

Pulling America's Communities Together (PACT) Program Development—\$261,000

Project PACT is an initiative through which Federal agencies work with State and local agencies and communities to develop a strategic plan to help reduce crime and violence by building healthier communities. The role of the Federal government in Project PACT is to support the community's identification of needs, formulation of a coordinated community response, and development of resources to implement a community action plan. OJJDP will continue to provide PACT cities with technical assistance and information on programs and services that offer the best hope for success in the development of antiviolence strategies for juvenile offenders and victims.

The National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) has provided the Project PACT jurisdictions of Metro Atlanta, Metro Denver, Nebraska, and Washington, D.C., with technical assistance for the past year. NCCD will continue to provide such assistance through fiscal year 1995 by responding to requests for assistance in implementing juvenile justice reform through OJJDP's *Comprehensive Strategy for Serious, Violent, and Chronic Juvenile Offenders*.

This program will be implemented by NCCD. No additional applications would be solicited in fiscal year 1995.

Juveniles Taken Into Custody (JTIC): Interagency Agreement—\$200,000

The U.S. Bureau of the Census is working with OJJDP and the National Council on Crime and Delinquency to develop a comprehensive national statistical reporting system that is responsive to the information requirements of the JJD Act, the needs of the juvenile justice field for data on juvenile custody populations, and the needs of State legislatures and juvenile justice professionals for data to assist in making informed planning and policymaking decisions.

The Census Bureau acts as the data collection agent for the JTIC program under an interagency agreement. No additional applications will be solicited in fiscal year 1995.

Juvenile Justice Data Resources—\$25,000

This program enhances the availability of juvenile justice data sets for secondary analysis. The project takes data files from OJJDP research and statistical programs and prepares them for use by other researchers. Data files made available during fiscal year 1994

include the 1993 Children in Custody Census, Juveniles Taken Into Custody, and the Causes and Correlates Research Program.

This program will be implemented under an interagency agreement with the University of Michigan. No additional applications will be solicited in fiscal year 1995.

Strengthening Juvenile Justice New Programs

Mental Health in the Juvenile Justice System—\$750,000

This program addresses the mental health and juvenile justice systems' lack of coordinated and adequate mental health treatment for at-risk and delinquent youth. The program will target juveniles with mental health problems and impairments (including learning disabilities), those who are at risk of becoming status or delinquent offenders, status offenders, and delinquents with undiagnosed or untreated mental health problems, including offenders in secure and non-secure residential care.

Fiscal year 1995 funds will provide up to \$150,000 to each of the five jurisdictions participating in the SafeFutures Program. Their planning process would be expected to provide comprehensive, coordinated, and collaborative approaches among juvenile justice, youth service, and mental health agencies to improve mental health services for juveniles in these five communities. A particular focus of the fiscal year 1995 funding will be to target victims of child abuse and juvenile sex offenders.

Bethesda Day Treatment Center—\$320,000

Pennsylvania's Bethesda Day Treatment Center is a private nonprofit agency established to provide intensive day treatment and a variety of other services that promote the social adjustment of juvenile offenders in the community.

For four years, OJJDP has provided funds to the Center to develop and document intensive, outpatient, community-based treatment and care centers for juveniles at risk of delinquency and those who have been referred to court and are in the preadjudication or postadjudication stages of the juvenile justice system. Center services were initially designed to help youth in rural areas or small towns who committed offenses related to family supervision and control. More recently, the program has demonstrated its effectiveness in larger cities, including Kalamazoo, Michigan and

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with juveniles who commit serious delinquent acts.

Bethesda Day Treatment Center's services include intensive supervision, counseling, and coordination of a range of services necessary to develop skills that enable youth to function appropriately in the community. Services are client, group, and family focused. Client-focused services include intake, casework, service and treatment planning, individual counseling, intensive supervision, and study skills. Group-focused services include group counseling; life and jobs skill training, cultural enrichment, and physical education. Family-focused activities include family counseling, home visits, parent counseling, and family intervention services.

Day treatment services cost about 50 percent less than secure placement, pose a minimal risk to community safety, and can be implemented quickly. With management systems and funding in place, it takes only 6 to 9 months from startup to full implementation of a program.

The Bethesda Day Treatment Center will offer to replicate the day treatment model in the five SafeFutures sites. Successful applicants will be eligible to submit applications to the Bethesda Day Treatment Center for up to \$30,000, with a \$30,000 local contribution, in training and technical assistance services. Other local jurisdictions will also be eligible to receive services from the grantee under the same terms. Interested jurisdictions should contact the Bethesda Day Treatment Center at (717) 568-1131. No additional applications will be solicited in fiscal year 1995.

Interventions to Reduce Disproportionate Minority Confinement in Secure Detention and Correctional Facilities (The Deborah Wysinger Memorial Program)—\$300,000

National data and studies have demonstrated that minority juveniles are over-represented in secure facilities across the country. In response to this problem, OJJDP issued regulations in 1989 requiring States participating in the Formula Grants Program to gather and assess data to determine the existence of disproportionate minority confinement and, if it existed, to design strategies to address the problem. To date, 47 States have completed the required data analyses, with all but five determining that minority juveniles are over-represented in secure facilities. Analysis of the data indicates that in a majority of States minority juveniles are disproportionately represented at