sentencing or referral options to better meet the needs of the community, the victim, and the offender. The Drug Court Resource Center and the Denial of Federal Benefits Program, which will be continued in FY 1995, help to make such options available to judges.

BJA is also committed to assisting State and local prosecutors address new and complex issues such as the growing problem of fraud and abuse by health care providers. As with other components of the criminal justice system, BJA will continue to support activities which encourage prosecutors to work more closely with and be more responsive to the needs of the communities they serve.

#### Competitive

## Adjudication Partnership—\$250,000

The purpose of this program is to enhance the State and local adjudication process by improving practices and partnerships among the various components of the criminal justice system. Innovative, coordinated adjudication efforts across component systems will be identified, documented, and assessed. A symposium will be held to discuss the barriers to cooperation as well as creative methods of overcoming those impediments. One award will be made. Two jurisdictions will receive subawards of \$50,000 each to implement model programs.

# Improving the Interaction Among State, Tribal, and Federal Courts—\$200,000

In close collaboration with the tribal courts, this program will improve the interrelations of State, tribal and Federal courts. The goals of the program are to identify and develop a long-range research, demonstration, and training agenda to improve tribal, State, and Federal court relations; provide direct technical assistance to tribal courts on issues of court organization, personnel management, facilities, automation, caseflow, evaluation, and criminal justice records; and enhance the tribal administration of justice by helping prosecutors, probation officers, and judges develop long term plans and strategies with the tribal government. One award will be made.

#### Litigation Project—\$100,000

The purpose of this program is to examine the impact of pro se inmate litigation and to document innovative methods to address the growing demands on State Attorneys General, Federal (and to a limited extent, State) courts, and State correctional departments caused by State prisoners' direct access and appeal to the courts. The program will identify and develop strategies to assist civil and criminal justice agencies in dealing with the increase in inmate litigation; develop and initiate stringent screening procedures to determine which cases have sufficient merit to proceed in forma pauperis; and produce more efficient case management systems for managing and disposing of pro se inmate litigation. A single award will be made to an educational institution, notfor profit private organization, prosecution agency or State court.

# Health Care Fraud Investigation and Prosecution Demonstration—\$600,000

The purpose of this program is to develop a prototype Statewide Health Care Fraud Prosecution Unit capable of investigating and prosecuting all types of health care fraud. It will provide support for the planning, organization and implementation of demonstration health care fraud prosecution units. The program will assess and document State Attorney General's leadership role in directing and coordinating complex health care fraud investigations. Grant awards of up to \$200,000 each will be awarded to up to three State Attorneys General offices.

# **Non-Competitive**

Health Care Fraud Investigation and Prosecution Training and Technical Assistance—\$250,000

This project will enable the National Association of Attorneys General to work with the demonstration sites described above to develop prototype strategies for conducting health care fraud investigations and prosecutions by State Attorneys General, including health care consumer fraud, Medicaid fraud, and fraud against traditional insurance companies and HMOs.

#### Community Prosecution—\$250,000

BJA and NIJ will conduct a joint effort in FY 1995, to assess the state of the art in community prosecution and develop a program initiative that will move this important community-based effort to its next phase of development and implementation. This effort will build on the American Prosecutors Research Institute's earlier work to define and document community prosecution.

# Model State Drug Enforcement and Treatment Statutes—\$200,000

This program will continue the education and promotion of comprehensive model State drug laws which significantly reduce, with the goal to eliminate, substance abuse through effective use and coordination of enforcement, treatment, education, prevention, community, and corrections resources.

#### Technical Assistance to State Courts— \$150,000

American University will provide technical assistance to State courts that request help in addressing specific problems related to such issues as case processing and backlog, family violence and protective orders, sentencing, and other emerging problems.

#### Denial of Federal Benefits-\$125,000

This program provides an information system for the courts to use to notify the Federal government about offenders convicted of certain drug-related offenses that disqualify them from receiving various Federal benefits, including contracts and grants.

# Drug-Related Legal Education for Judges—\$100,000

The National Judicial College will provide approximately 175 scholarships to State and local trial court judges to attend training on subjects identified by the Administration as high priorities, such as Alcohol and Other Drugs and the Courts; Domestic Violence; Equal Justice in the Courts; and Effective Sentencing and Probation Management for Judges and Probation Officers.

#### DNA Legal Assistance Unit—\$150,000

This project will fill the void created when the Federal Bureau of Investigation discontinues DNA testing and related legal and technical services for local prosecutors.

# Correctional Options, Boot Camps, and Treatment

Assist States in Freeing Prison Space for Serious and Violent Offenders Through the Design, Development, and Implementation of Effective Correctional Options for Nonviolent Offenders

The purpose of the Correctional Options Program is to help States plan, design, develop, implement, and evaluate innovative alternatives to traditional modes of incarceration for youthful offenders, including offender education, training, work, skill development, substance abuse treatment, and transitional release programs.

The program operates under the authority established by Title XVIII of the Crime Control Act of 1990 and provides grants to both public agencies and private organizations. The goals of the Correctional Options Program are to reduce the costs of incarceration, relieve prison and jail crowding, lower recidivism rates for youthful offenders,