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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF

AAG Robinson to Leave OJP in February – Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Laurie Robinson, announced Tuesday that she will leave her position at the end of February. AAG Robinson was confirmed by the Senate in November, 2009 and previously served for nearly seven years as assistant attorney general for OJP during the 1990s, making her the longest-serving head in the agency's 44-year history. Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Mary Lou Leary will serve as acting assistant attorney general following Robinson's departure.

"Laurie Robinson has helped transform OJP's role in the criminal and juvenile justice field, bringing scientific rigor, a true sense of partnership, transparency and accountability to the agency," said Attorney General Eric Holder. "I am proud of her service to OJP's constituents, the Department of Justice and the Obama Administration and personally grateful for her friendship and her many contributions to ensuring true justice for all Americans. The United States is a safer and fairer nation due to her efforts."

January is National Mentoring Month – As part of National Mentoring Month, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, along with Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Corporation for National and Community Service, Harvard School of Public Health and United Way Worldwide, will sponsor the second annual National Mentoring Summit on January 24-25 in Washington, D.C. The summit will honor people in local communities, who make mentoring successful. It also will launch a new web platform focusing on African American male mentoring initiatives. <http://www.BigBrothersBigSisters.org>

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