

provides juvenile court judges with an alternative program for at-risk teenage girls arrested for status and minor delinquent offenses. Fiscal year 1995 funds will support the second year of implementation.

**Juvenile Restitution: Balanced Approach—\$100,000**

OJJDP will continue to support the juvenile restitution training and technical assistance program in fiscal year 1995. The project design is based on practitioner recommendations for current needs in the field. OJJDP initiated a survey on how best to integrate and institutionalize restitution as a key component of juvenile justice dispositions. In addition to the survey, a working group was convened to help map out the course of OJJDP's support for optimum development of the components of restitution. These components include community service, victim reparation, victim-offender mediation, offender employment and supervision, employment development, and potential program elements designed to establish restitution as an important alternative in improving the juvenile justice system. This project is guided by the need to provide a balance of community protection and offender competency development and accountability in the provision of community-based sanctions.

The Division of Applied Research of Florida Atlantic University was competitively selected in fiscal year 1992 to implement this project. The grant will be extended into fiscal year 1995 to enable the grantee to provide technical assistance and support to States and localities seeking to implement the balanced approach. No additional applications will be solicited in fiscal year 1995.

**Evaluation of Intensive Community-Based Aftercare Demonstration and Technical Assistance Program—\$80,000**

This supplement will allow the evaluation grantee, the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD), to provide additional assistance in data collection in fiscal year 1995 to the four States implementing the Intensive Community-Based Aftercare Demonstration and Technical Assistance Program.

The initial stage of this evaluation will assess the process used by the four demonstration states to implement an intensive community-based aftercare program, evaluate technical assistance provided to these States, and develop a preliminary impact evaluation research design. This supplemental award will

provide for the initiation of data collection efforts as soon as the research design for the impact evaluation is completed.

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

**Douglas County, Nebraska\*—\$67,055**

This grant for a youth pre-trial diversion program in Douglas County, Nebraska was initially funded in fiscal year 1994 for a two-year project period. Fiscal year 1995 funding will support second-year implementation.

**Professional Development for Youth Workers—\$50,000**

The primary purpose of this program is to promote professional development of youth service and juvenile justice system providers through formal training. The program will include an inventory of existing training programs and their effectiveness, a needs assessment training survey, development of curricula for several program settings, design of a dissemination strategy, and an implementation plan for the third year of a three-year program.

Initially funded in fiscal year 1992, the Academy for Educational Development, Inc., located in Washington, D.C., will continue the project for six months to train trainers in the new curricula. No additional applications will be solicited in fiscal year 1995.

**Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania\*—\$50,000**

With fiscal year 1994 funds, the District Attorney's Office in Lackawanna County created a Comprehensive Juvenile Crime Unit to investigate, prosecute, and prevent juvenile crime and to coordinate with other county agencies that are helping youth avoid delinquent behavior and become productive citizens. The primary activity will be to establish a Juvenile Justice Task Force to work with the Juvenile Probation Office to assess the needs and services of Lackawanna County. The Task Force will also review the last five years of the Juvenile Probation Office files to determine demographics, numbers of juvenile crimes committed, recidivism, and school district disciplinary and rehabilitation programs. Fiscal year 1995 funds will complete implementation of this program.

**Public Safety and Law Enforcement**

*New Programs*

**Gangs and Delinquency Research—\$500,000**

In fiscal year 1994, OJJDP channeled its gang-related activities into the Comprehensive Gang Program, made possible by an increased Part D appropriation. The National Gang Assessment and Resource Center, funded under the fiscal year 1994 Program Plan, will provide a national baseline study of the presence and characteristics of violent gangs. This year, OJJDP proposes to supplement this baseline study with two studies designed to develop detailed information on various aspects of gangs in gang-plagued cities identified in the baseline studies. The main purpose of these supplemental studies is to examine gang behavior as a subset of overall delinquency. This program will fund the addition of gang studies to ongoing studies of juvenile delinquency, including serious, violent, and chronic delinquency. Specific issues to be examined include assessing the relationship of gang participation to other forms of delinquency and violence associated with gang membership and determining the proportion of violent youth crime accounted for by youth gangs. Proposals are encouraged that incorporate gang studies into ongoing studies of large samples of juveniles.

OJJDP will provide up to four assistance awards in amounts ranging from \$100,000 to \$150,000 each under this program.

**Field-Initiated Gang Research Program—\$300,000**

OJJDP's Field-Initiated Research Program offers support for research ideas generated in the field rather than by OJJDP. Fiscal year 1995 Field-Initiated Research Program funding will be directed to the support of research on gangs, reflecting the growth in violence among youth gangs. Priority research topics include evaluation of prevention and intervention approaches aimed at diverting at-risk youth from becoming gang members, factors related to joining and leaving gangs, ethnographic studies on the dynamics of gang creation or joining, or other topics identified by applicants.

OJJDP will provide up to three assistance awards ranging from \$75,000 to \$125,000 each under this program.

**Juvenile Transfers to Criminal Court Studies—\$275,000**

States are increasingly enacting new legislation mandating transfer of