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### **WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF**

***OJP's Assistant Attorney General Receives Prestigious NDAA Award*** – In remarks at the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) Capital Conference on Monday, February 6, in Washington, D.C., Assistant Attorney General Laurie Robinson, Office of Justice Programs, received NDAA's Presidential Award for her work supporting prosecutors throughout the years. [http://www.ojp.gov/newsroom/speeches/2012/12\\_0206lrobinson.pdf](http://www.ojp.gov/newsroom/speeches/2012/12_0206lrobinson.pdf)

***Deputy Assistant Attorney General Speaks at the Sex Offender Management Forum*** – In remarks at the Expert Discussion Forum on Best Practices in Sex Offender Management on Wednesday, February 8, in Washington, D.C., Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Mary Lou Leary spoke about the importance of assessing the state of research and practice in sex offender management. She also discussed using that information to inform and improve the Justice Department's research and programmatic efforts.

***OJJDP Launches New Website, Helps at-Risk Girls*** –The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's National Girls Institute launched a website on Wednesday, February 8, to help at-risk and delinquent girls. OJJDP established the National Girls Institute in 2010 to develop and provide a range of training, technical assistance and resources to local, tribal and private organizations serving girls and young women in or at risk of entering the juvenile justice system. "We have a responsibility to educate professionals and the public about what programs work to keep girls safe and out of trouble," said Melodee Hanes, Acting Administrator of OJJDP. "This website is an important step forward in our efforts to improve the lives of girls across the country." Visit the website at [www.nationalgirlsinsttute.org](http://www.nationalgirlsinsttute.org)

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