

system for disadvantaged children. OJJDP's Comprehensive Strategy for Serious, Violent and Chronic Juvenile Offenders presents a similar approach. Under this strategy, a broad-based community planning board systematically assesses the risk factors present in the environment that are best known to foster delinquent behavior in children. The community then develops a strategy to address identified risk factors for delinquency and increase protective factors that promote healthy and productive behavior. In addition, the board develops a full range of graduated sanctions, beginning with immediate interventions, that are designed to hold juvenile delinquents accountable to the victim and the community, ensure community security and provide a continuum of services that responds appropriately to the needs of each juvenile offender.

SafeFutures builds on and expands the model presented in the Comprehensive Strategy. Five sites will be selected: Three urban, one rural, and one Native American site. Each must have completed risk assessments and developed a comprehensive delinquency prevention, intervention and treatment plan prior to application to the SafeFutures program. At least one of the sites will be an Empowerment Zone or Enterprise community. Each must have established a multi-disciplinary community team to oversee implementation efforts. Finally, each site must have forged partnerships between government, local businesses and civic organizations, and leveraged resources from a variety of sources. The Native American site must have a Tribal Court.

SafeFutures is geared toward communities who have made significant progress in reforming their systems and implementing a strategy to reduce youth violence and juvenile delinquency. It will provide them with additional resources to expand existing efforts and fill in the gaps in service each has identified.

Program Goals

Specifically, SafeFutures will assist communities to:

1. Control and prevent juvenile violence and delinquency by—
 - a. Reducing risk factors and increasing protective factors
 - b. Developing a full range of graduated sanctions, beginning with intermediate interventions that are designed to hold delinquents accountable to the victim and ensure community safety

c. Providing a continuum of services for all youth, with appropriate treatment for juvenile offenders

2. Develop a more efficient and effective service delivery system for at-risk youth and their families, capable of meeting their needs at any point of entry into the system.

3. Build the capacity to institutionalize and sustain coordinated efforts through streamlining the service delivery system, and expanding, and diversifying its sources of funding.

4. Determine what outcomes have been achieved and whether a comprehensive strategy involving a concentration of effort and resources is successful at preventing and controlling juvenile delinquency.

Many communities have begun this process on their own, while others throughout the country have received support for these planning and implementation activities through OJJDP's Title V Prevention Program and programs designed to intervene with delinquent juveniles. Failure to previously participate under Title V, however, does not preclude selection as a SafeFutures applicant as long as the requirements described in the next section are met.

OJJDP will provide each site with up to \$1.44 million the first year, with subsequent funding anticipated for four additional years. This amount includes not only OJJDP program dollars, but other federal sources of support which OJJDP has leveraged. In addition, OJJDP will offer all sites a comprehensive technical assistance package.

Grant Programs

Units of general local government or combinations thereof are eligible to apply. Successful applicants must demonstrate the capacity to establish and sustain a continuum of care for the jurisdiction's at-risk and delinquent youth and their families. If the size or makeup of the applicant's local unit(s) does not make jurisdictional-wide services practical or desirable, the applicant may request resources for an identified local area(s) or neighborhood.

The applicant must provide evidence of the following:

- The presence of risk factors for delinquency in the target area such as high rates of crime, poverty, teenage pregnancy, child abuse and neglect, dysfunctional or single parent families, school drop-outs, unemployment or other risk factors the community identifies;
- An established planning board in existence, with balanced representation of public and private agencies,

community organizations and residents, including youth representation;

- Completion of a needs and resources assessment;
- A comprehensive delinquency prevention, intervention, and graduated sanction plan for their jurisdiction;
- Federal, State, local and private partnerships, and a commitment to leverage additional resources and coordinate the necessary systemic changes to both the juvenile justice and social services system of care.

In addition to providing overall administrative support for the coordination and implementation activities, SafeFutures provides specific support for ten program components. The applicant's proposal must demonstrate how each of the components described below will be implemented, its relationship to others within the continuum of care, and its impact upon at-risk youth and their families. Applicants that can demonstrate that they have adequately addressed, with their own resources, specific program components funded with Part C monies, will have the flexibility to use those designated funds (with the exception of the Day Treatment component) for alternative delinquency prevention activities. Each of the components is grouped below according to major OJJDP goals. Each is described in greater detail under these same goal areas in the Fiscal Year 1995 Program Plan.

Strengthening the Juvenile Justice System and Law Enforcement

- Serious, Violent, and Chronic Juvenile Offender Accountability and Treatment Programs (Part C—\$500,000).
- Comprehensive Community-Based Services for At-Risk Girls and Adjudicated Female Juvenile Offenders (Part C—\$600,000).
- Day Treatment Services (Part C—\$150,000).
- Intensive Community-Based Aftercare Program (Part C—Technical Assistance).
- Community-Based Gang Intervention (Part D—\$2,000,000).
- Mental Health Services for At-Risk and Adjudicated Youth, including treatment services for juvenile sex offenders and victims of sexual abuse (Part C—\$750,000).

Providing Opportunities and Role Models for High-Risk Youth

- Youth Skills/Pathways to Success (Part C—\$200,000).
- Mentoring (Part G—\$1,000,000).