

Important Information for Applicants to the Juvenile "Breaking the Cycle" Evaluation Solicitation

November 12, 1998

Eugene, Oregon has been selected as the first JBTC implementation site. They have been asked to submit a full proposal and budget within the next 8 weeks, and it is expected that they will begin the Planning Phase on February 1, 1999.

At this time, a second site has *not* been selected. Although the federal partners who developed the JBTC concept are committed to adding additional JBTC sites in the future, it is uncertain when this additional site (or sites) will be selected or will begin implementation.

What are the implications for potential JBTC evaluators? First, applicants should submit proposals that describe a strategy for carrying out a **single-site** evaluation of the JTBC program in Eugene, OR. The total amount of funding available for the complete evaluation of a single site is approximately \$700,000. Applicants are encouraged to submit a budget for the "first phase" of the evaluation -- spanning the planning through early implementation stages in Eugene -- based on the understanding that no more than \$700,000 will be available for the complete evaluation.

We expect that the JBTC evaluator, once selected, will not only carry out the evaluation of additional sites as they come on-line, but will be an active participant in the site assessment and selection process.

Further questions may be directed to the Program Manager for the "Breaking the Cycle" Evaluation, Jenifer Wood, at e-mail: woodj@ojp.usdoj.gov, or phone: 202-616-5191. Please refrain from contacting the site directly.

Thank you.