



CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN AND OBSCENITY
+ \$25.4 million in Enhancements
\$280 million in Directed State and Local Resources

Overview

The Department is committed to fighting child pornography and obscenity, and to protecting children from trafficking and other forms of exploitation. The Department works with other law enforcement agencies to target, dismantle, and prosecute predatory child molesters and those who traffic in child pornography. In 2006, the Department charged 1,658 individuals and obtained 1,386 guilty pleas and convictions in criminal cases involving predation against children.

This budget provides for the implementation of important measures and programs included in the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, signed into law in July 2006. The passage of the Act considerably expands the Department's legal arsenal to protect our children from sexual predators. Specifically, this budget includes \$7.8 million for the USMS' aggressive pursuit of sexual predators under the provisions of the Act. This budget also requests \$5 million for the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to design, implement, and evaluate a comprehensive sex offender management program across all prison security levels. The program will address the security issues raised by a growing sex offender inmate population, as well as the need to reduce recidivism among offenders following release.

The Attorney General has expressed the Department's commitment to protecting America's children from online sexual exploitation crimes by announcing the Project Safe Childhood (PSC) initiative. This nationwide initiative coordinates the efforts of federal, State, and local law enforcement officials in order to protect our children from online exploitation and abuse. As part of the PSC initiative, this budget provides \$12.5 million in enhanced efforts across the Department through increased funding to FBI to prevent and investigate sexual predators who use the Internet, the Criminal Division for efforts to bring those who exploit children online to justice by fostering and leveraging expertise to protect citizens from all types of online crimes, and the United States Attorney to designate a PSC coordinator to build partnerships, develop strategic plans, and implement accountability measures. Additionally, the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is proposing the Child Safety and Juvenile Justice Grant Program, which will include program areas specifically addressing protecting children.

In total, the FY 2008 Budget request includes an additional \$25.4 million in enhancements to combat crimes against children and obscenity, and \$280 million directed State and local resources. The following information summarizes these enhancements. More detailed information is available in the FY 2008 Budget and agency budget submissions. The number of current services positions reflects estimates that may change once final staffing decisions have been determined.

Enhancements

Criminal Division

The Criminal Division's FY 2008 budget request is \$152 million, 758 positions (448 attorneys) and 868 FTE. This represents a 37 percent increase over the FY 2001 enacted level of \$110.6 million. The Criminal Division's budget also includes \$1.2 million in enhancements, including \$685,000 for the following Project Safe Childhood initiative:

- **Protecting Citizens from Online Crime: \$685,000 and 7 positions (4 attorneys) to support the Project Safe Childhood initiative through increased online crime and child obscenity investigations and prosecutions.** The Internet has created an anonymous venue for criminals to carry out heinous crimes. Division attorneys are at the forefront of the efforts to bring these criminals to justice by fostering and leveraging expertise to protect citizens from all types of online crimes. The requested resources will support the Project Safe Childhood initiative to address the growing number of computer facilitated sexual exploitation crimes committed against children. Additionally, resources will target network crimes that relate to large pornography trafficking groups and intellectual property breaches. FY 2008 current services are \$7.6 million and 40 positions (28 attorneys); total FY 2008 resources are \$8.3 million and 47 positions (32 attorneys).

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

- **Crimes Against Children (CAC)/Innocent Images: \$2.4 million and 14 positions to enhance support for child abduction, child prostitution and child pornography investigations, part of the Project Safe Childhood initiative.** The requested resources will support the FBI's efforts in coordinating, investigating, and ensuring the successful prosecution of all crimes against children. FY 2008 current services resources for this initiative are \$58.4 million and 322 positions (178 agents); total FY 2008 resources are \$60.8 million and 336 positions (178 agents).

United States Attorneys

The United States Attorneys FY 2008 budget request is \$1.7 billion, 10,465 positions (5,309 attorneys) and 10,474 FTE. This represents a 38.8 percent increase over the FY 2001 enacted level of \$1.3 billion. The U.S. Attorneys budget also includes \$20.9 million in enhancements, including \$9.5 million for Crimes Against Children and Obscenity programs such as:

- **Project Safe Childhood: \$9.5 million and 93 positions (73 attorneys) will be dedicated towards implementing the Attorney General's Project Safe Childhood initiative and to prosecute the ever-increasing number of child exploitation and pornography cases across the nation.** FY 2008 current services resources are \$26.3 million and 167 positions (115 attorneys); total FY 2008 resources are \$35.8 million and 260 positions (188 attorneys).

United States Marshals Service (USMS)

The USMS's FY 2008 budget request is \$900 million and 4,486 positions (3,388 agents) and 4,604 FTE. This represents a 49 percent increase over the FY 2001 enacted level of \$603 million. The USMS' budget also includes \$25.7 million in enhancements, including \$7.8 million for enforcement of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act.

- **Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act: The USMS requests \$7.8 million and 54 positions (43 DUSMs) to implement the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act.** This request provides resources to track down convicted sex offenders who have failed to comply with required sex offender registration per Section 142 of the Adam Walsh Act (PL 109-248). The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) has indicated that as many as 100,000 non-compliant sex offenders are living in the United States. In July 2006, the USMS was given the authorization to track down these sex offenders. There are no current services resources for this initiative. Total FY 2008 resources are \$7.8 million and 54 positions (43 DUSMs).

Bureau of Prisons (BOP)

- **Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act: BOP requests 56 positions and \$5 million to implement a Comprehensive Sex Offender Management Plan to comply with the requirements of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006.** This initiative will expand on BOP's existing sex offender management and treatment programs. It supports BOP's objective to design, implement, and evaluate a program that will increase institution security and reduce criminal recidivism among sex offenders upon release. This strategy addresses the growing number of sex offenders entering the Bureau's population. FY 2008 current services resources for this initiative are \$1.4 million and 15 positions; total FY 2008 resources are \$6.4 million and 71 positions.

Directed State and Local Resources

(These programs also referenced in the State and Local Fact Sheet)

- **Child Safety and Juvenile Justice Program: \$280 million in total funding requested for this new program.** This initiative consolidates existing juvenile justice and exploited children programs, such as the Internet Crimes Against Children, into a single, flexible grant program. Through a competitive discretionary grant process, OJP will assist State and local governments in addressing multiple child safety and juvenile justice needs: reduce incidents of child exploitation and abuse, including those facilitated by the use of computers and the Internet, improve juvenile justice outcomes, and address school safety needs.

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Enhancements and Directed Resources Summary**

Bureau/Initiative	Positions	(\$000's)
Enhancements		
CRIMINAL DIVISION		
Protecting Citizens from On-line Crime (Project Safe Childhood)	7	\$685
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION		
Crimes Against Children/Innocent Images (Project Safe Childhood)	14	2,356
U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE		
Walsh Act Implementation	54	7,845
U.S. ATTORNEYS		
Project Safe Childhood	93	9,494
BUREAU OF PRISONS		
Walsh Act Implementation	56	5,000
Total Enhancements	224	\$25,380
Directed State and Local Resources		
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS		
Child Safety and Juvenile Justice Program		280,000
Total Directed State and Local Resources		\$280,000
Total Enhancements & Directed State/Local Resources	224	\$305,380