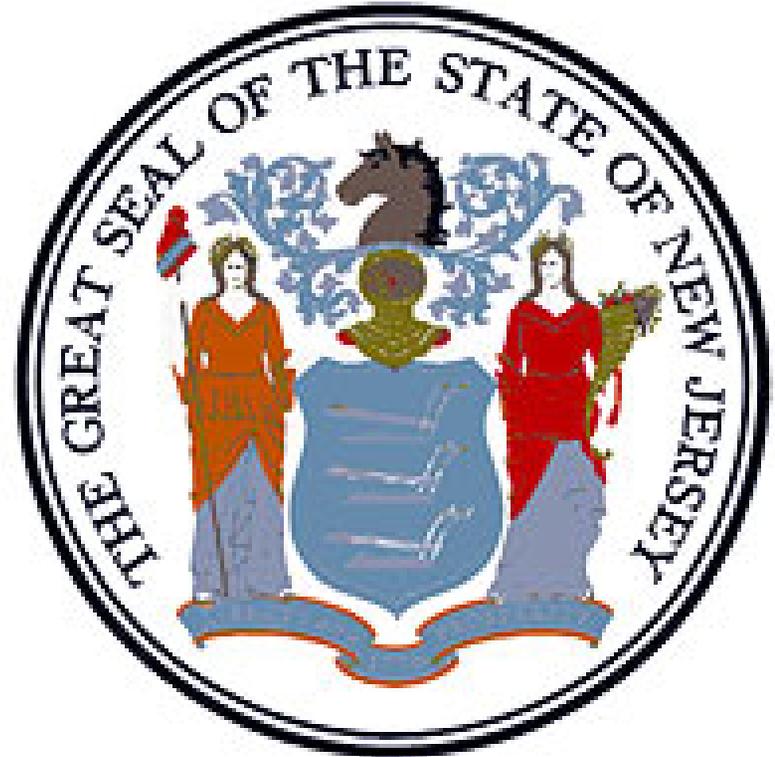


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DEDICATION TO GEORGE YEFCHAK

We are dedicating this publication of the Annual Report to George Yefchak, a long-time advocate for children in the State of New Jersey. George was the Acting Chairman of the Governor's New Jersey Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee from May 2006 until his sudden passing in August 2007. He had been a member of the Committee since 1995. A former Ombudsman of the Juvenile Justice Commission, he served on the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice where he was a charter member since 2004. He was also an active member of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice, the umbrella organization of State Advisory Groups. George was a very dedicated and committed leader of the New Jersey Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee during his years of participation as Member, Vice Chair, and Acting Chair.

Dedication

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMITTEE
REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, LEGISLATURE AND CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION**

The New Jersey Governor's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Committee's mission is to prevent or reduce delinquency by improving systems, mobilizing resources and engaging in advocacy to improve the lives of youth and families in the state. The JJDP Committee is the designated State Advisory Group (SAG) under the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 2002. As such, the Committee, whose members are appointed by the Governor, is required to advise the Governor, Legislature, and Congress, without lobbying, on juvenile justice issues. The Committee funds state and local level initiatives, evidenced-based programs and systems reform efforts. It also oversees compliance with the Act's core protections for youthful offenders.

Mission Statement

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The JJDP Committee is responsible for developing policies and programs to help ensure public safety. This includes holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions. The Committee funds programs primarily at the local level that provide appropriate delinquency prevention and treatment services to meet the needs of at-risk and delinquent youth.

Specifically, the JJDP Committee:

- Develops the State's Three Year Plan for Juvenile Justice as required by the JJDP Act
- Seeks input from juveniles and other state and local planning bodies and incorporates their needs and views into the planning process
- Awards federal grant funds provided to the state under the JJDP Act
- Monitors activities and accomplishments of funded projects
- Oversees the state's compliance with the core protections provided under the Act for youthful offenders
- Submits an annual report to the Governor and Legislature

Committee Responsibilities and Accomplishments

The Committee's mission is to prevent or reduce delinquency by improving systems, mobilizing resources and engaging in advocacy to improve the lives of youth and families in New Jersey. In fulfilling our mission, we are pleased to report the following accomplishments. The Committee:

- **Sponsored a Broad Range of Effective Prevention and Systems Improvement Programs in New Jersey's Communities** The Committee identified priority areas for targeted support, designed competitive award programs, conducted bidder's conferences for potential awardees; received, evaluated and made award decisions to programs that demonstrated merit and high potential for successful achievement of program goals. The Committee awarded \$2,807,010 in federal formula grant funds and \$383,000 in Title V Delinquency Prevention Grant funds to support local, regional and statewide initiatives. Committee members and staff engaged in comprehensive program review, provided technical assistance to grantees, and undertook fiscal and other performance monitoring. All in all, 26 local level awardees received support from the Committee for multiple year projects and 14 local level awardees received support for 2007 summer programming between the period of October 1, 2006 and September 30, 2008. Additionally, the Committee awarded 10 state level grants during the same period in the amount of \$763,465.
- **Supported the Implementation of Nationally-Validated Model Programs in New Jersey** The Committee continued to support and fund New Jersey pilot projects with demonstrated fidelity to nationally-validated Blue Print Programs. These include: the Nurse Family Partnership program, an early intervention model that has not only demonstrated success with preventing child abuse and neglect, but over time has been shown to reduce the incidence of delinquent behavior and Multi-Systemic Therapy, a program model that has been proven effective in supporting caretakers to take the lead in supporting positive changes in at-risk and delinquent youth. The Committee also successfully advocated for continued support to sustain these programs through other funding sources in the state.
- **Advanced Statewide Initiatives to Promote Safe Streets and Neighborhoods in New Jersey** The Committee worked collaboratively with the Office of the Attorney General and other state agencies to implement the NJ Governor's Strategy for Safe Streets and Neighborhoods. The Committee provided support to address the areas of truancy (as an early "marker" of potential high-risk) and municipal empowerment (through the support of comprehensive assessment and planning activities).
- **Focused Attention on the Special Needs of New Jersey's Girls and Young Women** The Committee addressed its identified priority area of developing programs specific and sensitive to the needs of girls and young women, whose presence in the juvenile crime statistics has continued to increase. The Committee continued to fund programs and to provide technical assistance to empower community providers to meet the needs of juvenile girls, with a special focus on those young women who have experienced trauma. Through ongoing support, we have provided a staff person within the Juvenile Justice Commission to lend her expertise to professionals who work with girls through training and technical assistance at the local,

state and national levels. The Committee also has continued to regularly host the Celebration of Womanhood Conference for girls and their adult sponsor. This workshop is structured to educate and empower girls.

- **Encouraged Early and Effective Intervention Programs to Reduce Minority Over-representation** The Committee funded, through a competitive grants process, new stationhouse adjustment programs to encourage early, prompt and effective informal intervention measures, short of referral to courts. The Committee will evaluate these new programs to assess their effectiveness in addressing our priority for reducing the overrepresentation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system following the initial point of police contact.
- **Sponsored Systems Improvements to Enable Study of Juvenile Placement Under Adult Jurisdiction** The Committee enhanced New Jersey's capacity to collect and track information on youth who are recommended for transfer/waiver to adult jurisdictions by providing funds to the Administrative Office of the Courts for systems enhancements that will increase the ability of our Committee and other stakeholders to assess the issue of race as it pertains to jurisdiction issue and to identify opportunities for system improvements to maximize justice and fairness.
- **Enabled the Development, Piloting and Validation of a Risk Screening Tool** Under our systems improvement mission, the Committee provided funds to the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide laptops to four counties that participated in the piloting of the Risk Screening Tool in the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative, now known as the Council for Juvenile Justice Systems Improvement, in order to access information on youthful offenders to ascertain optimal placement for youth.
- **Supported New Approaches to Improving Outcomes for Juveniles Released from Detention Facilities** The Committee funded two reentry projects that adapted the Bodega Model, a family case management approach, to address the needs not just of very high risk youth returning home after incarceration, but also for their families. The approach had been successfully used with adult offenders on Manhattan's Lower East Side. New Jersey undertook the task of adapting this model to youthful offenders and their families. An evaluation of the two projects was provided through Rutgers University.
- **Evaluated the Effectiveness of a Gang Prevention Program** The Committee continued to address the issue of gang prevention by funding programs that taught the Phoenix Curriculum, a cognitive behavioral approach that teaches refusal skills. The Committee allocated funds for a comprehensive evaluation of the effectiveness of this program in one setting.
- **We are also proud to report that our Committee received national recognition from the Federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for our collaborative work done in advocating the continued support of the Nurse Family Partnership Program. Members of the Committee and staff worked in connection with the Department of Children and Family's Home Visitation Work Group to support replication of this program Model.**

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GOVERNOR, THE LEGISLATURE AND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

The federal legislation authorizing the creation of the New Jersey Governor's Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention mandates that the Committee provide periodic recommendations to the Governor, members of the Legislature, and members of our Congressional delegation on matters of mutual interest. In fulfilling this obligation, we respectfully make the following recommendations:

Support the Reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and Restore Federal Funding Levels to Enable Continued Improvements in New Jersey's Juvenile Justice System

In recent years, the President and Congress have shifted funding from fighting adult crimes and preventing juvenile delinquency to areas such as combating terrorism. Between 2000 and 2006, federal funding to New Jersey for delinquency prevention and treatment has declined dramatically, from \$8,542,000 to \$2,825,650, a 66% loss of funds:

- Funding to enhance prosecution and victim services declined by 80% from \$5,621,000 to \$1,149,400.
- New Jersey's allocation for community-based delinquency prevention declined by 95%, from \$1,041,000 to \$56,250.
- New Jersey's allocation for juvenile justice programs and services, declined from \$1,880,000 to \$1,620,000.

During the same period, members of Congress increasingly have earmarked the remaining federal juvenile justice funds. This reduced recipient accountability and limited State discretion and oversight. The dramatic decline in funding support comes at a time of increased need for programs designed for New Jersey's youth, especially those at high risk.

We recommend that the Governor consult with appropriate members of his administration, with leaders and members of our Legislature, and with members of our Congressional Delegation in order to organize concerted advocacy to the President and Congress to:

- restore federal juvenile justice aid to New Jersey to its 2000 level and to reduce earmarking of these funds, and
- support the 2009 Reauthorization of the 2002 federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, the mechanism through which New Jersey receives federal juvenile justice funds.

2008 Committee Recommendations

Expand Programs Aimed at Providing Alternatives to Juvenile Detention

Reserving detention only for those juvenile offenders where it is the most appropriate sanction not only promotes justice, but also saves money. Our committee has continued our support of the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission's Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI). JDAI's goal is to reduce the inappropriate housing of youth in county juvenile detention centers. Since the program was initiated in 2003, the average daily population of the original five JDAI sites has been reduced by more than 44%; and the five *phase two* sites dropped over 22%. The evidence for the effectiveness of this initiative—a “best practice model” that Committee support has assisted New Jersey in adopting—is strong.

We recommend that the Governor support the continued development and deployment of current JDAI programs and endorse the plan to expand the JDAI model statewide.

Increase Efforts Designed to Address the Overrepresentation of Minority Youth in the Juvenile Justice System

Analysis of data demonstrates that, despite efforts to reduce disparities, youth of color continue to be disproportionately represented at decision-making points along the juvenile justice continuum. The Federal OJJDP requires states to address the issue of Disproportionate Minority Confinement (DMC) as one of the core requirements of the JJDP Act. In its 2009-2011 Three Year Comprehensive Plan to OJJDP, our Committee reflected the following data for New Jersey, based on 2006 data:

- African American and Hispanic youth are almost two times as likely as White youth to be arrested
- African American and Hispanic youth are less likely to be diverted from the system than White youth
- African American and Hispanic youth are almost five times as likely as White youth to be detained
- African American and Hispanic youth are more likely than White youth to be adjudicated delinquent
- African American and Hispanic youth are more likely than White youth to be placed on probation
- African American and Hispanic youth are almost six times as likely as White youth to be incarcerated

New Jersey has made numerous efforts to address DMC nevertheless racial disparities remain. As a result of the work of the JDAI Initiative, there are few overall numbers of youth of color held in New Jersey's detention centers, however, racial disparities in detention remain. Through the JDAI Initiative New Jersey will bring the Burns Institute to address racial and ethnic disparities on selected participating counties. This is just one New Jersey initiative to address this core requirement. As a result of the Administrative Office of the Court's effort that was directed by Supreme Court Justice Deborah Poritz, a report, entitled “An Inquiry on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System” which examined the decision making point of police diversion, was

authored. As a result, the JJDP Committee is currently funding six programs to encourage the use of stationhouse adjustments with minority youth.

We recommend that the Governor and Legislature continue their support of Best Practices and Evidence-Based Programming across New Jersey to reduce delinquency, especially in the area of programs that focus on reducing the overrepresentation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system.

Improve Capacity to Monitor the Use of “Stationhouse Adjustments” for Juveniles by all New Jersey Police Departments

Stationhouse adjustment is an intervention in which a juvenile police officer meets with the youth, along with his/her parents and any victim(s), in connection with a minor offense in order to seek an appropriate “adjustment” at the most local level. This informal model enables early intervention and in many cases prevents the youth from progressing further into the juvenile justice system. Although stationhouse adjustment, in various forms, has existed in some NJ communities for decades, it has not been as prominent a feature in police departments located in urbanized high-stress, high-crime areas. These departments tend to focus on “more serious” crimes resulting in lost opportunities for early intervention and diversion from court. Since stationhouse adjustment is used less by police departments in urban areas where there tends to be a concentration of minority youth, the JJDP Committee and others concerned with juvenile justice and delinquency prevention have concluded that the absence of this intervention may be a contributing factor to the overrepresentation of minority youth in Family Court. To promote stationhouse adjustment interventions and monitor its use, in December 2005 Attorney General Harvey ordered all police departments to conduct stationhouse adjustments and file quarterly reports about them. Since the JJDP Committee has supported the development of model stationhouse adjustment programs as a critical element in a comprehensive plan to reduce minority overrepresentation, vigorous implementation of the Attorney General’s order will enable us to assess the effectiveness of this approach.

We recommend that the Governor address what is needed to effect the goals described herein. Should this be deemed helpful and desirable, the Committee is prepared to assist by dedicating funds to assist in compliance monitoring. We recommend that the results of current monitoring be shared with our Committee, with other agencies such as the Juvenile Justice Commission and County Youth Services Commissions so as to assist in efforts aimed at reducing the overrepresentation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system.

Establish a Comprehensive Initiative to Assess Program Effectiveness

Programs to reduce youth violence vary widely in their effectiveness. Some are so effective that they pay for themselves within a few years in reduced government expenditures. Others have limited or no effect, wasting the money spent on them while others

even backfire and result in increased youth violence and the costs associated with it.

The Federal OJJDP has directed that states, wherever possible, implement evidenced-based programs to ensure optimal use of public funds. Our Committee has made a concerted and persistent effort to incorporate effective and rigorous assessment components in the programs that we fund. Our aim is to test and validate model programs that may be good candidates for replication. Sophisticated research of this caliber requires substantial funding support and expertise as well as access to high quality evaluation and assessment. Our Committee believes that some centralized and organized assessment consultant service could provide effective formative feedback and analysis to local projects, thus increasing their likelihood of succeeding while also assembling evidence to evaluate the project's overall effectiveness.

We recommend that the Governor and Legislature, as part of budget reform and quality improvement initiatives, assemble a working group, that includes representatives of the JJDP Committee, to explore the feasibility of creating a body that would have the expertise to assess programs with proven methods and standards in order to determine their quality and cost-effectiveness in meeting the needs of at risk and adjudicated youth.

Explore the Creation of Career Paths Specific to Juvenile Justice Professionals

With the organization of the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission, New Jersey's leaders created a mission-centered entity for the specific purpose of treating juveniles appropriately. These leaders saw that the creation of a truly separate system of juvenile justice must begin with recognition of the importance of this work, one that acknowledged the distinctions between work in this area versus that in the adult criminal justice system.

Our Committee believes that achieving a juvenile justice mission entails, among other things, developing a cohort of professionals whose training and capacities are customized in direct service for this special mission. At present, there is no career ladder for those working in the specialty field of juvenile justice. Thus, to advance in the criminal justice profession, too often individuals begin their careers in juvenile justice and use it as a "training ground" for future work elsewhere. The need to develop skills and capacities to implement the concept of rehabilitation, so central to working with children, is downplayed when young professionals are being evaluated for "promotion" to a system that has no such mandate. Implicit in this condition is a diminution of the intrinsic value of juvenile work and its special calling. Lost, as well, are the special skill sets that are essential to meaningful individual and systemic progress in this area, an area that can potentially reduce the numbers of individuals sent to the more costly adult justice system. These micro/macro considerations demand the development of a system to encourage the recruitment, training, and retention of professional personnel to work in the fields of prevention, identification, and treatment of delinquency. This would include, but not be limited to, careers in law, law enforcement, probation, education, social work, child protection, and juvenile justice administration.

We recommend that the Governor call upon our Committee, the Juvenile Justice Commission, and others with expertise in human resource development to work collaboratively with the New Jersey Council for Juvenile Justice System Improvement to explore the creation of career paths for Juvenile Justice professionals and to provide recommendations by July, 2010.

Improve Access to Behavioral Health and Other Services

The laudable goal of rehabilitation in the juvenile justice system can only be achieved with timely access to appropriate services that support rehabilitation. Where it was once felt that there were insufficient resources available to address the substantial needs of the children in this system, it has become increasingly apparent that despite a substantial increase in resources, sometimes children are precluded from receiving treatment simply and ironically because they are “court-involved.”

Access to services, particularly residential or other out-of-home treatment facilities, often requires time consuming and convoluted processes that may substantially increase the length of stay for juveniles in secure detention centers. Once children have accessed these services through the justice system, any “failure” of treatment requires another placement in secure detention while next steps are being determined.

At the other end of the spectrum is the equally vexing problem of children whose delinquency is of a particularly minor nature, but who have serious personal or family dysfunction. In an effort to obtain accountability and compliance with treatment, very often services are court-ordered and made a condition of probation. Unfortunately, the failure to comply with these directives invites violations of probation that serve little purpose other than to involve these children deeper into a juvenile justice system that is less equipped to address these needs in the first instance.

In addressing this issue, the Committee seeks to enlist a partnership between itself and the New Jersey Council on Juvenile Justice System Improvement, which is currently working in this area.

We recommend that the Governor endorse the Committee’s engagement with and support for the work of the New Jersey Council on Juvenile Justice System Improvement in exploring issues related to accessing treatment through the juvenile justice system. Through this collaboration, we would explore the development of other avenues that would more appropriately and more effectively address the needs of this target population without further deepening their involvement in the juvenile justice system.

JJDP GRANT MAKING

OCTOBER 1, 2006 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

County	Agency	Program Name	Program Year	Award	Program Description
Bergen	Borough of Fort Lee Police Department	Fort Lee Stationhouse Adjustment Program	1	\$39,644	This project provides youth who are being given an opportunity to make amends/restitution under the supervision of local police with customized retribution options primarily in the form of structured supervised community service. Youth also receive individual counseling, tutoring, mentoring and translation services.
Bergen	Team Management 2000	Girls Empowered, Motivated, and Self-Sufficient (GEMS) Program	2	\$25,812	This after school program offers psycho-educational group sessions for girls using the <i>TRIAD Girl's Group Treatment Manual and Handbook</i> .
Camden	The NJ Child Abuse Research Educational Service (NJ CARES at UMDNJ)	Trauma Response Groups for Girls	1	\$30,000	This program provides individual and group therapy for girls exposed to trauma using an integration of both <i>Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)</i> and <i>Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)</i> .
			2	\$24,000	
Essex	Family Services Bureau	Beyond Survival	2	\$24,000	This program uses the <i>Seeking Safety Curriculum</i> via individual and group therapy. The program activities are designed to help young girls & their families, who have been exposed to trauma, to replace negative patterns of victimization with newly learned healthy patterns.
			3	\$18,000	

JJDP Grant Funding by County

County	Agency	Program Name	Program Year	Award	Program Description
Essex	Family Services Bureau	Family Youth Initiative	1	140,000	This project serves youth returning to the City of Newark from JJC institutions and programs, and provides family case management services, based on the Bodega Model.
			2	100,000	
Essex	Irvington Municipal Alliance Committee	Irvington Youth Violence Prevention Initiative	Year 1	\$100,000	This project implements the Phoenix Anti-Gang Prevention Intervention Curriculum in the 4th, 5th and 7th grades of four Irvington Township schools.
			Year 2	\$80,000	
			Year 3	\$60,000	
Mercer	City of Trenton Police Department	Trenton Station House Adjustment Program	Year 1	\$56,383	This project expands the City's station house adjustment program by staffing a SHA coordinator to coordinate and monitor activities for adjusted youth.
Mercer	Lawrence Township Police Department	Lawrence Township Station House Adjustment Partnership	Year 1	\$54,309	This project utilizes the Why Try? Curriculum, which uses a strength-based approach and multi-sensory learning to motivate youth and help them overcome challenges.
Mercer	Family Transition and Support Services	Safe Horizons	1	\$33,420	This program provides individual and group therapy using the <i>Girls Circle Curriculum</i> to girls whom have been exposed to trauma.
			2	\$26,736	
Middlesex	Affinity Counseling	F.O.R T.R.O.Y	1	120,000	This project serves youth returning to the City of New Brunswick from JJC institutions and programs, and provides family case management services based on the Bodega Model.
			2	100,000	
Middlesex	City of Perth Amboy Police Department	Perth Amboy Police Station House Enhancement Project	Year 1	\$60,000	This project expands the City's station house adjustment program by providing tutoring, counseling, mentorship and community service to adjusted youth.

County	Agency	Program Name	Program Year	Award	Program Description
Middlesex	Edison Township Department of Health & Human Resources	Middle School BRIDGES (MS BRIDGES)	Year 2 Year 3	\$95,750 \$74,625	Modeled after the Extended-Service Schools (ESS) Initiative, and CASASTART, this program uses components of Project Achieve and Brief Strategic Family Therapy to provide school based after school services to youth and their parents.
Monmouth	Jamesburg Board of Education	Project HOPE	Year 2 Year 3	\$48,000 \$36,000	This project implements the Phoenix Anti Gang Prevention Intervention Curriculum in Jamesburg schools through after school and summer enrichment programs.
Monmouth	The Kintock Group	Monmouth County Project Ready	Year 1	120,000	This program provides job training, job placement, job coaching and support services by utilizing the <i>Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory</i> .
Monmouth and Ocean	St. Barnabas Behavioral Health-Institute for Prevention	Project G.R.O.W. (Girls Reaching Overall Wellness)	2	\$136,000	This after school program provides case management, health education and life skills training, individual counseling, and group sessions.
Morris and Sussex	Saint Clare's Hospital- The Center for the Protection of Children	Girls Rule	2 3	\$133,400 \$101,952	This after school program provides holistic, direct services to girls via individual group sessions, using the <i>Go Girrrls Curriculum</i> .

County	Agency	Program Name	Program Year	Award	Program Description
Passaic	Passaic Police Department	City of Passaic Stationhouse Adjustment Program	Year 1	37,538	This program provides academic assistance, community service hours, educational workshops and team building activities.
Passaic	The Kintock Group	Passaic County Project Ready	Year 1	120,000	This program provides job training, job placement, job coaching and support services by utilizing the <i>Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory</i> .
Salem	Pennsville School District	Learn to Earn	1	\$84,568	This program provides classroom instruction, job training/ placement, and coaching services using the <i>Plato Curriculum</i> and the <i>Carnegie Math Program</i> .
Salem	Salem County Inter-Agency Council	FAST (Families and Schools Together)	Year 2 Year 3	\$95,750 \$74,625	This project utilizes the FAST curriculum to engage families in multi-family group sessions that address family management problems, family conflict, and school failure.
Sussex	Center for Prevention & Counseling	Project STRONG	Year 2 Year 3	\$48,000 \$36,000	This project implements the Phoenix Anti Gang Prevention Intervention Curriculum and Strengthening Families in 3 Sussex county middle schools.

County	Agency	Program Name	Program Year	Award	Program Description
Sussex	The Town of Newton	Project YES (Youth Empowerment & Safety)	Year 2 Year 3	\$95,750 \$74,625	This project implements <i>the Strengthening Families Curriculum</i> and utilizes the Peers Making Peace curriculum to train youth in peer mediation.
Union	Jefferson Park Ministries, Inc.	Haitian Youth Advancement Project	Year 2	\$48,000	This project expands after school programs to implement the Phoenix Anti- Gang Prevention Intervention Curriculum, and develop peer mentorship and paid internship opportunities for youth.

**JJDP STATE LEVEL FUNDING
GRANT MAKING
OCTOBER 1, 2006 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**

Agency	Program Name	Award	Program Description
Administrative Office of the Courts	Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) Screening Tool Pilot Test	\$10,183	This project allows for the pilot of 24-hour wireless access to the risk-screening tool. It supports a true test of different access methods across counties along with the value of the risk-screening tool.
Administrative Office of the Courts	Transfer and Waiver	\$18,427	This project allows for the modification of the Family Automated Tracking System (FACTS) to provide a uniform system for recording applications for waiver that tracks the results of these applications statewide and produces a reliable report for stakeholders interested in the number of applications that are denied, rejected, withdrawn along with data that helps identify the characteristics of these cases.
Juvenile Justice Commission	Celebration of Womanhood Conferences	\$45,378	These three regional conferences provide opportunities to address issues related to empowerment, self-esteem, female development, and respect for 900 of New Jersey's at-risk and court involved juvenile female population ages 12 to 17.
Juvenile Justice Commission	Compliance Monitoring	\$150,610 \$150,610	This project allows for continuation of the statewide JJDP Compliance Monitoring Unit by providing the salary of one full-time staff person and another staff person who devotes 50% of the time to the statewide monitoring of Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC), a core requirement.

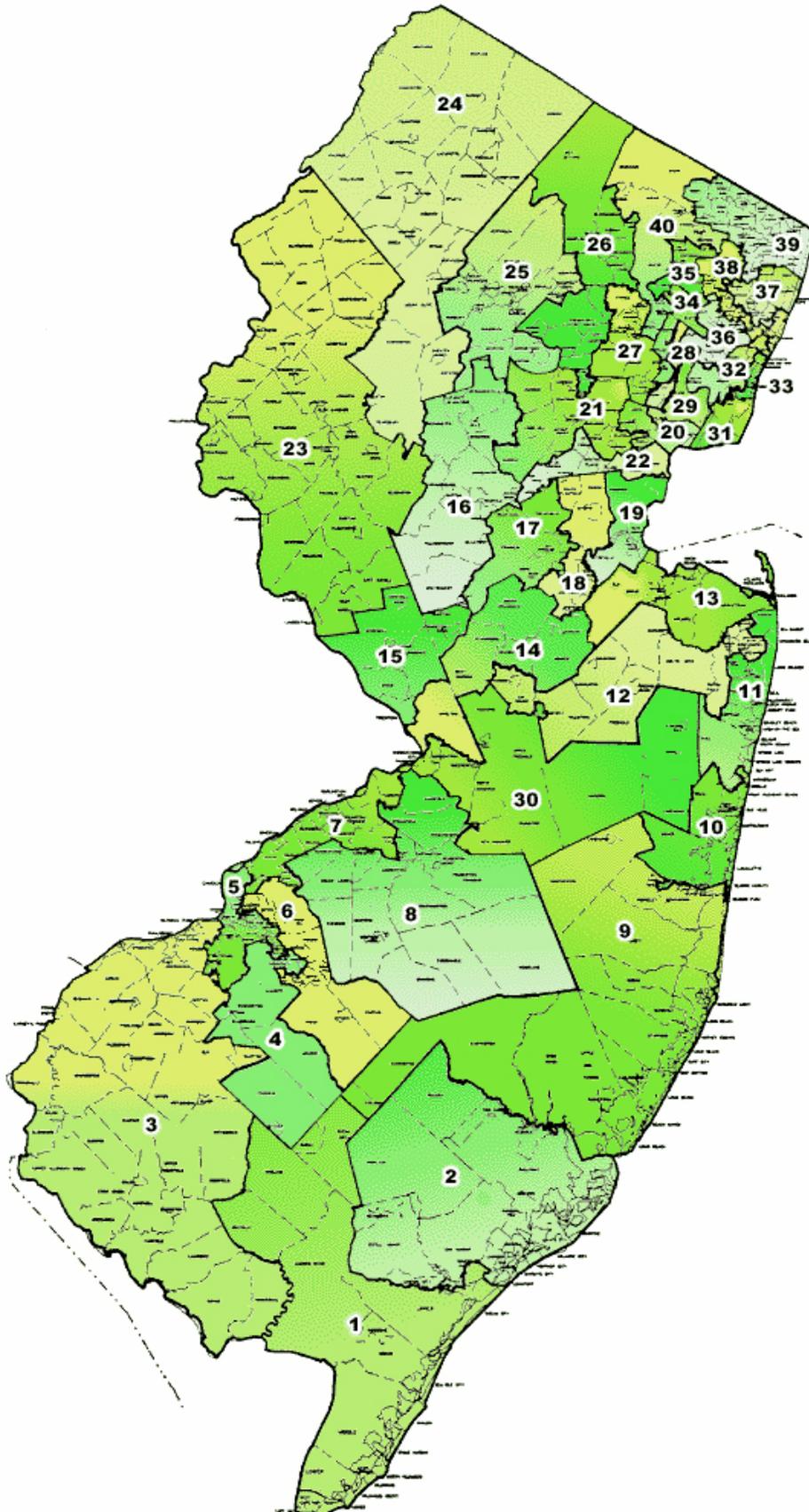
JJDP State Level Funding by Agency

Agency	Program Name	Award	Program Description
Juvenile Justice Commission	Gender Specific Services Coordinator	\$89,847 \$92,072	This project's goals are to reduce gender bias to ensure that the special and multi-dimensional needs of delinquent and at-risk girls are met in programming which also increase the capacity of service providers to meet the needs of adolescent girls and to advocate for them in their communities and in the juvenile justice system.
Juvenile Justice Commission	Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI)- Atlantic County Specialist	\$53,050	This project funds a Detention Specialist to continue to support Atlantic County's Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI).
Juvenile Justice Commission	Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI)- Camden County Specialist	\$53,050	This project funds a Detention Specialist to continue to support Camden County's Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI).
Juvenile Justice Commission	Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI)- Essex County Specialist	\$53,050	This project funds a Detention Specialist to continue to support Essex County's Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI).
Juvenile Justice Commission	Phoenix Training and Evaluation	\$36,788	This project evaluated the implementation of the Irvington Youth Violence Prevention Initiative and assisted in training of teachers to deliver the Phoenix Curriculum in the Irvington School District.
Juvenile Justice Commission	Youth Summit	\$5,000 \$5,400	This day-long Youth Summit at Rutgers University in New Brunswick for the youth in Juvenile Justice Commission day reporting and residential community programs was designed to reinforce the fact that education gives youth the power to make better life choices

JJDP Grant Funding by Congressional District

Districts Served	Grant Recipient	Location	Program
1	Center for Family Services (SE)	Blackwood	YES Residential & Transitional Living Program
5, 11	St. Clare's Hospital- Center for the Protection of Children	Boonton Twp.	Girls Rule
7,11	Somerset County Vo-Tech (SE)	Bridgewater Twp.	Summer Twilight Program
7,11,12	Middle Earth (SE)	Bridgewater Twp.	Advantage & Advantage Plus Programs
6, 7	Edison Township	Edison Twp.	MS BRIDGES
10,13	Youth Services Bureau	Elizabeth	Youth Enrichment Summer (YES)
10,13	Jefferson Park Ministries	Elizabeth	Haitian Youth Advancement Project
8,10	Arts Horizon (SE)	Englewood	Creative Alternatives for Youth at Risk (CAYR)
9	Borough of Fort Lee	Fort Lee	Stationhouse Adjustment Program
4,6,12	Monmouth County	Freehold	Evening Reporting Center
10	Irvington Municipal Alliance Committee	Irvington	Irvington Youth Violence Prevention Initiative
12	Jamesburg BOE	Jamesburg	Project HOPE
12	Family Transition Support Services	Lawrence Twp.	Safe Horizons
12	Prevention Education Inc.	Lawrence Twp.	Juvenile Auto Theft Program/Offender Outreach Program
12	Lawrence Township	Lawrence Twp.	Stationhouse Adjustment Program
11	Storytelling Arts (SE)	Morristown	Telling Our Stories
11	Collinsville Child Care Center (SE)	Morristown	Collinsville Teen/Tot Learning Center
10, 13	Unified Vailsburg (SE)	Newark	Vailsburg Youth Leadership Corps
10,13	Bethany Cares, Inc. (SE)	Newark	Bethany Uth Turn
10,13	Family Services Bureau of Newark	Newark	1. Family Youth Initiative (FYI) 2. Beyond Survival
5,11	Town of Newton/Sussex Co.	Newton	Project YES
5,11	Center for Prevention & Counseling	Newton	Project STRONG
7, 12	Affinity Counseling	North Brunswick	FOR TROY
8	Passaic City	Passaic City	Stationhouse Adjustment Program
1	Pennsville School District	Pennsville	Learn to Earn
13	City of Perth Amboy	Perth Amboy	Stationhouse Adjustment Program
1	Salem County	Salem	Families and Schools Together (FAST)
1	UMDNJ	Stratford	Trauma Response Groups for Girls
3,4	St. Barnabas Behavioral Health - Institute for Prevention	Toms River	Project GROW
4	City of Trenton	Trenton	Stationhouse Adjustment Program
5	Family Guidance Center of Warren County (SE)	Washington Borough	Bumper to Bumper Automotive Detailing
8, 10	West Orange Police Dept. (SE)	West Orange	Junior Police Academy
4, 6, 12	Collier Services (SE)	Wickatunk	Job Experience Training (JOB)

SE = Summer Expansion Program



JJD Grant Funding By Legislative District

JJDP Grant Funding by Legislative District

Districts Served	Grant Recipient	Location	Program
4,5,6	Center for Family Services (SE)	Blackwood	YES Residential & Transitional Living Program
16,26 21,24,25	St. Clare's Hospital - Center for the Protection of Children	Boonton Twp.	Girls Rule
16	Somerset County Vo-Tech (SE)	Bridgewater Twp.	Summer Twilight Program
16, 17, 21	Middle Earth (SE)	Bridgewater Twp.	Advantage & Advantage Plus Programs
14, 18, 19	Edison Township	Edison Twp.	MS BRIDGES
20	Jefferson Park Ministries	Elizabeth	Haitian Youth Advancement Project
20	Youth Services Bureau	Elizabeth	Youth Enrichment Summer (YES)
27	Arts Horizon (SE)	Englewood	Creative Alternatives for Youth at Risk (CAYR)
38	Borough of Fort Lee	Fort Lee	Stationhouse Adjustment Program
10,11, 12, 13, 30	Monmouth County	Freehold	Evening Reporting Center
28	Irvington Municipal Alliance Committee	Irvington	Irvington Youth Violence Prevention Initiative
14	Jamesburg BOE	Jamesburg	Project HOPE
15	Family Transition Support Services	Lawrence Twp.	Safe Horizons
15	Prevention Education Inc.	Lawrence Twp.	Juvenile Auto Theft Program/Juvenile Offender Outreach Program
15	Lawrence Township	Lawrence Twp.	Stationhouse Adjustment Program
25	Storytelling Arts (SE)	Morristown	Telling Our Stories
25	Collinsville Child Care Center (SE)	Morristown	Collinsville Teen/Tot Learning Center
27, 28,29	Unified Vailsburg (SE)	Newark	Vailsburg Youth Leadership Corps
27, 28,29	Bethany Cares, Inc. (SE)	Newark	Bethany Uth Turn
27, 28,29	Family Services Bureau of Newark	Newark	1. Family Youth Initiative (FYI) 2. Beyond Survival
24	Town of Newton/Sussex Co.	Newton	Project YES
24	Center for Prevention & Counseling	Newton	Project STRONG
14, 17, 18, 19	Affinity Counseling	North Brunswick	FOR TROY
36	Passaic City	Passaic City	Stationhouse Adjustment Program
3	Pennsville School District	Pennsville	Learn to Earn
19	City of Perth Amboy	Perth Amboy	Stationhouse Adjustment Program
3	Salem County	Salem	Families and Schools Together (FAST)
4,5,6	UMDNJ	Stratford	Trauma Response Groups for Girls
9,10,11, 12, 13, 30	St. Barnabas Behavioral Health - Institute for Prevention	Toms River	Project GROW
15	City of Trenton	Trenton	Stationhouse Adjustment Program
23	Family Guidance Center of Warren County (SE)	Washington Borough	Bumper to Bumper Automotive Detailing
27	West Orange Police Dept. (SE)	West Orange	Junior Police Academy
10,11, 12, 13, 30	Collier Services (SE)	Wickatunk	Job Experience Training (JOB)

SE = Summer Expansion Program

CONNIE STRAND MEMORIAL AWARD FOR PROGRAM EXCELLENCE

The fourth annual Connie Strand Award for Program Excellence was given to the following outstanding program which was supported by the Committee:

The Jamesburg School District was one of four recipients of the JJDP Violence Prevention grant to implement the Phoenix Anti-Gang Prevention/Intervention Curriculum in 2006. The School District strived to provide their youth with alternatives to delinquency and gang involvement/affiliation by implementing Project HOPE. The Project included the Phoenix Curriculum in the district's 4th through 8th grade classrooms and within the after school and summer enrichment programs. Over 500 youth were served in Project HOPE. In addition, the JJDP Committee also honors the work of Shirley Ann Bzdewka, then Superintendent of Schools, under whose leadership the School District implemented Project HOPE with a high degree of excitement and commitment to excellence. Ms. Bzdewka was instrumental in the project's successful implementation and labored tirelessly to ensure that staff were trained and prepared to deliver the Phoenix curriculum.



Connie Strand Memorial Award for Program Excellence

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Special thank you to Cathy Wasserman for serving as Acting Chairperson

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF JJDP COMMITTEE SERVICE

Joyce Johnson, Nancy Kline Gold and Joseph Britton served a combined 44 years as members of the Governor's Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Committee. Ms. Johnson was appointed in 1987 and Mrs. Kline Gold and Mr. Britton were appointed in 1995.

Their on-going devotion to at-risk and court-involved youth and their families in New Jersey is recognized and sincerely appreciated. This acknowledgement is of their commitment and service to and advocacy for this population.

Acknowledgement of JJDP Committee Service

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF JJDP STAFF SERVICE

Maria Rivera-Brown joined the JJDP Unit in 1987. She was dedicated to the work of delinquency prevention, program monitoring and served as both the Title V Coordinator and the DMC Coordinator. Ms. Rivera-Brown retired from state service in August 2008.

Mark J. Ferrante joined the JJDP Unit in 2000 as the Unit Manager. He also served as New Jersey's Juvenile Justice Specialist and was active with the National Coalition for Juvenile Justice. Mr. Ferrante resigned from state service in August 2007 to work with the National Coalition for Juvenile Justice.

The JJDP Committee would like to thank them both for their years of dedicated service.

Acknowledgement of JJDP Staff Service

