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Working for Youth Justice and Safety

he Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) was established in 1974 to guide national efforts to prevent delinquency, strengthen the juvenile justice system, and protect children. OJJDP is a component of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) within the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). DOJ's grant-making components include OJP, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), and the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW).

OJJDP at a Glance

OJJDP works with state, local, and Tribal communities to reform juvenile justice systems to better serve justice-involved youth and their families.

In fiscal year 2023, OJJDP awarded more than \$420 million to advance state, local, and Tribal efforts to address juvenile delinquency and victimization, improve the juvenile justice system, and enhance community safety.



OJJDP envisions a nation where all children are free from crime and violence. Youth contact with the justice system should be rare, fair, and beneficial.



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