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2009 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Annual Report

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The Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Correction

Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group (SAG)

The Division of Criminal Justice Services serves as staff to the (Juvenile Justice Subcommittee) State Advisory Group of the Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Correction, which was created in 1966 by executive order of the Governor to develop a statewide planning capacity for the improvement of the state's criminal justice system. The Juvenile Justice Subcommittee was established following the passage of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to serve as the state advisory group to Division of Criminal Justice Services for the administration of juvenile funds received by West Virginia under the Act.

The goal of the West Virginia SAG is to utilize a combination of SAG funds and program funds to provide the necessary funding to research, develop and implement activities, support efforts to insure compliance with the core requirements of the JJDP Act as well as provide materials and programs which will benefit youth and all who are involved in the juvenile justice process in West Virginia.

Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group Guiding Principles

The guiding principle of the SAG is to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency and to improve the juvenile justice system in West Virginia. This is done by subgranting funds to various private/nonprofit organizations, schools, state agencies, and local units of government for delinquency prevention efforts that address the needs of the targeted at risk youth population. Funding consideration will be given to projects that address these priorities:

- Interagency coordination of services for meeting the needs of targeted at-risk population.
- Alternative to school settings for youth who exhibit behavior problems to prevent those youth from dropping out of school.
- Opportunities for children and youth to build their self-esteem.
- Activities that reduce peer pressure.
- Projects that encourage parent involvement by establishing a parental component as a part of the programming efforts.
- Crisis intervention services for youth who are exposed to domestic violence.
- Youth advocacy services or court-appointed advocates for youth involved in the court system.
- Direct services to victims of child sexual and physical abuse and neglect, and activities for prevention/awareness of child abuse.
- School safety programs, such as conflict resolution, peer mediation and gun/weapon control, which will decrease the incidence of school violence.
- Assessment of interagency cooperation and responsiveness of state services to this youth population.
- Assessment of the individual progress of the youth participating in the program through pretests and post tests.
- Written assessment by youth and parents regarding program satisfaction or weaknesses.
- Documented support of the program from the state.

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Mandates

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act, passed by Congress in 1974, authorized the States to administer local delinquency prevention and intervention efforts and juvenile justice system improvements. The goals of the JJDP Act are to insure appropriate services, due process, proper treatment and safe confinement of juveniles who are involved in the juvenile justice system. States must commit to achieve and maintain compliance with the following four core requirements of the JJDP Act:

1. Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO)

A status offender (a juvenile who has committed an act that would not be a crime if committed by an adult) or nonoffender (such as a dependent or neglected child) cannot be held, with statutory exceptions, in secure juvenile detention or correctional facilities. Status offenders and nonoffenders cannot be detained or confined in adult facilities for any length of time.

2. Separation of Juveniles from Adult Offenders (Separation)

Alleged and adjudicated juvenile delinquents cannot be detained or confined in a secure institution (such as a jail, lockup or secure correctional facility) in which they have sight or sound contact with adult offenders.

3. Adult Jail and Lockup Removal (Jail Removal)

As a general rule, juveniles (individuals who may be subject to original jurisdiction of a juvenile court based on age and offense limitations established by State law) cannot be securely detained or confined in adult jails and lockups. The statute provides temporary hold exceptions for alleged and adjudicated delinquents and criminal misdemeanor offenders under conditions of separation and accepts juveniles waived or transferred to criminal court or felony charges.

4. Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)

States are required to address efforts to reduce the proportion of juveniles detained or confined in secure facilities, who are members of minority groups if such proportion exceeds the proportion such groups represent in the general population.

West Virginia's Compliance with the
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Act

**Plan For Removal Of Status Offenders And Non-offenders
From Secure Detention And Correctional Facilities - Section 223 (a)(12)(A)
De-institutionalization of Status and Non-offenders.**

In West Virginia (WV), juveniles who are charged with or who have committed offenses that would not be criminal if committed by an adult or alien juveniles in custody, such as non-offenders as dependent or neglected children, shall not be placed in secure detention facilities or secure correctional facilities.

WV continues to be in compliance with the requirements of Section 223(a)(12)(A) of the JJDP Act based on annual compliance monitoring visits and/or reports. WV has demonstrated that all prior instances of noncompliance are in violation of the State statutes, a pattern of noncompliance does not exist, and a mechanism to enforce the State law is in effect.

The State will notify OJJDP if circumstances arise, or if resources are lost, which would jeopardize the State's capability to maintain compliance with the requirements of Section 223 (a)(12)(A).

The following WV Case Law and statutes corroborate the JJDP Act.

WV State Code sub section 49-5-11 decriminalizes status offenders making it illegal to detain status offenders in secure facilities. Youth who are adjudicated status offenders are referred to the Department of Health and Human Resources for services.

WV Case Law Facilities Review Panel v. Coe (1992) establishes standards that prohibit secure facilities from admitting status and non-offenders.

WV Case Law C.A.H. v. Strickler (1979), states that “under no circumstances can a child adjudged delinquent because of a status offense be incarcerated in a secure, prison-like facility with children adjudged delinquent because of criminal activity.”

WV Case Law Harris v. Calendine (1977), states that “under no circumstances can a child adjudged delinquent because of a status offense, i.e., and act which if committed by an adult would not be a crime, be incarcerated in a secure, prison-like facility with children adjudged delinquent because of criminal activity.”

Plan For Separation Of Juveniles And Incarcerated Adults
Section 223(a)(13) Separation of Juveniles and Adult Offenders.

In WV, juveniles alleged to be, or found to be delinquent, status offenders, and/or non-offenders shall not be detained or confined in any institution in which they have contact with adult persons incarcerated because they have been convicted of a crime or are awaiting trial on criminal charges or with the part-time or full-time security staff (including management) or direct-care staff of a jail or lockup for adults.

WV continues to be in compliance with the requirements of Section 223(a)(13) of the JJDP Act based on annual compliance monitoring visits and/or reports. WV has demonstrated that all prior instance of noncompliance is in violation of the State statutes, a pattern of noncompliance does not exist and a mechanism to enforce the State law is in effect.

WV Supreme Court of Appeals, Administrative Order, effective July 1, 1997, charges the Division of Criminal Justice Services of the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety to monitor compliance with the State and Federal standards for juvenile detention facilities. The State will notify OJJDP if circumstances arise, or if resources are lost which would jeopardize the State's capability to maintain compliance with the requirements of Section 222(a)(13).

The following WV Case Law and statutes corroborate the JJDP Act.

WV State Code sub section 49-5-16 paragraph (a) states that "no child, including one who has been transferred to criminal jurisdiction of the court, shall be detained or confined in any institution in which he or she has contact with or comes within sight and sound of any adult persons incarcerated because they have been convicted of a crime or are awaiting trial on criminal charges or with the security staff (including management) or direct-care staff of a jail or locked facility for adults."

The State assures that adjudicated juveniles are not reclassified administratively and transferred to adult correction authority. Paragraph (b) of the above cited section states that “No child who has been convicted of an offense under the adult jurisdiction of the circuit court shall be held in custody in a penitentiary of this State....the child may be transferred from a secure juvenile facility to a penitentiary after he attains the age of eighteen years if, in the judgment of the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections and the court which committed such child, such transfer is appropriate.”

WV Case Law M.N.L. v. Greiner (1987) created a “sight and sound” separation authority in stating that juveniles between the ages of 18 and 20 who remain under jurisdiction of the juvenile court may not be incarcerated within sight and sound of adult prisoners.”

There are no approved “Juvenile Detention Areas” in any adult jail or lockup in WV at the present time.

Plan For Removal Of Juveniles From Adult Jails And Lockups
Section 223 (a)(14) Jail and Lockup Removal

In WV, juveniles are not to be detained in any jail or lockup for adults. There is no approved juvenile detention of collocated areas in any adult jail or lockup in WV at the present time.

WV continues to be in compliance with the requirements of Section 223(a)(14) of the JJDP Act based on annual compliance monitoring visits and/or reports. WV has demonstrated that all prior instances on noncompliance are in violation of the State statutes, a pattern of noncompliance does not exist and a mechanism to enforce the State law is in effect.

WV Supreme Court of Appeals, Administrative Order, effective July 1, 1997, charges the Division of Criminal Justice Services of the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety to monitor compliance with the State and Federal standards for juvenile detention facilities. The state will notify OJJDP if circumstances arise, or if resources are lost which would jeopardize the state's capability to maintain compliance with the requirements of Section 223(a)(14).

The following WV Case Law and statutes corroborate the JJDP Act.

WV State Code sub section 49-5-16 prohibits the detention of juveniles in any institution where "he or she has contact with or comes within sight and sound of any adult persons incarcerated because they have been convicted of a crime or are awaiting trial on criminal charges or with the security staff (including management) or direct-care staff of a jail or locked facility for adults." It also prohibits detaining juveniles in state penitentiaries.

WV State Code sub section 49-5A-2 makes it unlawful to incarcerate a child under 18 years of age in a common county jail or police station lockup.

The State assures that adjudicated juveniles are not reclassified administratively and transferred to adult correction authority. Sub section 49-5-16 paragraph (b) states the "No

child who has been convicted of an offense under the adult jurisdiction of the circuit court shall be held in custody in a penitentiary of this State....the child may be transferred from a secure juvenile facility to a penitentiary after he attains the age of eighteen years if, in the judgment of the commissioner of the Department of Corrections and the court which committed such child, such transfer is appropriate.”

WV Case Law R.C.F. v. Wilt (1979), states “we hold that it is unlawful for Circuit Courts and Juvenile Referees to incarcerate a child under eighteen years of age in a common county jail prior to an adjudication of delinquency. Those provisions clearly manifest a legislative judgment that children will not be rehabilitated by detention in county jails along with adult offenders, and that detention, when necessary, in other types of facilities maintained exclusively for juveniles is more consistent with the rehabilitative goals of our juvenile delinquency legislation.”

WV Case Law Facilities Review Panel v. Coe (1992) states “The conditions outlined in 49-5-8(d) shall apply to all juveniles taken into custody, except that portion which refers to ‘the next judicial day’ shall instead be read as ‘the next day.’ Even when Circuit Judges and Juvenile Referees are not available, the rules and regulations for Magistrate courts require a Magistrate to make a telephone contact with the jails and juvenile secure detention facilities under their jurisdiction each and every day to ascertain if any adult or juvenile has been detained since the last contact period and immediately provide for a hearing for that individual.”

Plan to Address Disproportionate Minority Contact

Section 223(a)(22) DMC

In 2008, a sub-grant was awarded to the WV Supreme Court of Appeals for hiring a full-time DMC Coordinator effective July 2008. Since the coordinator was hired the following items have been accomplished:

- The DMC Coordinator attended an intensive two-day OJJDP technical assistance training.
- The DMC Coordinator served as staff support for the DMC Working Group of the SAG (meeting, planning, coordination, staff logistic and administrative support)
- The DMC Coordinator gathered data for calculating RRI's in OJJDP's Web-Based Entry System. Strategies for addressing data deficiencies have been identified.
- The DMC Coordinator implemented the DMC Reduction Model.
- The DMC Coordinator completed a literature review.
- The DMC Coordinator graduated from the Diversity Leadership Academy of WV. This program, sponsored by the American Institute for Managing Diversity, enabled the Coordinator to develop skills for managing diversity in the workplace as well as teaching stakeholders' strategies for diversity management.
- The 2007 "Interim Report of the Task Force to Study Perceived Racial Disparity in the Juvenile Justice System" was presented to the Justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.
- DMC Coordinator is currently gathering existing data from relevant sources regarding DMC to comply with the DMC portion of West Virginia's FY 2007 (and thereafter) Formula Grants, including, but not limited to the following: arrests, referrals, diversion – informal supervision, detention, petitions/charges filed, delinquency findings, probation, confinement, transfers to adult status, and geographical population/minority data. She will then analyze the assimilated data to identify patterns of disparity and then review existing state assessment tools to determine legality and to recommend changes.

2008 Accomplishments

During 2008, the State Advisory Group:

1. Members attended the joint State Relations and Assistance Division (SRAD) and National Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center (UDETC) Conferences in Nashville, Tennessee, in August 2008.
2. Held a strategic planning retreat in September 2008 to identify funding areas for West Virginia's Comprehensive Three Year Plan (2009-2011) and formula grant application to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.
3. Supported the completion of West Virginia's 2008 Compliance Monitoring report. This documents and analyzes data in regard to West Virginia's compliance with the four core requirements of the JJDP Act. The report was submitted to OJJDP in January 2009.
4. Awarded \$516,221.79 to (18) Title II - Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention programs. Funding of these programs provided for 5 School Safety programs, 3 Gender Specific programs, 1 Disproportionate Minority Contact program, 1 Diversion program, and 8 Delinquency Prevention Programs.
5. Awarded \$343,603.17 to (16) Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) programs. Funding of these programs provided for 1 Statewide Advertising program, 1 Statewide Enforcement program, 3 Comprehensive Awareness, Enforcement, and Diversion programs and 11 Community Awareness and Enforcement programs.
6. Awarded \$342,808.53 to (14) Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) programs. Funding of these programs provided for 8 School Safety programs, 1

Accountability programs, 4 Prosecutor programs, and 1 Information Sharing program.

Title II – Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant Program

The Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group has chosen the following Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention funding categories to implement in West Virginia:

Community-Based Delinquency Prevention for At-Risk Children and Youth

Grant resources provided community based programs whose goals were to promote non-delinquent behavior and increase self-esteem, enhance interagency coordination and collaboration to meet the needs of the targeted at-risk youth population. A sample of the activities and services provided by various projects throughout West Virginia include: Activities that reduce peer pressure, school safety programs, direct services to victims of child sexual and physical abuse and projects that encourage parent involvement.

School Safety

The Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) Program is a cooperative effort between schools and law enforcement to: Improve student's attitudes and knowledge of criminal justice and law enforcement; to prevent kids from committing crimes; to mentor youth utilizing law enforcement officers; to provide a safer school environment and; to combine safety and child advocacy assuring a better school experience for all WV youth.

The PRO Program has three main components prevention, mentoring, and safety.

- Prevention - the officers facilitate classes on non-traditional educational topics.
- Mentoring - officers are trained on how to be a positive mentor to students they interact with daily.
- Safety - officers are trained to recognize potential danger, prevent violence, and to respond to dangerous school situations.

Diversion

Grant resources provided funds to programs that help divert juveniles from entering the juvenile justice system. Diversion permits the greatest flexibility in selecting the most suitable disposition for misdemeanants and first time offenders. Projects that were funded included programs that helped re-route juvenile offenders, particularly those who are charged

with misdemeanors and are first time offenders, from the formal machinery of the juvenile justice system, as warranted by the nature of the individual case.

Gender Specific Services

Grant resources provided funds to programs designed to address needs unique to the gender of the individual to whom such services are provided. Projects that were funded included programs that are structured to recognize gender-specific differences during developmental stages and the need for appropriate interventions which address these differences.

Disproportionate Minority Contact

Grant resources provided funds to programs, research or other initiatives primarily to address the disproportionate number of juvenile members of minority groups who come into contact with the juvenile justice system, pursuant to Section 223(a)(22) of the JJDP Act. Projects that were funded included programs that address juvenile delinquency prevention efforts designed to reduce, without establishing or requiring numerical standards or quotas, the disproportionate numbers of juvenile members of minority groups, who come in contact with the juvenile justice system.

Title II - Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant Program

In 2008, Governor Joe Manchin III awarded \$516,221.79, in Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Grant Program funds. These funds were awarded to public and private non-profit agencies throughout the State for the purpose of preventing juvenile delinquency, rehabilitating juvenile offenders, and improving the juvenile justice system in West Virginia.

Governor Manchin stated the recent award is focused in the categories of Community-Based Delinquency Prevention, Prevention Resource Officer Programs and, Title V Incentive Grants for Local Delinquency Prevention.

The Division of Criminal Justice Services administers this program from funds provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Funds were awarded to the following:

Brooke

Brooke County Commission **\$45,000.00**

Funds will be used for two Deputy Sheriffs to serve as Prevention Resource Officers (PROs) at Brooke High School and Follansbee Middle School.

Contact: J. M. White (304) 737-3660

Cabell

City of Huntington **\$17,050.00**

Funds will be used to provide diversionary arts and recreational programming for at-risk juveniles on Saturdays at the A.D. Lewis Center Football Field, Dr. J. Alexander Baseball Field and the Fairfield East Community Center.

Contact: Robert Martin (304) 696-5908

Greenbrier

Greenbrier County Commission **\$24,644.00**

Funds will be used to provide for a Deputy Sheriff to serve as a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Greenbrier East High School.

Contact: Roger L. Sheppard (304) 647-6634

Hampshire

Hampshire County Commission **\$37,400.00**

Funds will be used to provide for the Hampshire County Helping Adolescents Learn Trust Program (HALT). The program is designed to provide an alternative approach for dealing with discipline issues in the two county middle schools.

Contact: Keisha Waddell (304) 822-2670

Hancock

Hancock County Commission **\$50,350.00**

Funds will be used for a Deputy Sheriff and City Police Officer to serve as Prevention Resource Officers (PROs) at Oak Glen and Weir High Schools.

Contact: Carol Farish (304) 564-3311

Jackson

City of Ravenswood **\$25,595.00**

Funds will be used to provide for a city police officer to serve as a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Ravenswood High School.

Contact: Thomas M. Speece (304) 273-8181

Kanawha

East End Family Resource Center **\$24,513.00**

Funds will be used to provide prevention and aftercare therapy to juvenile sex offenders, their victims, and families.

Contact: Carolyn Wesley (304) 344-1656

Family Counseling Connection **\$19,000.00**

Funds will be used to operate an afterschool program that provides area youth with a drug free environment.

Contact: Susan McQuaide (304) 340-3676

Kanawha Institute for Social Research & Action, Inc. (KISRA) **\$25,000.00**

Funds will be used to operate The Harambee Learning Center as a drug free haven that focuses on increasing protective factors and reducing risk factors, thereby encouraging resiliency in children that attend school in Kanawha County.

Contact: Michele Foster (304) 768-8924

YWCA Sojourner's Shelter for Homeless Women & Families **\$17,500.00**

Funds will be used to provide critical and much-needed prevention education on substance abuse and how it relates to the behavior of the homeless children who have no other choice but to call Sojourner's home. The goal is to continue providing prevention education through classroom style group sessions, education and enrichment field trips, which focus on the effect and behavior of drug and or alcohol usage.

Contact: Margaret Taylor (304) 340-3553

Lincoln

The Appalachian Women's Leadership Project, Inc. **\$17,500.00**

Funds will be used for a program in the local high school serving twenty-five male participants. The main goal is to develop the skills and emotional

resilience necessary to promote positive mental health, engage in pro-social behavior, and prevent violent behavior and drug abuse.

Contact: Gregory Wilson (304) 824-5161

Monongalia

Monongalia County Commission **\$25,000.00**

Funds will be used to provide a comprehensive gender specific program that provides delinquency intervention services to fifty (50) high-risk delinquent teen females.

Contact: Danny Trejo (304) 284-7321

Pocahontas

High Rocks Educational Corporation **\$9,999.79**

Funds will be used for the Youth Community Action Program. The program will work with at-risk youth to allow them to become positive participants in identifying and addressing needs in their lives and communities.

Contact: Erica Lipps (304) 653-4891

Putnam

Town of Winfield **\$59,920.00**

Funds will be used for a City Police Officer to serve as a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Winfield Middle School.

Contact: Harrison Lucas (304) 586-9200

Raleigh

MUSTER Project, Inc. **\$14,250.00**

Funds will be used to provide for the Status Offender Accountability Program (SOAP). The SOAP program is designed to provide a multi-faceted approach that will allow youth to be diverted from the court system and into a network that will include law enforcement, school systems, and local churches, as well as the juveniles and their families.

Contact: A. Lee Leftwich (304) 253-7500

Wood

Wood County Commission **\$20,000.00**

Funds will be used to provide for two diversion programs that will operate within the Fourth Circuit Juvenile Probation Office. The Peace and Quit programs will provide counseling services to both the youth and their parents in the areas of anger management and substance abuse.

Contact: Larry Johnson (304) 424-1711

STATEWIDE

WV Supreme Court of Appeals **\$63,500.00**

Funds will be used to hire a full-time DMC Coordinator for West Virginia.

Contact: Angela Saunders (304) 558-0145

Marshall University Research Corporation (MURC) **\$20,000.00**

Funds will be used for Marshall University Research Corporation (MURC) to update the West Virginia Children and Families Funding Study. This study focuses on all funding streams that are administered by any state agency that provides services to children and families in West Virginia.

Contact: Wayne Coombs / Melanie Jones (304) 766-6301

Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Block Grant Program

The Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group has chosen the following Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws funding categories to be implemented in West Virginia:

Comprehensive Programs

- Prevention Advertising and/or Education – Programs that collaborate with local law enforcement, education and community groups to develop a small advertising campaign in the community.
- Compliance Checks – Programs that arrest or fine retailers and those contributing to the delinquency of minors by allowing individuals younger than the age of 21 to purchase alcohol.
- Intervention, Diversion, & Education on Underage Drinking – Programs that identify youth attempting to purchase alcohol, provide education to those youth and require community service for the offense, as well as a referral process to appropriate treatment resources when necessary.

Community Awareness and Enforcement

- Prevention Advertising and/or Education – Programs that collaborate with local law enforcement, education and community groups to develop a small advertising campaign in the community.
- Compliance Checks – Programs that arrest or fine retailers and those contributing to delinquency of minors by allowing individuals younger than the age of 21 to purchase alcohol.

Statewide Prevention Advertising / Enforcement Program

- Prevention Advertising and/or Education Or Enforcement - Programs that provide services to all 55 counties throughout the state of West Virginia.

Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Block Grant Program

In 2008, Governor Manchin awarded \$343,603.17 in Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Grant Program funds. These funds were awarded to state and local units of government for the purposes of enforcing the underage drinking laws through programming that includes advertising and education, compliance check operations, intervention and diversion, and follow-up.

The Division of Criminal Justice Services administers this program from funds provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Program.

Funds were awarded to the following:

Gilmer

Gilmer County Commission **\$10,500.00**

Grant funds will be used to reduce the amount of underage alcohol sales and underage alcohol arrests through compliance checks of retailers and educational outreach programs.

Contact: Mickey Metz (304) 462-7441

Harrison

City of Clarksburg **\$11,103.17**

Grant funds will provide continued funding to reduce the incidence of underage drinking by conducting compliance checks, educating students and their parents, and providing counseling to first-time offending youth.

Contact: C. R. Swiger (304) 264-1623

Kanawha

Kanawha County Commission **\$19,000.00**

Grant funds will provide continued funding for a comprehensive program aimed at combating underage drinking and drugs by teaching a six week

underage drinking program to 5th graders and decreasing the buy rate by 10% in regard to alcohol sales to minors in the county.

Contact: Valerie Taylor (304) 357-0155

Lewis

Lewis County Commission **\$17,000.00**

Grant funds will provide continued funding to educate the community and retail distributors on the dangers of alcoholic beverages and conduct random compliance checks. A specific emphasis on educating youth, ranging from kindergarten students to seniors in high school.

Contact: David S. Parks (304) 269-8251

Logan

Logan County Commission **\$22,000.00**

Grant funds will provide continued funding for the R.E.A.C.T.S program, which consists of preventive advertising, compliance check operations, and sobriety checkpoints geared around youth events, and patrols to enforce underage drinking laws.

Contact: Sonya M. Porter (304) 792-8591

McDowell

McDowell County Commission **\$20,000.00**

Grant funds will provide continued funding to enforce the laws dealing with underage consumption, selling beer to underage youth, and providing beer to underage youth through "hot spot" patrols, compliance checks, and "shoulder tap" operations.

Contact: Daniel W. Mitchell (304) 436-8523

Mercer

Mercer County Commission **\$15,000.00**

Grant funds will provide continued funding for a comprehensive prevention strategy geared to keeping youth alcohol free. The program works in cooperation with the Creating Opportunities for Youth coalition partners and will include a local public education campaign, enforcement, compliance checks and coalition building.

Contact: Greg Puckett (304) 323-3472

Mingo

Mingo County Commission **\$20,000.00**

Grant funds will be used to implement a program called Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol (CMCA). The goal of the program is to decrease teen alcohol consumption by conducting compliance checks and addressing retailers and town councils.

Contact: Lara Fox (304) 664-3986

Ohio

City of Wheeling **\$26,000.00**

Grant funds will provide continued funding for a comprehensive program designed to enforce the laws of West Virginia pertaining to underage drinking and educating society on the dangers of drinking and will be accomplished through enforcement activities, public awareness campaigns, and educational programs.

Contact: Duwane A. Taylor (304) 234-3751

Putnam

Town of Winfield **\$11,000.00**

Grant funds will provide continued funding to educate youth and the community about the dangers of Underage Drinking. This grant will

incorporate educational classes at the area schools along with compliance checks, sobriety checkpoints, and local advertising.

Contact: H. Lucas (304) 586-9200

Randolph

City of Elkins

\$10,000.00

Grant funds will be used to combat underage drinking by presenting education and awareness in schools and civic organizations, advertising, compliance checks, and shoulder tap programs.

Contact: Rocky C. Hebb (304) 636-0678

Upshur

City of Buckhannon

\$15,000.00

Grant funds will provide continued funding to target issues dealing with underage drinking, alcohol abuse, binge drinking, and their dire consequences through a three phase approach, to include outreach through educational efforts, enforcement activities, and providing diversion classes.

Contact: Matthew Gregory (304) 472-4620

Webster

Webster County Commission

\$4,000.00

Grant funds will be used to provide education to county youth on the risks of alcohol consumption by the use of model programs, increased compliance checks, community service, and hands on experience in conjunction with the insurance industry.

Contact: Traci Dean (304) 847-7600

Wood

Wood County Commission **\$37,000.00**

Grant funds will provide continued funding for the SOBER program, which is comprehensive and will include various components such as a prevention and education campaign, compliance checks, and a diversion program with a local counseling agency.

Contact: Larry Johnson (304) 424-1711

Statewide

West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration (ABCA) **\$58,000.00**

Grant funds will provide continued funding for a statewide enforcement initiative, using ABCA agents/inspectors to coordinate with other EUDL grantees and law enforcement to conduct statewide compliance check operations during the school year.

Contact: Charlotte Blankenship (304) 558-2481

Marshall University Research Corporation (MURC) **\$48,000.00**

Grant funds will provide continued funding for the Statewide Underage Drinking Prevention and Social Marketing Project (RU21).

Contact: Wayne Coombs (304) 766-6301

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program

The Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group has chosen the following Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funding categories to implement in West Virginia:

Accountability

Grant resources provided funding to help establish and maintain accountability-based programs designed to reduce recidivism among juveniles who are referred by law enforcement personnel or agencies. The goal of these programs is to build on the existing aftercare policy by increasing the intensity of the aftercare component as well as prepare youth for progressively increasing responsibility and freedom in the community.

Juvenile Prosecutors

Grant resources provided funding to hire additional juvenile prosecutors to help reduce the backlog of juvenile cases. The scarcity of juvenile prosecutors limits the ability to move offenders through the juvenile justice system. The addition of new prosecutors has greatly increased the amount of time and effort that can be allocated to juvenile cases to expedite the prosecution of juvenile offenders.

School Safety

The Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) Program is a cooperative effort between schools and law enforcement to: Improve student's attitudes and knowledge of criminal justice and law enforcement; to prevent kids from committing crimes; to mentor youth utilizing law enforcement officers; to provide a safer school environment and; to combine safety and child advocacy assuring a better school experience for all WV youth.

The PRO Program has three main components prevention, mentoring, and safety.

- Prevention - the officers facilitate classes on non-traditional educational topics.
- Mentoring - officers are trained on how to be a positive mentor to students they interact with daily.
- Safety - officers are trained to recognize potential danger, prevent violence, and to respond to dangerous school situations.

Information Sharing

Grant resources provided funding to establish and maintain interagency information sharing programs that enable the juvenile justice systems, schools, and social services agencies to make more informed decisions regarding the early identification, control, supervision, and treatment of juveniles who repeatedly commit serious delinquent or criminal acts.

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program

In 2008, Governor Manchin awarded \$342,808.53 in Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Program funds. These funds were awarded to units of local government throughout the state to address the growing problem of juvenile crime by promoting greater accountability in the juvenile justice system.

Governor Manchin stated the recent awards are focused in the areas of accountability-based sanction programs for juvenile offenders; specialized juvenile prosecution, court and probation programs; and school safety programs.

The Division of Criminal Justice Services administers this program from funds provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The JABG program is based on Title III of H.R. 3, The Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Act of 1997, as passed by the House of Representatives on May 8, 1997.

Funds were awarded to the following:

Braxton

Braxton County Commission **\$15,000.53**

Funds will be used for a Deputy Sheriff to serve as a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Braxton County High School.

Contact: Sheriff Howard Carpenter (304) 765-2838

Cabell

Cabell County Commission **\$23,758.00**

Funding will allow a Juvenile Assistant Prosecutor to receive training and allow implementation of expedient and efficient ways to address juveniles in gang, violent, and drug crimes as well as provide a diversion program to reduce the amount of repeat offenders.

Contact: Christopher D. Chiles (304) 526-8653

Hampshire

Hampshire County Commission **\$18,000.00**

Funds will be used for a Deputy Sheriff to serve as a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Hampshire County High School.

Contact: Marianna T. Leone (304) 822-3528

Harrison

City of Clarksburg **\$29,700.00**

Funds will be used for a City Police Officer to serve as a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Robert C. Byrd High School.

Contact: Sandra E. Audia (304) 641-9636

McDowell

McDowell County Commission **\$38,600.00**

Funds will be used for two Deputy Sheriff's to serve as Prevention Resource Officers (PROs) at Iaeger and Mt. View High Schools.

Contact: Sheriff D. W. Mitchell (304) 436-8523

Mingo

Mingo County Commission **\$20,000.00**

Funds will be used to provide for a Juvenile Assistant Prosecutor. This prosecutor will continue to focus on the daily prosecution of all juvenile cases from start to finish.

Contact: C. Michael Sparks (304) (304) 235-0350

Monongalia

Monongalia County Commission **\$20,000.00**

Funds will be used to continue the Morgantown Area Youth Services Project's Delinquency Intervention Program. This program consists of three components designed to reduce juvenile crime in Monongalia County. The

components are: (1) Status Early Offender (assessment & services); (2) Intermediate Offender (assessment/behavioral counseling with accountability based sanctions); and (3) Aftercare Offender (assessment/aftercare intervention with accountability based sanctions).

Contact: Danny Trejo (304) 284-7321

City of Westover **\$29,000.00**

Funds will be used for a City Police Officer to serve as a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Westwood Middle School.

Contact: Sergeant David W. Harris (304) 291-9300

Morgan

Morgan County Schools **\$36,000.00**

Funds will be used for a Deputy Sheriff to serve as a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Berkeley Springs High School.

Contact: Linda McGraw (304) 258-2430

Nicholas

Nicholas County Commission **\$16,250.00**

Funds will be used for a Deputy Sheriff to serve as a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Richwood Middle School.

Contact: Sheriff Wetzel Bennett (304) 872-7880

Nicholas County Commission **\$23,000.00**

Funds will be used for a Deputy Sheriff to serve as a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Summersville Middle School.

Contact: Fred Amick (304) 872-5092

Upshur

Upshur County Commission **\$29,000.00**

Funds will be used to provide for an Assistant Prosecutor. This prosecutor will be assigned solely to handle juvenile delinquency, status, and truancy cases in Upshur County. In addition, the Prosecutor will expedite the prosecution of violent juvenile offenders and more effectively address drug, gang, and youth violence problems.

Contact: Stephanie J. Milliron (304) 472-9699

Wood

Wood County Commission **\$14,500.00**

Funds will be used to continue the funding of a juvenile justice liaison within the Wood County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. This liaison will work with approximately 350 youth and their parents and provide them with information and/or services regarding juvenile diversion programs.

Contact: Ginny Conley (304) 424-1776

Statewide

West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals **\$30,000.00**

Funds will be used to provide for (1) technical maintenance and support of the statewide Juvenile Justice Database; (2) an annual review of new legislation in order to update the criminal codes section of the JJDB; (3) an annual statistical probation report; and (4) the purchase of drug testing devices for court ordered drug testing of juvenile offenders.

Contact: Michael B. Lacy (304) 558-0145



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