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Observing National Missing Children's Day

In 1982, President Reagan proclaimed May 25 as National Missing Children's Day to raise public awareness about missing children and emphasize the importance of responding to this problem. Families, friends, communities across the nation, and representatives from public agencies and private organizations come together on this special day to honor missing children, commemorate the safe return of others, and reaffirm a commitment to working in concert to bring missing children home.



OJJDP and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) are marking the 20th anniversary of National Missing Children's Day with a ceremony at the U.S. Department of Justice's Hall of Justice in Washington, DC, on May 23. For almost two decades, OJJDP and NCMEC have worked together to serve, support, and encourage families searching for their lost loved ones. To date, NCMEC has received more than 1.6 million hotline calls, assisted in the recovery of 63,432 children, and disseminated millions of publications covering issues relating to missing and exploited children.

Attendees at the ceremony will include children who were missing and have been reunited with their families, parents of children who are still missing, law enforcement officers who investigate these cases, child advocates, and individuals and corporate sponsors dedicated to reuniting families. Awards will be presented to the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, the Corporate Sponsor of the Year, and the Volunteer of the Year. This year's logo was based on the 2001 winning poster, which was designed by Kaiya Anderson, Sartell Middle School, Sartell, Minnesota.

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News @ a Glance is OJJDP's bimonthly newsletter, bringing you up-to-date notices of agency activities, recent publications, funding opportunities, and upcoming events. We hope to make the newsletter a one-stop shop for the latest developments at OJJDP, with an emphasis on providing quick access to online sources for publications and other resources. Let us know what types of features would be most useful to you (e-mail askjj@ncjrs.org).

Agency News

Missing and Exploited Children's Program

The FY 2002 Proposed Program Plan for OJJDP's Missing and Exploited Children's Program (MECP) was published in the April 3 issue of the *Federal Register*. OJJDP is proposing to continue its concentration on national programs that promote awareness of and enhance the Nation's response to missing and exploited children and their families.

Pursuant to the Missing Children's Assistance Act of 1984, MECP is responsible for the following:

- ▶ Coordinating Federal activities designed to help missing and exploited children.
- ▶ Providing a national resource center and clearinghouse.
- ▶ Supporting research, training, technical assistance, and demonstration programs that enhance the Nation's overall response to missing children and their families.

The Proposed Program Plan for MECP is available from the Office of the Federal Register's Web site at www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html. Public comments to the proposed plan must be received on or before June 3, 2002.

Web Site Redesign

In the coming months, look online for OJJDP's newly designed Web site. As we restructure the site to simplify navigation and streamline content, our goal is to make the site as useful as possible for juvenile justice professionals, the general public, members of the media—anyone with an interest in juvenile

justice and the activities of OJJDP. We welcome your input on how you use the site now and how you think

we might improve it. Visit the site at ojjdp.ncjrs.org, and e-mail your comments to askjj@ncjrs.org. ■

Funding Update

This section of the newsletter highlights OJJDP's current and upcoming solicitations, recent grant awards, and other funding-related developments. Be sure to check the OJJDP Web site regularly for the latest news on OJJDP funding opportunities.

Recent Grant Awards

- ▶ **Association of Missing and Exploited Children's Organizations (AMECO).** A recent OJJDP grant supports AMECO's ongoing efforts to ensure the effective management and coordination of public and private sector assistance to missing and exploited children and their families. Among the services it offers, AMECO provides parent-to-parent mentoring for those parents who have a child missing. For more information about AMECO, visit www.amecoinc.org.
- ▶ **Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) Program.** The following eight States have received EUDL discretionary grant awards for FY 2001: Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, and Virginia. OJJDP's EUDL Program helps States develop comprehensive and coordinated initiatives to enforce laws that prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors and to prevent the purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors. For more information about the EUDL Program, visit udetc.org.
- ▶ **Tribal Youth Program Mental Health Initiative.** OJJDP supports a program to provide mental health

and substance abuse services to tribal youth who are involved in, or at risk of becoming involved in, the juvenile justice system. OJJDP awarded FY 2001 grants under this program to five American Indian/Alaska Native communities: Coeur D'Alene Tribe of Idaho, Plummer, ID; Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, Coos Bay, OR; Ketchikan Indian Corporation, Ketchikan, AK; LaCourte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, Hayward Sawyer County, WI; and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

Upcoming Solicitations

OJJDP soon will solicit applications for the following funding opportunities:

- ▶ Promising Programs for Substance Abuse Prevention: Replication and Evaluation Initiative.
- ▶ Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program.
- ▶ Targeted Community Action Planning: An Intensive Technical Assistance Program.

Application materials will be available from the OJJDP Web site. ■

New Publications

All publications may be viewed and downloaded at OJJDP's Web site. (Visit the "Publications" page at ojjdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/jipubs.html for access to alphabetical and topical listings of titles, with links to content summaries and full-text files.) The publications may also be ordered from the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse at 800-638-8736, 410-792-4358 (fax), and puborder.ncjrs.org. Be sure to check the Web site's "New Releases" page at ojjdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/new.html for the latest news on OJJDP publishing activity.

Detention in Delinquency Cases, 1989-1998. Examines national trends in the number of delinquency cases involving detention, the detention population (in terms of both race and age), and the use of detention by juvenile courts between 1989 and 1998.

Fact Sheet. January 2002. 2 pp. FS 200201.

A Family Resource Guide on International Parental Kidnapping.

Presents practical and detailed advice about preventing international kidnapping and increasing the chance that children who are kidnapped or wrongfully retained will be returned. (For more information on this publication, see "Resource Highlight" on this page.)

Report. February 2002. 148 pp. NCJ 190448.

Highlights of the 2000 National Youth Gang Survey. Reports findings from the most recent annual National Youth Gang Survey and describes the nature of the survey sample.

Fact Sheet. February 2002. 2 pp. FS 200204.

Juvenile Court Placement of Adjudicated Youth, 1989-1998.

Presents data on juvenile delinquency cases that resulted in out-of-home placement, including the number of cases and percent change in cases for each type of delinquency offense, and comparisons by race.

Fact Sheet. February 2002. 2 pp. FS 200202.

National Youth Gang Survey Trends From 1996 to 2000.

Highlights findings from the five National Youth Gang Surveys conducted annually since 1996, including patterns of gang activity, number of gangs and gang members, gang-related homicides, and

demographics of gangs and gang members.

Fact Sheet. February 2002. 2 pp. FS 200203.

Protecting Children in Cyberspace: The ICAC Task Force Program.

Discusses the emerging online threat to children and teenagers and the efforts of OJJDP's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program.

Bulletin. January 2002. 8 pp. NCJ 191213.

Robbery Cases in Juvenile Court, 1989-1998. Reports on the nature of robbery cases handled by juvenile courts between 1989 and 1998.

Fact Sheet. February 2002. 2 pp. FS 200205.

Short- and Long-Term Consequences of Adolescent Victimization.

Analyzes National Youth Survey (NYS) data to explore how being a victim of crime during adolescence affects the likelihood of certain negative outcomes in adulthood, including violent and property offending and victimization, domestic violence perpetration and victimization, drug use, and mental health problems.

The NYS data reflect approximately 1,700 respondents' experiences at ages 11-17 and 21-29.

This is the first Bulletin in the new Youth Violence Research Series, produced jointly by OJJDP and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Includes 6 tables and 1 figure.

Youth Violence Research Series Bulletin. February 2002. 16 pp. NCJ 191210.



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Resource Highlight

Every year, hundreds of children in the United States are victims of international parental kidnapping. *A Family*

Resource Guide on International Parental Kidnapping provides detailed and practical information about what can be done to:



- Prevent an international parental kidnapping.
- Stop a kidnapping in progress.
- Locate a kidnapped or wrongfully retained child in another country.
- Bring an abductor to justice.
- Recover a kidnapped or wrongfully retained child from another country.
- Reestablish access to a child in another country.

The *Guide* presents descriptions and realistic assessments of the civil and criminal remedies available in international parental kidnapping cases. It explains applicable laws, offers practical advice on overcoming frequently encountered obstacles, and prepares parents for the legal and emotional difficulties they may experience. The *Guide* includes a list of recommended readings; a directory of related resources, including Web sites; and other essential materials for families.

Download the *Guide* from OJJDP's Web site at ojjdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/missingsum.html#190448. ■

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Statistical Approaches to Assessing Risk. Describes how risk scales are created and used to help decisionmakers classify juveniles on the basis of expected behavior.

Fact Sheet. February 2002. 2 pp. FS 200206.

2000 Report to Congress: Title V Community Prevention Grants Program. Presents the activities and accomplishments of the Title V Community Prevention Grants Program, which provides States and communities with the framework, funding, and tools necessary to establish community-based strategies that deter youth from delinquent behavior.

Report. February 2002. 56 pp. NCJ 190635.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is a component of the Office of Justice Programs, which also includes the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Institute of Justice, and the Office for Victims of Crime.

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