make more informed decisions about legislation affecting the juvenile justice system. A complementary task will involve supporting increased communication between State legislators and State and local leaders who influence decisionmaking regarding juvenile justice issues. A \$262,500 grant will be awarded to the NCSL in fiscal year 1995. No additional applications will be solicited in fiscal year 1995.

Contra Costa County, California: Continuum of Care Program*—\$247,000

The purpose of this program is to develop and implement a model continuum of care program for youth in the Juvenile Justice System. The model proposes three specific components: (1) Development of risk and needs assessment instruments that reflect law enforcement and juvenile justice consensus; (2) establishment of linkages and coordination among several major planning efforts; and (3) the implementation and coordination of existing programs.

Grant funds will be used to fund several positions charged with building the continuum of care infrastructure, improving coordination, and managing the implementation. This grant will also contribute funding to an Employment Aftercare Program for youth returning to the community from secure institutional confinement and will provide technical support for a community education effort, designed to build public awareness and involvement in the reform of the juvenile justice system and the provision of services.

Evaluation of SafeFutures: Partnerships to Reduce Youth Violence and Delinquency—\$150,000

OJJDP will fund five communities (three urban, one rural, and one Native American) under the SafeFutures: Partnerships to Reduce Youth Violence and Delinquency. SafeFutures will provide a range of coordinated services to meet the needs of at-risk youth and families and juveniles in the juvenile justice system. This Program will also serve to strengthen the juvenile justice system and develop the ongoing sustainability of service collaboration within the jurisdiction.

The evaluation of each of the five sites will be supported by this Program and will consist of both process and impact components. The process evaluation, to begin during the first year, will include an examination of planning procedures and the extent to which the sites' implementation is consistent with the principles of a continuum of care/graduated sanctions model. The

evaluation process will identify the key factors responsible for successful implementation. It will also be important for the evaluation to identify substantial obstacles to successful implementation of the SafeFutures continuum model.

The selected evaluator will be responsible for developing a cross-site monograph that discusses Program implementation for use by other communities that want to develop and implement a community strategy to address serious, violent, and chronic delinquency.

The evaluator will develop a research design for the impact evaluation within the first year. Data collection for the impact evaluation would begin during the second year of the evaluation and will address the effects of the community's SafeFutures Program on the clients served. Furthermore, it will address the efficacy of the structure and operation of the SafeFutures model.

OJJDP will award a single cooperative agreement for up to \$150,000 for first-year funding of this multiyear evaluation program. Significant funding for the evaluation is anticipated in the second and subsequent years of this evaluation.

OVERARCHING PROGRAMS

Continuation Programs

Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse— \$1,031,167

As part of the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS), the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse provides support to OJJDP in: (1) Collecting, synthesizing, and disseminating information to the public on all aspects of juvenile delinquency; (2) developing publications; and (3) preparing specialized responses to information requests from the public. The Clearinghouse maintains a toll-free number for information requests. It also reviews reports, data, and standards relating to the juvenile justice system in the United States and develops specialized resource products for the juvenile justice community.

The Clearinghouse serves as a center for acquiring and disseminating information on juvenile delinquency, including State and local juvenile delinquency prevention and treatment programs and plans; availability of resources; training and educational programs; statistics; and other pertinent data and information. It also serves as an information bank for the collection and synthesis of data and knowledge obtained from research and evaluation conducted by public and private agencies, institutions, or individuals

concerning all aspects of juvenile delinquency.

Recognizing the critical need to inform juvenile justice practitioners and other policymakers on promising program approaches, the Clearinghouse continually develops and recommends new strategies to communicate the research findings and program activities of OJJDP and the field to the practitioner community.

The entire NCJRS, of which the OJJDP-funded Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse is a part, is administered by the National Institute of Justice under a competitively awarded contract.

Coalition for Juvenile Justice—\$700,000

The Coalition for Juvenile Justice supports and facilitates the purposes and functions of each State's Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group (SAG). The Coalition, acting as a Federal advisory committee, reviews Federal policies and practices regarding juvenile justice and delinquency prevention, prepares and submits an annual report and recommendations to the President and Congress, and provides advice to the OJJDP Administrator. The coalition is also authorized to develop an information center for the SAGs and to conduct an annual conference to provide training for SAG members. The program will be implemented by the current grantee, the Coalition for Juvenile Justice. No additional applications will be solicited in fiscal year 1995.

OJJDP Technical Assistance Support Contract: Juvenile Justice Resource Center—\$650,000

This contract provides technical assistance and support to OJJDP, its grantees, and the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in the areas of program development, evaluation, training, and research. Support of this program will be supplemented in fiscal year 1995.

National Juvenile Court Data Archive*—\$611,000

The National Juvenile Court Data Archive collects, processes, analyzes, and disseminates automated data and published reports from the Nation's juvenile courts. The Archive's reports examine referrals, offenses, intake, and dispositions in addition to specialized topics such as minorities in juvenile courts and specific offense categories. The Archive also provides assistance to jurisdictions in analyzing their juvenile court data. In fiscal year 1995, the Archive will enhance the collection, reporting, and analysis of more detailed data on detention, dispositions, risk