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Training and Technical Assistance: An Overview of Opportunities From OJJDP

State and local government agencies face the challenge of providing needed services with limited resources. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) offers a number of training and technical assistance programs to help the juvenile justice field meet this challenge by implementing research-based strategies, using best practices, and working efficiently.

In FY 2004, OJJDP will distribute more than \$150 million in block grants to states and territories through the Formula Grants, Title V Community Prevention Grants, Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG), and Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) programs. The Office sponsors several training and technical assistance programs to ensure that states are able to use these funds effectively. Many of OJJDP's discretionary grants also have training and technical assistance components to support program development and implementation.

OJJDP's **National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC)** is the primary outlet for juvenile justice training and technical assistance information and resources. The Center enhances OJJDP's ability to meet the needs of the juvenile justice field, promotes best practices, and fosters shared teaching and learning among grantees and contractors. NTTAC supports juvenile justice practitioners, elected officials, and citizen advocates by:

- ▶ Conducting ongoing needs assessments and supporting evaluations of training and technical assistance delivery.
- ▶ Providing searchable directories of training and technical assistance providers, events, and resource materials.
- ▶ Distributing customized packages of training and technical assistance materials.

NTTAC's Provider Directory lists contact information for more than 50 OJJDP-sponsored training and technical assistance providers. NTTAC products, which include a bimonthly newsletter and other publications, help service providers stay current on the latest trends, technologies, and initiatives.

OJJDP supports several programs to assist states in implementing the Formula Grants program. The **Formula Grants Training and Technical Assistance Program** provides a broad scope of training and technical assistance related to the Formula

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Grants program areas (see sidebar). OJJDP's **Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center** helps states and communities evaluate juvenile justice programs and use findings to improve program performance. The Center is also one of OJJDP's technical assistance providers for disproportionate minority contact (DMC), one of the four core protections (along with deinstitutionalization of status offenders, separation of juveniles from adult offenders in institutions, and removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockups) that states must address to receive Formula Grants. In addition, OJJDP's **DMC Training, Technical Assistance, and Information Dissemination Program** provides states with curriculums, training of trainers, and broad-based knowledge about DMC.

The **Title V Training and Technical Assistance Program** supports community efforts to develop and implement local delinquency prevention strategies. The program offers training and technical assistance in the following areas:

- Data collection and analysis.
- Evaluation and performance measurement.
- Planning and program development.
- State and local capacity building.
- Team building and orientation.

Title V training is for community leaders, planners, researchers, program developers, private individuals, and representatives from a broad range of public and private agencies that serve youth and families. The recently expanded **Title V Model Programs Guide**

and Database can help communities identify evidence-based delinquency prevention strategies and programs covering the full range of juvenile justice services. This valuable resource can assist all juvenile justice practitioners, regardless of their funding sources.

Training and technical assistance for the JABG Program is provided through NTTAC. The **JABG Training and Technical Assistance Program** assists federal and state agencies, law enforcement, the judiciary, corrections, and local juvenile justice agencies in their efforts to implement a system of accountability-based sanctions. The program provides needed services to juvenile justice professionals through a variety of technical assistance events. JABG performance measures, best practices bulletins, and technical assistance resource guides are available through the JABG Web page.

OJJDP established the **Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center (UDETTC)** to support the EUDL program. The Center's mission is to provide science-based, practical, and effective training and technical assistance services to states and communities working to combat underage drinking. Staff provide onsite training and expert technical assistance. The Center hosts an online database and disseminates information through audio teleconferences, publications, and e-mail alerts. Practitioners also can access information through the Center's Web site.

OJJDP's **Missing and Exploited Children's Training and Technical Assistance Program** helps local and state law enforcement officers and other juvenile justice officials improve enforcement, prevention, and intervention

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Formula Grants Program Areas

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| ➤ Aftercare/reentry. | ➤ Delinquency prevention. | ➤ Job training. | ➤ Schools. |
| ➤ Alternatives to detention. | ➤ Disproportionate minority contact. | ➤ Juvenile justice system improvement. | ➤ Separation of juveniles from adult offenders. |
| ➤ Child abuse and neglect. | ➤ Diversion. | ➤ Mental health services. | ➤ Serious crime. |
| ➤ Children of incarcerated parents. | ➤ Gangs. | ➤ Mentoring. | ➤ Sex offenders. |
| ➤ Community assessment centers. | ➤ Gender-specific services. | ➤ Native American issues. | ➤ State Advisory Group allocations. |
| ➤ Compliance monitoring. | ➤ Graduated sanctions. | ➤ Planning and administration. | ➤ Substance abuse. |
| ➤ Court services. | ➤ Guns. | ➤ Probation. | ➤ Youth advocacy. |
| ➤ Deinstitutionalization of status offenders. | ➤ Hate crimes. | ➤ Restitution/community services. | ➤ Youth courts. |
| | ➤ Jail removal. | ➤ Rural issues. | |

New Publications

Publications may be viewed and downloaded at OJJDP's Web site (www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp). Print publications may also be ordered from the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse (order online at puborder.ncjrs.org or call 800-851-3420).

Detection and Prevalence of Substance Abuse. Assesses substance use detection methods (self-report and urinalysis) and prevalence among high-risk youth detained in Cook County, IL.

Bulletin. June 2004. NCJ 203934.

Prostitution of Juveniles: Patterns From NIBRS. Draws on data from the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System to provide a profile of juvenile prostitution.

Crimes Against Children Bulletin. June 2004. NCJ 203946.

Successful Program Implementation: Lessons From Blueprints. Presents results from a process evaluation of Blueprints programs, conducted as part of the Blueprints for Violence Prevention initiative.

Bulletin. July 2004. NCJ 204273

Title V Community Prevention Grants Program: 2002 Report to Congress. Presents an overview of the Title V Community Prevention Grants Program, including its conceptual framework, funding updates for 2002, and experiences of Title V communities.

Report. July 2004. NCJ 202019.

Victims of Violent Juvenile Crime.

Analyzes the extent and nature of non-fatal violent victimizations committed by juvenile offenders, based on 1997-98 data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Incident-Based Reporting System.

Bulletin. July 2004. NCJ 201628.

Also Available Through OJJDP . . .

New Statistical Report on America's Children

The Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics has released *America's Children in Brief: Key National Indicators of Well-Being 2004*, a compilation of statistics about children's economic security, health, behavior, social environment, and education. OJJDP is one of 20 federal agencies collaborating to produce the report each



year. Drawn from the most recent, most reliable official statistics, *America's Children* offers a comprehensive portrait of the nation's children in a nontechnical, user-friendly format.

America's Children in Brief: Key National Indicators of Well-Being 2004 is available online through OJJDP's Web site. A limited number of printed copies are available free of charge from OJJDP's Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse (request NCJ 205911). To learn more about the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, and to view and download any edition of *America's Children*, visit childstats.gov.

This is the inaugural issue of *America's Children in Brief*. Since 1997, the Forum has published an annual *America's Children* report that includes detailed indicators of child well-being. To make better use of its resources, the Forum has decided to update all data annually on its enhanced Web site (childstats.gov) and alternate the more detailed report with this abbreviated version, which highlights selected indicators. The next detailed report will be published in July 2005.



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services for children and their families. Overseen by OJJDP's Child Protection Division, the program provides training and technical assistance to the AMBER Alert Program, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program, and other programs related to child abuse and neglect and missing and exploited children.

Information about training and technical assistance resources related to many of OJJDP's other programs, such as the Court Appointed Special Advocates Program and the Model Dependency Courts Initiative, is available on OJJDP's Web site (www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp). Select "Program Search" to access the training and technical assistance information for a particular program.

Online Resources

- National Training and Technical Assistance Center: nttac.org.
- Formula Grants Training and Technical Assistance: www.dsgonline.com/projects_formulagrants.html.
- Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center: www.jrsainfo.org/jjec.
- DMC Training, Technical Assistance, and Information Dissemination: www.reducingdmc.com.
- Title V Training and Technical Assistance and Title V Model Programs Guide and Database: ojjdp.ncjrs.org/titlev/train.html.
- JABG Training and Technical Assistance: ojjdp.ncjrs.org/jaibg/tta.html.
- Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center: www.udetc.org.
- Missing and Exploited Children's Training and Technical Assistance Program: www.foxvalleytech.com/ojjdp.
- OJJDP Web site: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp. ■

Funding Update

Be sure to check the OJJDP Web site (www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp) for the latest news on OJJDP funding opportunities, including grant application information, deadlines, and links to the Office of Justice Programs' online Grants Management System (GMS). To receive e-mail notification of new funding opportunities, subscribe to JUVJUST via the OJJDP Web site.

Current Solicitation

OJJDP is accepting applications for the **Safe Start: Promising Approaches for Children Exposed to Violence** project. This project will help communities implement collaborative cross-agency strategies to reduce the impact of children's exposure to violence, with particular emphasis on young children (age 6 and younger) and their families. The due date for applications is September 10, 2004.

Recent Solicitations

OJJDP recently solicited grant applications under the **Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Grant** program. Authorized through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grants program, this initiative provides funds to federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes to strengthen tribal juvenile justice systems by encouraging tribes to implement accountability-based programs and services. Cooperative agreements of up to \$300,000 for a 3-year project and budget period will be awarded to eligible applicants through this program. Applications were due July 2, 2004.

The **Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative**, a collaborative effort of the U.S. Departments of Justice, Education, and Health and Human Services, recently solicited applications from local educational agencies for funding to help ongoing partnerships expand existing activities related to youth violence prevention and healthy childhood development. Applicants are eligible for 3 consecutive years of funding. The maximum yearly award is \$1 million for rural school districts and Bureau of Indian Affairs schools, \$2 million for suburban school districts, and \$3 million for urban districts. Applications were due July 9, 2004. ■

Advisory Committee Holds Second Meeting

The recently established Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) gives states an opportunity to provide direct input into federal policy development and federal legislation related to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention. JJAC members represent each state and territory and the District of Columbia.

At their second meeting, held on July 9–10, 2004, in Denver, CO, JJAC members discussed recommendations to be included in the Committee's first annual reports. The report to the President and Congress will offer state perspectives on OJJDP operations and on federal legislation pertaining to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention. The report to the OJJDP Administrator will address aspects of the Office's work. Both reports will be submitted to OJJDP by January 2005—1 year after the Committee's inaugural meeting (see *OJJDP News @ a Glance*, March/April 2004). The Committee's next meeting will be in December 2004 in Washington, DC.

For additional information, visit the JJAC page of OJJDP's Web site (go to www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp; under "About OJJDP," select "Councils and Committees"). ■

Conference To Address Truancy Prevention

Save the Date:
December 6–8, 2004

OJJDP and the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools will host the first-ever federal government conference on truancy prevention on December 6–8, 2004, in Washington, DC. The conference, "Partnering To Prevent Truancy: A National Priority," will highlight promising and effective school- and community-based programs that rely on interagency cooperation to prevent truancy in urban, rural, suburban, and tribal communities. Participants will include educators, judges, law enforcement officers, social workers, school resource officers, community and business leaders, and representatives from faith-based organizations, parent groups, and national and local youth services agencies. Attendees will learn practical approaches to reduce truancy in their schools and communities.

Additional information about the conference, including registration instructions, is available on OJJDP's Web site (www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp).

News From the Coordinating Council

The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention brings together leaders of youth-serving agencies and representatives from youth-focused disciplines to coordinate federal programs related to delinquency prevention, missing and exploited children, and the detention/care of unaccompanied juveniles. An independent body within the executive branch of the federal government, the Council is composed of the Attorney General (who serves as the Council's chairperson); the Administrator of OJJDP (who serves as vice chairperson); the Secretaries of Labor, Education, Health and Human Services, and Housing and Urban Development; the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy; and the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for

National and Community Service. Nine expert practitioners appointed by the President, the Senate Majority Leader, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives also serve as Council members.

The Council's June 2004 meeting was hosted by the Office of National Drug Control Policy at the White House Conference Center and focused on the coordination of mentoring programs. Council members heard presentations on the Mentoring Children of Prisoners program from the Family and Youth Services Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP) from OJJDP, and the School Mentoring Program from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools.

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Council meetings are held quarterly in Washington, DC, and are open to the public. The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2004. The final meeting of the year will be hosted by the U.S. Department of Labor on December 3, 2004. For meeting summaries and additional information, visit the Council's Web page (juvenilecouncil.gov). ■

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is a component of the Office of Justice Programs, which also includes the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Institute of Justice, and the Office for Victims of Crime.

OJJDP Staff News

Jeff Slowikowski has been named Associate Administrator for OJJDP's Demonstration Programs Division, which oversees the development and replication of delinquency prevention and reduction efforts in areas such as mentoring, substance abuse, gangs, truancy, chronic offending, and community-based sanctions. Formerly Deputy Director of OJJDP's Research Division, Jeff brings significant management and research experience to the position.

Bob Samuels is the new Strategic Community Development Officer in OJJDP's Office of Policy Development, which advises the Administrator and supports the Office's research, training and technical assistance, communications, and planning activities. Bob comes to OJJDP from OJP's Office of Weed and Seed, and will use his many years of policy experience to assist OJJDP in developing and implementing strategies to improve the capacity of communities to address juvenile delinquency.

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