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$50,000
The Bureau of Justice Assistance; State General Revenue

Purpose Area:
Career Criminal Prosecution

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves recidivists with felony convictions and suspected career criminals. The project serves the 138,000 residents of Chittenden County.

Program Description:
This program provides a specialized, integrated prosecution effort directed at career criminals. One deputy prosecutor is committed to prosecuting and convicting recidivist offenders and deterring others from recidivism. The responsibilities of the prosecutor include: developing criteria for the identification of career criminals; developing consistent sentencing options for career criminals;

prosecuting persons classified as career criminals or supervising the prosecution of career criminals by other prosecutors in the office; acting as a liaison between the State Attorney's Office and a new Chittenden County task force being developed to deal with career criminals and multijurisdictional cases; developing a pro-active strategy with the county task force focusing on career criminals who have been released into the community; and participating as Chittenden County's law enforcement representative in the efforts of State Attorney's and Sheriff's Departments to amend Vermont's Habitual Offender Statute in the Vermont Legislature.

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Child Protection Unit

Project Start Up Date:
1989

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$180,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Domestic and Family Violence

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program serves abused children.

Program Description:
The Child Protection Unit of the Attorney General's Office promotes the effective prevention of child abuse, with particular emphasis on child sexual abuse; improves the timely and effective prosecution of child abuse perpetrators in cases involving multiple jurisdictions and/or multiple victims, conflicts of interest, or a particular difficulty; and

promotes improved handling of abuse cases by criminal justice and social services agencies statewide by utilizing the multi-disciplinary approach to these cases. The Unit comprises the Chief of the Attorney General's Criminal Division, an assigned Assistant Attorney General, a designated investigator in the Attorney General's Office, an assigned part-time Assistant Attorney General, and a victim advocate.

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VIRGIN ISLANDS

Complex Criminal Investigation: Prosecution Assistance Grant II

Project Start Up Date:
1990

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$237,855
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
White Collar and Organized Crime, Corruption and Fraud

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program is territory-wide (population: 100,000).

Program Description:
The Department of Justice enhances its ability to investigate and prosecute white collar crimes through this program. The project supports the

department's staff in their efforts through the purchase of equipment and training.

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Prosecution Management Support System II

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$261,432
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Criminal and Justice Information Systems

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program is territory-wide (population: 100,000).

Program Description:
The Virgin Islands Department of Justice enhanced its ability to prosecute and handle appeals of the most serious felony violations under the Virgin Islands Code. This project supports the department's attorneys in their efforts to enhance the automated case tracking system further, provides improvements to the law library, and provides prosecutorial input and legal advice at the early stages of major crime investigations.

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WASHINGTON

High Impact Offender Program

Project Start Up Date:
1990

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$171,431
The Bureau of Justice Assistance; City of Seattle

Purpose Area:
Career Criminal Prosecution

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The program is aimed at career criminals in Seattle and prosecutes 525 offenders per year.

Program Description:
This program consists of a specialized prosecution unit which disrupts narcotics trafficking by identifying and aggressively prosecuting misdemeanors committed by habitual criminals who have a connection to illegal drug activity. The High Impact Offender Project applies a drug-related habitual offender profile and maintains direct contact with police to determine recent drug-related activities for suspects in order to focus resources more effectively on those individuals responsible for a disproportionate number of the area's crimes. With this program, six-month to one-year sentences are not infrequent for individuals who otherwise would have received only days or weeks of jail time and would almost certainly have committed additional crimes while awaiting sentencing or confinement.

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WEST VIRGINIA

Statewide Prosecution Coordination Program

Project Start Up Date:
1992

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$100,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance; West Virginia
Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Purpose Area:
Operational Effectiveness of the Court Process

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
The entire State of West Virginia, which includes 55 counties and a total population of approximately 1.8 million, is served by the program. Training is provided to prosecutors throughout West Virginia.

Program Description:
The specific goal of the Statewide Prosecution Coordination Program is to provide more effective prosecution in the area of drug cases and cases involving violent crime directly and indirectly related to the illegal use of drugs. The program also provides effective training for prosecutors and their assistants statewide. In addition, the program will establish a centralized research source for prosecutors and provide general and specialized

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WISCONSIN

Use of Videotape in Multidisciplinary Investigations and Testimony of Child Victims/Witnesses

Project Start Up Date:
1994

Annual Budget/Funding Sources:
\$37,309
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Purpose Area:
Jurors, Witnesses, and Victims of Crime

Target Population/Persons Served Per Year:
Victims and witnesses of child abuse are served by this program.

Program Description:
This is a pilot program comprising a multidisciplinary team that includes law enforcement, child protective services, and prosecutors' offices. The participants agree to the development of protocols and procedures for the use of videotape when children are the victims or witnesses of crime. They report to the State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance on the progress and effectiveness

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About the State Reporting and Evaluation Program

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) established the State Reporting and Evaluation Program (SREP), a State-based program with an orientation toward establishing Federal, State and Local partnerships, to assist in implementing the reporting and evaluation requirements of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. Through SREP, BJA provides technical assistance and training to the State and local offices and agencies responsible for implementing, monitoring, and evaluating violent crime and drug control programs funded under the Drug Control and System Improvement Formula Grant Program. SREP is coordinated for BJA by the Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA).

The SREP project is designed to:

- meet States' needs for technical assistance for the development of drug control strategies and the development of State monitoring plans;
- provide technical assistance and training on drug control project performance monitoring and evaluation;
- publish reports for State and local audiences on special topic areas related to drug control program performance monitoring and results of evaluations; and
- disseminate reports and information to the States and territories as a result of BJA and SREP activities.

A National Planning Group, comprised of State and local representatives from the criminal justice community provides input to the project. The National Planning Group plays a critical role in the development and implementation of the SREP projects, and also plays an integral role in the development of national indicators for performance monitoring. Since 1987, JRSA has worked with BJA and the States to establish data collection and analysis projects. JRSA and the States have produced numerous reports and technical assistance products covering many criminal justice programs and themes, including: multijurisdictional law enforcement task forces, innovative rural programs; crime laboratory enhancement programs; county-level trends in drug arrests, convictions, and sentencing; State citizen surveys on drug use and control; drug offender processing; and forecasting for criminal justice policy analysis.

The State Reporting and Evaluation Program is a unique program that focuses primarily on enhancing States' monitoring, reporting, and evaluation capacities. States participate in all aspects of the SREP project from planning and development to the implementation and delivery of technical assistance and training services. The project is designed to provide a forum for States to share information and to receive the assistance they need to develop and implement effective monitoring, reporting, and evaluation systems.

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