

Breaking the Cycle of Violence Through Prevention

- Family Strengthening, including services for non-English speaking families (Part C—\$1,000,000).
- Delinquency Prevention Program (Title V—\$1,000,000).

Sites funded under this initiative will be eligible for program implementation, training, and technical assistance directly from OJJDP grantees and contractors. In addition, sites will receive training and technical assistance from:

Boys and Girls Clubs of America, to develop or enhance a Boys and Girls Club in the target area;

National Association of Service and Conservation Corps, to develop or enhance a Juvenile Youth Corps Program; and the

Home Builders Institute, to develop an apprenticeship program for high-risk youth in sites which have a local association of home builders.

In addition, the Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Education (DOE), and Labor (DOL), AmeriCorps, and the National Endowment for the Arts have agreed to participate in the SafeFutures Program by making available resources, technical assistance, and linkages to existing grant programs. OJJDP is also seeking other public and private partnerships to support substance abuse prevention, jobs skills development, individual youth assessment and evaluation activities by the SafeFutures sites.

Evaluation

Sites will be expected to demonstrate a strong capacity for data collection and analysis in order to support a requisite and stringent evaluation component addressing both process and outcome measures. Partnerships with academic institutions to enhance evaluation efforts are also encouraged.

Collaboration

Applicants are expected to demonstrate how they have linked their activities with other Federal, State, and local programs; national and community foundations; and private sector programs. Federal programs include: HUD's Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Communities and Hope Six; HHS's Family Preservation and Support Services; DOE's Safe and Drug Free Schools; DOL's Youth Fair Chance; and the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Operation Weed and Seed, PACT, Community Oriented Policing Services, Boot Camps, Drug Courts, Comprehensive Communities programs;

and the U.S. Attorneys' anti-violence strategies.

Application Process

OJJDP will utilize a two stage process to select grantees. All applicants will first submit concept papers. Jurisdictions will be required to document existing legislation, executive orders, memoranda of understanding, and other formal commitments of bona fide partnerships. Preference will given to jurisdictions that demonstrate linkages with other Federal, State and local programs as well as the ability to secure additional financial and programmatic resources. Those best demonstrating an ability to qualify for funding will then be invited to submit full applications.

Prospective applicants should obtain a copy of OJJDP's Comprehensive Strategy for Serious, Violent, and Chronic Juvenile Offenders and the forthcoming Implementation Guide for the Comprehensive Strategy. The Guide identifies promising programs, suggests effective community assessment tools and in general offers guidance to communities implementing a continuum of care model. Copies of the Guide will be available from OJJDP in May 1995.

OJJDP plans to conduct several workshops to answer questions about SafeFutures requirements prior to the concept paper submission date. To obtain more information regarding these workshops, please contact the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse.

Information and Statistics Projects—\$525,000

OJJDP recently conducted an independent review of its Information and Statistics Program to help the Office develop a 5-year plan for information and data collection. As a result of this review, \$525,000 will be allocated to the following new projects: National Juvenile Statistics Analysis Center; National Indicators of Risk and Protective Factors; Juveniles in the Criminal Justice System; National Program Directory; and Integrated Juvenile Justice, Mental Health, and Child Welfare Data Collection.

National Juvenile Statistics Analysis Center—(\$200,000)

OJJDP is considering the establishment of a center devoted to collecting and analyzing statistics generated by OJJDP programs, State agencies, academic research, and other Federal agencies and programs. This National Juvenile Statistics Analysis Center would focus on two principal activities: (1) Retrieving Federal, State

and local research and data, and (2) providing quick analyses to inform Federal, State, and local policy and program decisions. The impetus for the Center comes from the recognition that many States are collecting data and performing statistical analyses of their delinquency and juvenile justice systems and that other jurisdictions can benefit greatly from access to this information. The Center would function as a collection point for this research. With an increased national emphasis on juvenile justice issues, there is more need for specific and quick analyses of particular issues. The Center would provide such analyses on a wide range of subjects.

Other statistical activities identified as important include:

- Analyzing demographic, delinquency, and violence trends, including surveys of delinquency and related youth problems, Uniform Crime Report data, and victimization surveys.
- Analyzing violent behavior trends and patterns, particularly assaults and robberies, to increase our understanding of these phenomena.
- Maintaining national data sets on juvenile justice system handling of juveniles. State studies of disproportionate minority confinement and gender bias being conducted pursuant to the JJDP Act would be of particular interest.
- Retrieving statewide data sets for analysis and cultivating State resources for information and statistics.
- Maintaining data sets produced under major studies of delinquency and related juvenile problems.
- Distributing the results of statistical analyses conducted by others at the State and local level.

Once OJJDP determines the specific nature of this project, a subsequent announcement will be made.

National Indicators of Delinquency, Risk and Protective Factors—(\$225,000)

Widespread adoption of the public health model has stimulated interest in viewing juvenile delinquency and other problem behaviors in terms of risk and protective factors. At the same time, interest in developing social indicators of delinquency has grown. Because of these two developments, the collection and analysis of national indicators of risk and protective factors will be explored. State and community level baselines would enable measurement of the impact of delinquency prevention programs on risk and protective factors. A national baseline, with annual comparisons, would permit forecasts of changes in delinquency and youth violence levels and trends.