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OJJDP RELEASES 2019 ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON – The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention today released its 2019 Annual Report to Congress. The report describes programs and activities that OJJDP carried out in fiscal year 2019.

OJJDP awarded more than \$323 million to fund programs, research, training and technical assistance, and information dissemination activities that enhance public safety, ensure juvenile offenders are held appropriately accountable, and empower youth to live productive, law-abiding lives.

"OJJDP continues to stay focused on issues of national concern. We work with communities plagued by gang and gun violence, as well as neighborhoods affected by drug abuse," said Caren Harp, OJJDP Administrator. "We pursue better methods to protect children who are abused, exploited, or exposed to violence — and to inspire young people who need positive adult mentors. When young people are empowered to live up to their potential, our communities become stronger and safer places in which to live and learn."

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