

Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC)

2003 Annual Report



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To: Interested Parties

**From: Michael Mayer, Chair
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Subject: JJAC Annual Report for 2003

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Enclosed is the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee's Annual Report for 2003.

JJAC Highlights for 2003 include:

- ❖ JJAC awarded \$ 957,947 of Title II Formula Grant funds to 22 programs which served over 8224 youth and their families through prevention, early intervention, accountability and aftercare programs. This is an average expenditure of \$116 per youth participant.
- ❖ JJAC awarded over \$1,173,696 of Title V Local Delinquency Prevention funds to 25 communities that provided delinquency prevention services to over 17,016 youth. This is an average expenditure of \$69 per youth participant.

JJAC expects to see results in the following Recommendations:

- ✓ Innovative strategies involving all stakeholders in the process to correct Disproportionate Minority Contact.
- ✓ Need for accurate screening to identify the most appropriate services available for youth based on their needs.
- ✓ Innovative programs that capable of being replicated to divert youth residing in costly facilities.
- ✓ Outcome based research for juvenile programs as stated in the goals and objectives of the Minnesota Three Year Plan.

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2004 Recommendations to the Governor

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) is charged, under the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, with providing advice and recommendations to the Governor and the state Legislature on issues, trends and practices of the state's juvenile justice system. JJAC, comprised of representatives from private non-profits, resource practitioners for juveniles and government officials and administrators, is aware of the need for an overarching view of the juvenile justice system in order to spotlight emerging juvenile needs, best practices in juvenile programming and a user friendly and effective governmental system. JJAC is also aware there may be duplication of services, disconnected services or no services in specific geographic areas and is seeking ways to ameliorate such inadequacies.

JJAC has long held that all youth in our society are at risk due to enormous challenges they face during the maturation process. However, some are more at risk than others due to the demographics of poverty, family dysfunction, chemical and mental health issues, disparities based on cultural and ethnic discrimination and a society that accommodates violence on many levels. These high risk juveniles are those that JJAC believes can most benefit from an inclusive and comprehensive approach to juvenile justice and it is with these youth that JJAC is most concerned and committed.

Parallel to these annual Recommendations, JJAC also issues its Three Year Plan and annual Updates to the Three Year Plan in April of each year. These documents summarize the work plan for JJAC and outline the commitment JJAC makes to juveniles in the justice system.

At this time JJAC recognizes a continuum of care for youth in the Juvenile Justice System. All points along the continuum are critical for those who are in need of those services:

- **Prevention** programs serve youth who have not yet entered into the system but due to risk factors could easily become involved with it.
- **Diversion** programs offer first time offenders a chance to circumvent their future involvement in the court system.
- **Disposition and Intervention** programs assure youth a structured environment that encompasses both remedial and restitution elements needed for personal growth and recovery.
- **Transition** programs support youth after release from a treatment service or out of home placement by assisting them in finding a job, enrolling in school, or other transition services.
- **Aftercare** programs provide additional supportive services after transition to encourage and promote youth success once they have completed their primary services. Making the continuum a circle of care, Prevention programs also serve those youth who have been involved in the system and could easily find themselves once more within it.

Pursuant to their charge, JJAC recommends the following:

1. Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)

JJAC is completing an assessment of DMC and to what extent it exists in any of the phases of the juvenile justice system: arrest, diversion, detainment, prosecution, adjudication, disposition and commitment. This compilation of existing data will allow an initial analysis. JJAC recommends innovative strategies involving all stakeholders in the process to correct DMC in the identified areas of concerns.

2. Screening:

JJAC is aware of the need for accurate risk and diagnostic screenings to identify the most appropriate services available for youth based on their needs. Youth who are in the system are there for many underlying reasons and the untangling of each path is necessary for a successful future. Comprehensive diagnostic screenings at the beginning of a youth's interaction with the system will assist in identifying mental health and chemical dependency issues, risk and protective factors, as well as the need for rehabilitation. Risk screenings during re-integration are equally important because they allow an evaluation of changes made with the youth before and after services were provided, and assist the youth in the continuing journey toward maturation.

3. Matching Services with Needs:

JJAC is aware there is a need to examine whether appropriate services and placements for youth are being utilized. Alternatives to incarceration need to be explored. JJAC recommends innovative programs that could be replicated to divert youth residing in costly facilities. Such innovative programs include drug courts, restorative justice and wrap around services.

4. Evaluation:

JJAC recommends juvenile program outcome based research in the goals and objectives of the Three Year Plan. An evaluation design should address both small and large programs alike in the analysis of their program trends and in regard to their service delivery. Identifying client level of change and utilization rates of the program are examples of data to assist in good programs management. Also, an evaluation design is needed that has built in economies of scale so that smaller and more innovative programs will be able to afford it.

**Resolution of JJAC
January 16, 2004**

2003 Juvenile Justice Grantee Profiles

The following pages present information on individual Title II and Title V grantees receiving funding through JJAC. It is suggested that the reader take into account the differing program types and the client participation base for each. For example, the Minneapolis Police Athletic League is a prevention program with a goal of reaching as many urban children as possible for after school or summer months enrichment activities in order to provide positive interaction with the Minneapolis Police Department while exemplifying positive experiences. HIRED, on the other hand, provides an aftercare program with employment and training services to homeless and runaway youth by assisting them in finding housing, employment and providing support services. Although the numbers served in these programs will differ substantially, JJAC is committed to serving the total continuum of Minnesota's youth.

2003 Juvenile Justice Programs: Title II Prevention, Pre-Adjudication and Early Intervention Programs-PREV.

Grant #	Grantee	Contact	Funding Level	Area Served	Target Population	Age Group	Number Served	Description
90733	Forest Lake Youth Service Bureau	Jeanne Walz 651/464-3685	\$50,000	Forest Lake	Forest Lake area youth and families	10~18	745	Program reduces juvenile delinquency by empowering youth and families with decision making skills which provide skills for better relationships between youth and parents.
90734	Hmong Minnesota Pacific Association	Eng Herr 651/778-8937	\$49,990	St. Paul	Focus on Hmong youth and families in east metro	10~18	214	Provides education, mentoring, and counseling in career development for Hmong youth in the city of St. Paul.
90735	La Oportunidad	Chris Romano 612/872-6165 ext. 15	\$50,000	St. Paul	Hispanic youth	10~18	805	Latino Youth Program which aims to help Latino youth develop leadership and social skills and learn business development.
90736	Lauj Youth Society	Sonja Lor 651/644-2446	\$50,000	St. Paul	At risk Hmong youth in east metro	13~18	100	Program facilitates mentoring program in order to assist Hmong youth develop strategies and goals for productive careers.
90737	Life-Work-Planning Center Board	Susan Bruss 507/345-1577	\$50,000	Mankato	Hispanic youth in four southern MN counties	12~18	396	Agencies in five counties deliver services to teenage mothers and youth to help them make healthy and sound life choices.
90738	Mpls PAL Police Athletic League	Sgt. Nancy Dunlap 612/627-5125	\$50,000	Minneapolis	Minneapolis youth	5~16	1535	Police officers volunteer to provide after school and summer activities to at-risk youth. Program encourages parental participation.
90739	NW YMCA New Hope	Karen Trondson 763/592-5518	\$49,751	Minneapolis	New Hope youth	10~15	600	Youth referred to program by schools. Law enforcement participates in group sessions and wilderness camps with youth. Staff facilitates healthy relationships between youth and family members.
90740	Project Foundation Minneapolis	Dan Cherryhomes 612/522-1690	\$25,000	Minneapolis	Homeless youth	13~18	243	Provides housing and support services for homeless youth in partnership with other agencies. The Life Skills course prepares youth for independent living and employment. Aftercare services are also provided.
90741	Somali Community of Minnesota	Mohammed Essa 612/871-5564+C3	\$40,000	Minneapolis	Somali youth	13~18	997	Program provides outreach to Somali youth to offer assistance and support in dealing with cultural stresses in urban living.

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90742	Woodland Hills Neigh. Youth Serv	Stephanie Floyd 218/723-3524	\$34,038	Duluth	Youth in Duluth Hillside neighborhood	10~18	93	Diversion program for first-time offenders for youth 12 to 14 years old. Parents are directly involved with the youth as they go through the program.
90743	YWCA St. Paul	Amy Steele 651/222-3741	\$50,000	St. Paul	St. Paul youth	7~18	405	Youth Achievers program offers program and activities which aim to reduce risk behaviors in at risk youth. Program has collaboration with 24 agencies in the Twin Cities area to improve program efforts.
90744	YouthCARE Minneapolis	Chue Xiong 612/338-1233	\$50,000	Minneapolis	Minority females in Minneapolis	10~18	534	Hmong elders mentor Hmong teenage girls, who in turn, mentor younger Hmong girls.
90753	Freeborn County Attorney Office	Krissy Routh 507/377-5192	\$29,500	Albert Lea	Freeborn County youth	10~18	350	Truancy diversion program which promotes awareness of truancy in its community. Provides mediation and or referral services to truant youth and their families.
90804	Helping Hands Duluth	Connie Johnson 218/726-1902	\$47,630	Duluth	Duluth area youth	12~18	65	Summer program for referred youth with hands-on community projects. Youth are trained in new skills and other experiences to enhance their future for the job market.

2003 Juvenile Justice Programs: Title II Post-Adjudication Programs-POST.

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90745	Dakota Area Resource and Transportation for Seniors (DARTS)	Jason Sanders 651/455-1560	\$15,000	Dakota County	Dakota County juvenile offenders	10~18	149	Through partnerships with community agencies, first-time offenders interact with senior citizens in the community.
90746	Evergreen House Bemidji	Rebecca Schueller 218/751-8223	\$49,878	Beltrami County	Juvenile offenders Beltrami county and surrounding counties	9~18	25	Program provides family counseling and therapy for runaway youth and families for transition of youth back into community.
90747	Roseau County Attorney Office	Monica McKinnon 218/463-5030	\$35,145	Roseau County	At Risk youth and juvenile offenders in Roseau County	10~18	90	Drug and alcohol rehabilitation by mentoring and support groups. Parental support and decision making classes offered also.
90752	Hennepin County Corrections	Dr. Colleen Gorman 612/348-5118	\$49,045	Hennepin County	African-American females – Hennepin County	13~18	218	Using community based and Employment programs, along with educational advocacy; the program reduces recidivism and difficult behavior of participants.

2003 Juvenile Justice Programs: Title II Aftercare with Employment and Training Programs-AFT.

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90748	HIRE Minneapolis	Carol Aharoni 612/287-1362	\$50,000	Minneapolis	Minneapolis youth	16~18	139	"Project Independence"; supports homeless and runaway youth by opening employment opportunities for youth and families by way of employment and training services.
90749	Lutheran Social Services Brainerd	Ellen Dinsmore 218/828-4399	\$47,970	Crow Wing County	Crow Wing County youth	10~18	194	Juvenile offenders reacquainted with community through projects in service learning. Youth increase job skills and become aware of community needs.
90750	Minnesota Correctional Facility (MCF)- Redwing	Kurt Streed 651/267-3666	\$50,000	Statewide	Youth at Red Wing MCF transitioning back to their homes	13~18	222	By increasing employment skills and improving access to education and training, program goal is to reduce delinquency.
90751	United Cambodian St. Paul	Tuoch S. Chhim 651/222-3299	\$35,000	Ramsey and Hennepin Counties	At risk and or juvenile offenders of Cambodian ethnicity	10~17	105	Program supports Cambodian youth referred to program by local agencies. Program aims to assist youth in making cultural transition and to develop work skills.

2003 Juvenile Justice Programs: Title V Community Delinquency Prevention Programs

Grant #	Grantee	Contact	Funding Level	Area Served	Target Population	Age Group	Number Served	Description
90722	Aitkin County Sheriff's Office	Kameron B. Jones 218/927-2549	\$34,000	Aitkin County	First time offenders in Aitkin County	10~18	119	DETER curriculum of community service and after-school activities which tries to promote positive social behavior in youth offenders.
90723	Becker County BLAST Program	Cyndi Anderson 218/847-5988	\$51,922	Becker County	Truancy offenders in Becker County	10~18	1831	Program reaches out to chronic truancy offenders and families with counseling to motivate youth to attend school regularly.
90724	Dakota County Community Corrections	Jane Johncox 651/554-6087	\$48,000	Dakota County	female youth offenders in Dakota County	13~15	195	Using intensive probation services and therapy models and positive female role modeling, the program focuses on building up self esteem and worth of high -risk females.
90725	Douglas County	Chad Christanson 320/762-7734	\$52,000	Douglas County	Chronic truancy offenders in Douglas County	13~17	64	Truancy program for increasing attendance and reducing the number of truant students at the Middle and High School in Alexandria. This year there was a 2% increase in attendance.
90726	Forest Lake Police Department	David Schwartz 651/464-5877	\$52,000	Forest Lake	At risk youth in Forest Lake and surrounding area	9~18	1434	Family support program which offers counseling and program support for parents and youth in building confidence, parenting skills, and handling situations with youth who have ADD/ADHD.
90727	Hennepin County	Sue Zuidema 612/879-3595	\$52,000	Minneapolis	At risk youth in Minneapolis	9~18	613	The Hero Card program allows at risk youth to explore arts, crafts, and creative efforts in order to build self worth and confidence in youth in the Lyndale Neighborhood of Minneapolis.
90729	Minneapolis Employment and Training (E&T) First Opportunity	Chip Wells 612/752-8822	\$52,000	Minneapolis	At risk youth in Minneapolis	9~18	27	The First Opportunity program goals are to assist disadvantaged youth and direct them toward productive careers and an educational path which follows their skills and interests.

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90730	City of Minneapolis Walker Church	Sally Kuehn 612/722-6612	\$22,136	Minneapolis	At risk youth in Minneapolis	9~12	47	Restorative justice and youth program which focuses on family group conferences to help victims and offenders of juvenile crime to repair and resolve damage.
90731	Moorhead Police Department	Lt. Mike Kutzke 218/299-5124	\$30,000	Moorhead	Youth in Moorhead	8~12	200	Youth program that provides educational, recreational and mentoring opportunities for youth to learn proper behavior, anger management, and respect for others.
90732	Ramsey County Community Corr. GAP	Frank Hosch 651/266-5305	\$52,000	Ramsey County	Delinquent youth in Ramsey County	13~18	120	Through the Guadalupe Alternative Program, youth are given individualized attention that fosters dramatic changes in performance and behavior.
90994	Mpls Employment and Training HIRED	Carol Aharoni 612/287-1367	\$50,000	Minneapolis	Homeless females at risk for prostitution	15~17	67	Comprehensive employment and training services to homeless girls who are at risk of sexual exploitation.
90995	City of Tamarack	Cheryl Meld 218/768-2111X239	\$49,983	Tamarack	At-risk youth	12~18	244	Enrichment activities for high risk youth to reduce future involvement in system.
90997	Brooklyn Center Peacemaker	Pat Milton 763/535-0995	\$40,000	Brooklyn Center	First time offenders	12~17	292	Program is in partnership with city and police department to intervene with youth at the time of their first offense.
90998	Hopkins Depot Coffee House	Kathleen Taber 952/938-2204	\$50,000	Hopkins	Hopkins area youth	15~18	5304	Youth manage and run facility meeting space which provides activities for youth in safe place.
90999	Ramsey County Community Corr. AMICUS	Frank Hosch 651/266-5305	\$50,000	Ramsey County	Female offenders	12~17	124	Program provides high risk girls on probation with gender specific restorative services to reduce risk of re-offense.
91000	St. Paul Police YWCA YAP	Amy Steele 651/222-3741	\$50,000	Ramsey County	High risk youth	7~20	405	Youth Achievers Program incorporates high risk youth into Y program for building skills and positive behavior modification.
91001	Hennepin County Bolder Options	Jeanie Cunningham	\$45,800	Hennepin County	At risk youth	13~18	125	Program serves youth through a variety of free, year round after school

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		612/596-7975						activities with MPD officers serving as role models, coaches, mentors and chaperones.
91002	Mpls PAL Police Athletic League	Sgt. Nancy Dunlap 612/627-5107	\$43,000	Minneapolis	At risk youth	10~17	1271	Police officers volunteer to provide after school and summer activities to at-risk youth. Program encourages parental participation.
91003	Ramsey County Community Corr. Save Our Sons	Frank Hosch 651/266-5305	\$48,903	Ramsey County	High Risk African American youth	11~18	63	Culturally specific mentoring and support services for Ramsey County youth
91004	St. Paul Police Mobile Crisis Team	Nancy LeTourneau 651/771-1301	\$50,000	Ramsey County	Youth in crisis	10~18	338	Program reaches youth/families in crisis by providing immediate in home mediation, counseling, support and follow-up.
91005	Mpls Employment and Training (E&T) YouthCARE	Craig Luedemann 612/338-1233	\$50,000	Minneapolis	Urban youth	13~18	932	Positive multi-cultural activities for urban youth to develop leadership and respect of others.
91006	Beltrami County	Rebecca Schueller 218/751-8223	\$50,000	Beltrami County	High Risk Youth needing remediation	10~18	163	Academic remediation, employment services and counseling to high risk youth.
91007	Arrowhead Regional Corr.	Stephanie Floyd 218/723-3523	\$50,000	Duluth	At risk youth	6~17	2476	Enrichment activities for urban high risk youth to increase assets.
91008	Rice County Community Corr.	James Haas 507/332-6290	\$49,952	Rice County	Middle school youth	12~15	150	County sponsored youth awareness groups for chemical abuse education.
91009	Isanti County Public Health	Rana Burge 763/689-8265	\$50,000	Isanti County	At risk youth	6~12	412	After school and other day time activities for high risk youth in isolated rural communities.