



Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP)

The Juvenile Crime Prevention program brings state, local and tribal partners together to develop and implement plans that reduce crime. Community-level responses focus on preventing the most at-risk youth from offending or having further involvement with the juvenile justice system. A reduction in juvenile crime will benefit communities in many ways, preventing and reducing victimization and ultimately decreasing the number of youth who may enter the costly juvenile justice system and, potentially, the adult corrections system.

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (JCPAC)

State JCP funds are distributed to Oregon's 36 counties and nine federally recognized tribes under guidelines and criteria established by the Juvenile Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (JCPAC). Local communities determine the most effective investment of JCP funds to strengthen the community's response and target interventions with youth most likely to offend. Prevention funds are coordinated with Basic and Diversion funds to provide an effective continuum of accountability and treatment in the county.

Youth are eligible for local program services based upon the results of a JCP Risk Assessment. This tool is validated to measure the youth's risk to offend. Protective factors are incorporated into the score. Interventions are designed to decrease risk factors and increase protective factors in five domains of their lives:

- School failure
- Substance abuse
- Negative peer association
- Anti-social behavior
- Poor family functioning

Reassessments are conducted at the end of program services and every six months to determine youth response and program effectiveness.

The High-Risk JCP program was created by the 1999 Oregon Legislative Assembly. The Governor appoints JCPAC members, which includes a broad group of stakeholders: community members, tribal representatives, nonprofits, state agency representatives and law enforcement.

JCPAC responsibilities include:

- Approving county and tribal juvenile crime prevention plans
- Recommending juvenile justice and juvenile crime prevention policy to the Governor and the Legislature
- Working with tribal governments to develop tribal juvenile crime prevention plans
- Coordinating planning and implementation of other federal grants focused on high-risk youth
- Overseeing and approving funding and policy recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee



Youth panelists share their views at the Governor's Summit on Minority Overrepresentation in the Juvenile Justice System in 2008.

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC)

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee is the state advisory group for Oregon's administration of federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) grants. JJAC members are appointed by the Governor and represent youth, private citizens, juvenile justice professionals and local government officials.

JJAC is responsible for ensuring that Oregon complies with four federal mandates as a prerequisite for receiving specific federal funds. Mandates are related to conditions of confinement for youth and addressing the disproportionate contact of minorities in the juvenile justice system.

Disproportionate minority contact (DMC) has been a focus issue for JJAC and the State of Oregon for a number of years. JJAC has been a co-sponsor of the Annual Governor's Summit on Over-representation of Minority Youth in the Juvenile Justice System for over ten years. In 2008, partnership with the national Coalition for Juvenile Justice expanded the participation in the Summit beyond Oregon's borders.

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