

the fiscal year 1995 Final Comprehensive Program Plan.

Comment: A number of respondents representing juvenile justice agencies across the country wrote in support of continued and/or increased funding for the Balanced and Restorative Justice Project (BARJ), a key component of OJJDP's Juvenile Restitution Program. They noted that the BARJ Project has advanced the implementation of the "Balanced Approach" and the use of restitution and community service in a number of juvenile justice systems and that additional jurisdictions are interested in implementing this major shift in system philosophy and practice through BARJ Project training and technical assistance.

Response: The BARJ Project will receive continuation funding of \$100,000 in fiscal year 1995 and a similar amount is anticipated as a supplement from fiscal year 1996 funds. This will give the Project a twelve-month budget of \$200,000 to complete its activities under this multi-year funded Program. State and local jurisdictions interested in adopting the balanced and restorative justice approach should also request technical assistance through OJJDP's technical assistance support contract under the Formula Grants program or seek local support for implementation funding.

Comment: A respondent recommended giving youth access to their police chief and officers through programs funded under the Final Comprehensive Program Plan.

Response: In fiscal year 1993, OJJDP provided support to the New Haven, Connecticut Police Department and the Yale University Child Development Center to document a child-centered community-oriented policing model. This is a continuation program of OJJDP and the Bureau of Justice Assistance and will serve as a model for other sites to replicate.

Comment: A respondent stated that OJJDP has omitted a key group of professionals who have been trained in diversion and have demonstrated success in working to divert juveniles from the juvenile justice system, recommending that OJJDP include parks and recreation professionals in the SafeFutures Program.

Response: OJJDP agrees that those within the "justice system" cannot make a difference alone. This is a key premise of the SafeFutures Program. OJJDP encourages local jurisdictions to develop a continuum of care that includes professionals representing all aspects of youth development, especially those who are in a position to promote positive youth development.

OJJDP agrees with the National Parks and Recreation Association that the perception of public recreation should move beyond "fun and games" to the status of an essential service (National Parks and Recreation Association, 1994). OJJDP will work with the Association and other parks and recreation organizations during fiscal year 1995 to highlight the many outstanding delinquency prevention and intervention programs that are being implemented by local parks and recreation departments across the country and to further the evaluation of these programs.

Due to the fact that OJJDP is not requiring the involvement of specific types of professionals, it is ultimately up to the jurisdictions chosen to implement the SafeFutures program to identify key resources to support a continuum of care. It is expected that parks and recreation professionals will be an integral part of this group. One possibility for parks and recreation professionals is involvement in the development and implementation of the "Pathways to Success" program within the SafeFutures program. This program emphasizes, in part, recreational alternatives during after-school and weekend hours.

Comment: One respondent felt that the budget for Training for Family-Strengthening Services (\$250,000) should be increased to support trained individuals who provide technical assistance for family strengthening.

Response: One million dollars in Family Strengthening and Support funds will be available to the five SafeFutures program sites. These funds can be used for both training/technical assistance and direct service programs in the five sites. An additional \$250,000 will be available for training/technical assistance in other communities interested in improving their Family Strengthening Service programs. Further support can be drawn from other OJJDP training/technical assistance projects, including the newly established National Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Training and Technical Assistance Center.

Comment: One respondent questioned why virtually all funds for law-related education were being awarded on a non-competitive basis to the Law-Related Education National Training and Dissemination Program, with only \$200,000 in competitive funding being made available for "Innovative Approaches in Law-Related Education," thereby limiting opportunities for other organizations to seek funding for new law-related education programs.

Response: Eighty percent of the funds set aside for Law-Related Education are earmarked for the Law-Related Education National Training and Dissemination Program (Youth for Justice). OJJDP proposed to set aside \$500,000 of the remaining \$700,000 for a competitively awarded impact evaluation. However, because Department of Education funds were not available for a joint evaluation project, \$600,000 of the \$700,000 is being made available to support the "Innovative Approaches in Law-Related Education" program. One hundred thousand dollars will be awarded to fund the Facing History and Ourselves Program.

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