Children at Risk Nonviolent Dispute Resolution The Congress of National Black Churches: National Anti-Drug Abuse Program "Just Say No" International*

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Cities in Schools—Federal Interagency
Partnership Hate Crimes
Community Anti-Drug Abuse Technical
Assistance Voucher Project
Race Against Drugs

Missing, Exploited and Abused Children

New Programs

Lowcountry Children's Center, Inc.* KidsPeace* Multipurpose Educational Curriculum for Young Victims

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Continuation Programs

Parents Anonymous, Inc.*
Permanent Families for Abused and
Neglected Children*
Children as Witnesses to Community
Violence

Discussion of Comments

Overview

OJJDP was established by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-415), as amended, to provide a comprehensive, coordinated approach to prevent and control juvenile crime and improve the juvenile justice system. Under Title II, OJJDP administers the State Formula Grants and State Challenge programs in 56 States and territories, funds more than 100 national, State and local projects through its Special Emphasis Discretionary Grant Program and its National Institute for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and funds projects under both Part D (Gangs) and Part G (Mentoring) programs.

OJJDP serves as the staff agency for the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, coordinates the Concentration of Federal Efforts Program, and all Federal activities related to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention, and administers the Title IV Missing and Exploited Children's Program, the Title V Prevention Incentive Grants Program, and programs under the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990, as amended (42 U.S.C. 13001 et seq.).

1992 JJDP Act Amendments

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Amendments of 1992 (Public Law 92–586) expanded the role of OJJDP in Federal efforts to prevent and treat juvenile delinquency and improve the juvenile justice system by including

three new priorities: strengthening the families of delinquents; improving State and local administration of justice and services to juveniles; and assisting States and local communities in preventing youth from entering the justice system. The Amendments encourage coordination of services, interagency cooperation, and parental involvement in treatment and services for juveniles. Seven new studies were mandated. The Comptroller General is in the process of completing five of these studies: (1) Juveniles waived, certified, or transferred to adult court, (2) Admissions of juveniles with behavior disorders to private psychiatric hospitals, (3) Gender bias in State juvenile justice systems, (4) Native American pass-through under the Formula Grants Program, and (5) Access to counsel in juvenile court proceedings. OJJDP is conducting the other two studies: one on the incidence, nature, and causes of violence committed by or against juveniles in urban and rural areas, and a second on the extent and characteristics of juvenile hate crimes.

The JJDP Act Amendments of 1992 authorized OJJDP to administer several new grant programs.

- Part E, State Challenge Activities, authorizes grants to States participating in the Part B Formula Grants Program that provide up to 10 percent of a State's Formula Grants Program allocation for each of 10 challenge activities in which the State participates.
- Part F, Treatment for Juvenile Offenders Who are Victims of Child Abuse or Neglect, authorizes grants to public and nonprofit private organizations for treatment of juvenile offenders who are victims of child abuse or neglect, transitional services, and related research.
- Part G, Mentoring, authorizes three-year grants to local education agencies, or to private nonprofit or organizations working in partnership with such agencies, for mentoring programs designed to link at-risk youth with responsible adults to discourage youth involvement in criminal and violent activity.
- Part H, Boot Camps, authorizes grants to establish up to 10 military-style boot camps for delinquent juveniles.
- Title V, Incentive Grants for Local Delinquency Prevention Programs, authorizes grants to local governments for a broad range of delinquency prevention activities targeting youth who have had contact with, or are atrisk of contact with, the juvenile justice system.

In fiscal year 1995, funds were appropriated for three of the five programs cited above: Part G, Mentoring (\$4 million), Title V, Prevention Grants (\$20 million), and Part E, State Challenge Activities (\$10 million). These programs are not included in this Plan (except for \$1 million of Part G and \$1 million of Title V funds committed to the SafeFutures Program), nor are programs authorized and funded under the Title IV Missing Children's Assistance Act and the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990, as amended.

Fiscal Year 1995 Program Planning Activities

The OJJDP program planning process for fiscal year 1995 has been coordinated with the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and the four other OJP Program Bureaus: The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA); the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS); the National Institute of Justice (NIJ); and the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). OJJDP's program planning process involved the following steps:

■ Internal review of existing programs by OJJDP staff.

■ Internal review of proposed programs by OJP bureaus and selected Department of Justice components.

■ Review of information and data from OJJDP grantees and contractors.

■ Review of information contained in State comprehensive plans.

■ Review of comments made by youth services providers, juvenile justice practitioners, and researchers.

■ Consideration of suggestions made by juvenile justice policy makers concerning State and local needs.

■ Consideration of all comments received during the period of public comment on the Proposed Comprehensive Plan.

An example of the intra-agency coordination between OJP Program Bureaus involves OJJDP and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) gang initiatives. Although these programs are being implemented in a similar manner, the two initiatives are different in their theoretical approach and program targets.

BJA's fiscal year 1995 Comprehensive Gang Initiative is based on a prototype developed through a grant to the Police Executive Research Forum in 1992. The prototype emphasizes prevention, intervention, and suppression and encompasses strategies which bring together cooperative and coordinated efforts of the police, other criminal justice agencies, human service providers, and community programs. This initiative is primarily designed to