



ALASKA JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2008 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR

The Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (AJJAC) in collaboration with the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is pleased to present the 2008 Annual Report to the Governor. The Annual Report is a requirement of federal juvenile justice funding received by the DJJ from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).

OJJDP awards federal juvenile justice formula grant funds annually to states that are in compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP Act). Compliance requires a citizen's advisory board (AJJAC) which is appointed by the Governor under Administrative Order number 137 and compliance with the four core mandates of the JJDP Act. The four core mandates include:

1. Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders—Youth who are charged with status offenses (i.e. drinking alcohol, smoking cigarettes, and violating curfew) may not be held in locked detention and correctional facilities.
2. Sight and Sound Separation of Youth and Adult Offenders—Youth who are temporarily held in adult jails or lock-ups may not have sight and sound contact with adult inmates.
3. Removal of Youth from Adult Jails and Lock-ups (Jail Removal)—Youth who are accused of delinquent acts may not be held for processing in adult jails or lock-ups for more than 6 hours before their first court appearance and 6 hours after court.

4. Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)—States must assess and work to eliminate their juvenile justice systems' disproportionate contacts with minority youth.

The focus of this report is on the collaborative work done between the Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, the Division of Juvenile Justice, and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to decrease violations of the first three core mandates and to ensure that juvenile offenders are held safely and securely in adult jails and lock-ups.

These efforts towards compliance have assisted in the decrease of compliance violations:

- Creation of a compliance monitoring training video (attached) that was written and filmed in rural Alaska in collaboration with DPS. The highly innovative video has received praise from the OJJDP and has been utilized as a training tool nationally and throughout Alaska.
- Non-secure shelters have been developed in seven communities to serve as alternative to detention holds for youth who cannot be held securely. These shelters allow youth to be held for a period of time in a non-secure setting until a parent or guardian can be located. The non-secure shelter program is supported through federal Formula funds.
- DJJ staff provide training to Village Public Safety Officers (VPSO's), Community Jail Officers, Court System, local law enforcement, AJJAC and others regarding safe and secure juvenile holding practices and developing community resources.
- DJJ has developed an efficient and effective data collection process utilizing the Professional Administrative Services, Inc. Collection of data has increased DJJ's efforts to offer training and technical assistance both telephonically and on-site to adult jails and lock-ups that have violations.
- DJJ has worked with AJJAC to recognize communities who have shown progress in reducing violations through Certificates of Recognition.
- DJJ has worked with AJJAC to create Compliance Monitoring Manuals, placards, brochures and other training tools that have been utilized by DJJ staff, VPSO's and DPS.

- Current AJJAC member Vicki Blankenship and past AJJAC member Tom Begich have received national recognition as trainers for the OJJDP.

Violation data has been collected for Alaska since 1987, but not all adult jails and lock-ups reported juvenile hold data. In 2002, DJJ data collection efforts increased and over 99% of sites reported violation information.

Year	Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO)	Sight and Sound Separation	Jail Removal
2002	91	0	128
2003	67	0	62
2004	66	0	46
2005	34	1	31
2006	28	0	22

Resource Needs to ensure compliance with the core mandates:

- Resources for rural communities to deal with status offenders, alcohol and mental health protective custody issues, and youth in need of non-secure placement until a parent or guardian are located.
- Adequate juvenile probation officer staffing to provide intensive community-based interventions for juvenile offenders and their families, and resources for victims.
- Resources to develop graduated responses to hold juveniles immediately accountable for their behaviors.

AJJAC's 2008 Recommendations

1. AJJAC encourages legislators to support the State of Alaska Plan to Reduce & Prevent Underage Drinking in order to facilitate the development and implementation of prevention and intervention programs to support the reduction of underage drinking.
2. AJJAC is actively working with DJJ to reduce DMC through targeted community action in Anchorage and Fairbanks. Community workgroups have been formed in each city, and active planning efforts are underway. AJJAC encourages legislators in both communities to become informed about the work being done by these groups and to participate in the process.
3. In an effort to improve resources and recovery for crime victims, AJJAC recommends the following:
 - a. Law Enforcement should carry informational cards to give to crime victims to advise them of their rights under Alaska Law.
 - b. A DJJ staff member should be designated in each juvenile probation office to act as the victim's rights coordinator/contact person for victims of juvenile crime.
 - c. Continued education of the judiciary, defense bar and prosecutors regarding the rights of victims in Alaska.

FY08 Juvenile Justice Grant Awards

Formula Non-Secure Attendant Care Shelter Grants

Kenai Peninsula Community Care Center	Kenai Peninsula	Non-secure shelter	20,000
Youth Advocates of Sitka	Sitka	Non-secure shelter	8,780
Presbyterian Hospitality House	Fairbanks	Non-secure shelter	21,740
Juneau Youth Services	Juneau	Non-secure shelter	14,060
Covenant House Youth Reception Center	Anchorage	Non-secure shelter	33,260
AK Family Services-Saxton Youth Shelter	Wasilla	Non-secure shelter	13,100
Providence Kodiak Island Counseling Center	Kodiak	Non-secure shelter	6,620

Formula Indian Pass-Through Grants

Aleutian Pribilof Island Association	Aleutians	VPSO delinquency training	10,000
Fairbanks Native Association	Fairbanks	Youth Justice Project	10,000
Alaska Native Justice Center	Anchorage	Tribal Youth ART Project	10,000

Formula Delinquency Prevention

Volunteers of America	Anchorage	Delinquency prevention/ Reclaiming Futures	40,000
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Formula Mentoring

Big Brothers Big Sisters	Anchorage	Mentoring	40,000
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Title V Delinquency Prevention Grants

City of Seldovia	Seldovia	Delinquency Prevention	45,000
Metlakatla Indian Community	Metlakatla	Delinquency Prevention	33,303

Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Grant

Nat'l Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence	Juneau	Youth-led prevention coalition	20,000
Nome Community Center	Nome	Youth-led prevention coalition	20,000
RSA to Dept. of Public Safety (ABC Board)	Statewide	Youth assisted enforcement	100,000
RSA to Div. Behavioral Health, (JASAP)	Kodiak & Anchorage	Youth oriented substance abuse education program	100,000
DJJ Training	Statewide	Juvenile Justice Officer and Juvenile Probation Officer Substance Certification support	50,000

Congressional Earmark Program

Alaska Youth Court and Community Panel Program

United Youth Courts of Alaska	Statewide	Training and Tech. Assist	111,614
Anchorage Youth Court	Anchorage	Youth Court	49,753
Delta Youth Court	Delta Junction	Youth Court	7,500
Juneau School District	Juneau	Youth Court	34,953
Kenai Peninsula Youth Court	Kenai, Homer	Youth Court	45,000
Ketchikan Youth Court	Ketchikan	Youth Court	40,000
Agdaagux Tribal Council	King Cove	Youth Court	3,750
Kodiak Teen Court	Kodiak	Youth Court	25,000
Nome Community Center	Nome	Youth Court	25,000

North Star Youth Court	Fairbanks	Youth Court	40,000
Native Village of St. Michael	St. Michael	Youth Court	7,500
Valdez Youth Court	Valdez	Youth Court	20,000
City of Wasilla, Mat-Su Youth Court	Mat-Su Valley	Youth Court	45,000
Wrangell Police Department	Wrangell	Youth Court	10,000
Youth Advocates of Sitka	Sitka	Youth Court	10,000

High Risk Youth Offender Re-Entry Initiative

Fairbanks and Juneau Youth Facilities	Transitional Services	344,500
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Gang Prevention Coordination Assistance Program

Fairbanks Probation Office	Gang Prevention Services	100,000
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