

Juvenile Justice Planning Committee 2018 Funding Priorities

Mission Statement

The mission of the Juvenile Justice Planning Committee is to provide resources for youth who are at-risk of becoming delinquent due to individual, school, family, peer and or community factors. These resources will also provide services for youth who are delinquent, undisciplined, or involved in the juvenile court process from intake through aftercare.

The Juvenile Justice Planning Committee is committed to providing resources for programs that makes use of promising practices and approaches specific to program areas. Priority consideration will be given to applicants providing services in the listed program areas. These areas were identified by the Juvenile Justice Planning Committee as being those best-suited to meet the current needs of North Carolina's youth.

1. 2018 Children's Justice

Funding under this priority is intended for systems change to improve the handling and outcomes of cases of child maltreatment in North Carolina.

Programs which may be funded include those which are designed to:

- A. Improve Investigative, Administrative, or Judicial Handling of Cases (e.g., by providing forensic interviewing training, by supporting multidisciplinary collaboration in child maltreatment cases, by upgrading the technologies used in child maltreatment cases), or
- B. Establish Experimental, Model, or Demonstration Programs (e.g., to improve responses to maltreatment perpetrated against child victims with disabilities and/or other special populations, to improve evidence collection and offender interview techniques, to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of maltreatment and reporting responsibilities), or
- C. Reform State Procedures or Protocols (e.g., by establishing protocols for first responders to follow when confronted with a child death scene, by implementing procedures that minimize the risk of discomfort for child victims testifying in court).

2. 2018 Compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act

Priority consideration will be given to programs that offer innovative enhanced non-secure alternatives to detention. Programs should address alternative placement of juvenile status offenders, thereby reducing secure detention of juveniles in custody for warrants, awaiting placement, truancy, runaways, and violations of curfew.

The Juvenile Justice Planning Committee is seeking proposals that address alternatives to detention programming and the provision of training and technical assistance to units of government on the issues related to the Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO) requirement of the JJDP Act.

3. 2018 Reduction of Disproportionate Minority Contact

Minority youth are more likely to be suspended from school, held in secure detention, and processed at various decision points in the juvenile justice system. The Governor's Crime Commission supports efforts to reduce Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) in the state's juvenile justice system. In order to be considered for funding, applicants proceeding under this program priority must be prepared to address and to reduce disproportionality in one or more of the nine juvenile justice system contact points.

4. 2018 Juvenile Gang, Child Trafficking, and Juvenile Re-entry

The Juvenile Justice Planning Committee supports re-entry efforts that begin during incarceration and continue through release (re-entry) into the community with continuation of service.

Typically, reentry services include case management to assist with accessing services for: housing, education (GED, college), employment, healthcare, substance abuse treatment, anger management educational programs, coping skills, anxiety, individual and/or family therapy, clothing, job-skills readiness (resume building) and access to transportation.

5. 2018 After-School Programs, Mentoring, and Vocational Programming

These funds address education programs and/or related services to prevent truancy, suspension, extended home-bound status, and expulsion. School safety programs may include support for school resource officers and law-related education. Programs that improve and promote Teen Courts, improve students' academic performance, prevent problem behaviors from developing, encourage positive youth development, and develop leadership skills will be prioritized.