

OJJDP funded Programs Eligible for Evaluation under the NIJ Evaluation Solicitation

Below are brief descriptions of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Second Chance Act Juvenile Offender Reentry Demonstration Projects. Applicants to the NIJ FY 2012 solicitation, "Evaluation of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention FY 2010 Second Chance Act Juvenile Offender Reentry Demonstration Projects" **must** use this list when developing their evaluation plan for the full-scale evaluation. Please refer to the solicitation for all other requirements.

Inquiries regarding the projects listed below should not be directed to the individual sites. **All requests for additional information must be directed to** Leah Kane, Policy Associate, National Reentry Resource Center, Council of State Governments, at lkane@csg.org.

Juvenile demonstration sites:

Program Legal Name: City of Oakland, Department of Human Services (CA)

Federal Funding Amount: \$1,125,000

Project Summary: In response to the City of Oakland's critical juvenile crime and recidivism challenges, key city, county, state, and community partners have developed and initiated a collaborative approach to Juvenile Justice Reform. The Comprehensive System of Community Reentry Support for Juvenile Offenders (C3RS) project is the third major phase of this reform. Second Chance Act funds will further systems changes, including coordination of assessment information and case planning for reentry youth through the piloting of multi-disciplinary teams at school sites. The City of Oakland will also incorporate the youth perspective in evaluation activities, using methods such as participant focus groups. C3RS targets a population of 355 City of Oakland juveniles and their families who face the most significant challenges to successful reentry. Key outcomes include major reductions in recidivism, measured through analyses of service delivery and juvenile justice data, and the development of a highly innovative reentry system, measured through a process evaluation. The net result will be the creation of a sustainable community-based reentry system with high potential for replication.

Program Legal Name: Sacramento County Probation Department (CA)

Federal Funding Amount: \$1,125,000

Project Summary: The Sacramento County Juvenile Reintegration Program (JRP) identifies and evaluates high risk and high need juveniles within Probation's Youth Detention Facility (YDF), through validated risk and needs assessments, and to link them with targeted evidence-based interventions, services, and resources in the community prior to release. The JRP incorporates evidence based practices at all levels possible in order to reduce recidivism among the target population by 50% over a five year period, as follows: 1) reduce recidivism by 7% a year for years one and two; 2) reduce recidivism by 10% a year for years three and four; and 3) reduce recidivism by 16% for year five. In support of these efforts, the Sacramento County Probation Department has increased stakeholder collaboration and adjusted institution and field operations to ensure evidence based assessments, interventions and supervision strategies are applied. The JRP staff conducts periodic reviews and participant reassessments to evaluate successes and challenges then make appropriate adjustments to case plans as changing circumstances and outcomes dictate how to achieve optimal program success.

Program Legal Name: Los Angeles County (CA)

Federal Funding Amount \$1,124,927

Project Summary: The Los Angeles County Second Chance for Youth Project (LACSCY) has developed a comprehensive strategy for the successful reentry/reintegration of serious and gang-involved juvenile offenders that reduces recidivism rates by improving outcomes for offenders and their families. The LACSCY improves and standardizes the delivery of coordinated services for serious and gang-involved juvenile offenders and their families as measured by service utilization, youth and family satisfaction with service delivery and access, number of system barriers identified and resolved, and number of inter-department/agency protocols established. Site Coordinators select juvenile offenders ordered to Probation camps (ages 13-17 when identified for project) and their families to participate in the LACSCY. Services begin with families while the youth is in camp placements and continue during the youth's transition. The Site Coordinator in each demonstration community convenes and leads a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) to assist in the development of a coordinated plan for each reentering youth and his/her family. To measure the effectiveness of the LACSCY, the Site Coordinators track services provided to each family and collect data to be tracked and reported through an information system.

Program Legal Name: Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (MN)

Federal Funding Amount: \$1,125,000

Project Summary: The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe proposes to continue the implementation of a culturally-specific, asset-based, wraparound reentry program for high risk juveniles involved in the justice system as an alternative to incarceration. They will be returning to the Tribal area from placement in secure detention or involuntary inpatient treatment ordered by the Leech Lake Tribal Court and the Ninth Judicial District Court for Cass, Beltrami, Itasca and Hubbard Counties. The Leech Lake Band will continue essential partnerships with internal departments, Tribal School, County Probation Departments, Oshki-Manidou, Northwest Minnesota Juvenile Detention Center and Public Schools. The project will target 30 Leech Lake high risk youth between the ages of 12 and 17 and their families until system development allows for increased expansion. The reentry process begins when a Leech Lake youth is court ordered to detention or treatment, whereupon County Probation will administer the MAYSI-2 (Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument) and/or the YLS (Youth Level of Service), both validated risk/needs assessments. Referrals will be forwarded to the Tribal Court, which will oversee intake, eligibility and development of an individualized case plan that is holistic, strengths-based; culturally relevant, gender-appropriate; addresses co-occurring substance abuse and mental health issues, with an emphasis on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD); while utilizing as a foundation the Seven Grandfathers of Anishinabe values and teachings. Compliance will be monitored by the Tribal Court using a restorative justice approach. The project will track data and performance measures through program forms, information-sharing and data base. Some short term goals are to improve pro-social behavior, increase community connectivity, increase use of evidence-based and practice-based services and increase access to cultural activities. Long term goals are to increase public safety and reduce recidivism.

Program Legal Name: Illinois Department of Human Services (IL)

Federal Funding Amount: \$748,850

Project Summary: The Illinois Department of Human Services will use their FY10 Second Chance Act: State Demonstration funds to support the "Illinois Second Chance" program. This evidence-based intervention will provide family-focused aftercare for male youth with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders who are being released to Cook, Lake, and Will counties. This partnership between the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice and IDHS will provide each youth with an aftercare plan that addresses the individual's and the family's assessed needs, provides a service based case plan, and identifies the community placement requirements. Changing the offender's patterns of thinking and behavior will be key aspects of the program. Services begin two months prior to release and will continue for a total of six months.

Program Legal Name: State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety (NJ)

Federal Funding Amount: \$123,753

Project Summary: New Jersey's juvenile corrections agency, the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC), will enhance its reentry services to male and female juvenile sex offenders released on parole from JJC's secure institutions. This initiative will enhance these accomplishments with a more comprehensive and collaborative reentry continuum by filling a need of a higher-risk population. JJC will secure community-based, juvenile sex offender-specific therapy; enhance intra- and inter-agency reentry planning, coordination and implementation; and provide wrap around services to support the reentry case plan goals of these youth. The number of clinicians state-wide qualified to provide juvenile sex offender-specific treatment will be increased through a training program to ensure continuity and availability of services after JJC supervision ends. Grant funds will be used to contract with a provider to evaluate the impact and outcomes of the project.

Program Legal Name: Sac and Fox Nation (OK)

Federal Funding Amount: \$496,889

Project Summary: The Sac and Fox Four Directions Demonstration Reentry Program is a comprehensive program for incarcerated Native American juveniles who have been dual diagnosed with mental health and substance abuse problems. The program will be housed at the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center in Stroud, Oklahoma. The program will utilize a Reentry Task Force and qualified individuals to provide services. The Nation has operated a juvenile detention facility for over ten years. The proposed program will utilize a 4th Generation Assessment and / Case Management software program to inform individual case management and services. Assessments will occur every 90 days while a juvenile is in the program. Services will be individually tailored to risk and need factors. The goals of the program are: 1) to increase public safety and reduce recidivism among the reentry target population; 2) to increase employment opportunities; 3) to increase educational opportunities; 4) to increase housing opportunities; and 5) to increase participation in mental health and substance abuse services. To accomplish these goals the Four Directions program will provide literacy classes, job training, education programs, and mental health and substance abuse programs for offenders. The Program will also provide a two-phase housing program. Phase 1 Transitional Housing will be a therapeutic support community of 10 to 12 persons. Residents will be provided part-time jobs, through the Nation, and receive comprehensive services for up to nine months. Phase 2 Independent Living will move residents into two-bedroom apartments and full-time employment. Independent Living participants will complete an Independent Living and Employment Academy prior to entry into Phase 2. Follow-ups with participants will continue for three years after completion or discharge from the program.

Program Legal Name: State of Oklahoma, Office of Juvenile Affairs (OK)

Federal Funding Amount: \$563,269

Project Summary: The Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) administers the juvenile justice system in Oklahoma. The target population for this Project is high-risk juvenile offenders returning to Tulsa County from OJA operated secure institutions and staff-secure group homes throughout the state. Juveniles in these facilities have serious felony offense histories. An annual average of 115 juvenile offenders from Tulsa County (21.0% of the statewide total) has been incarcerated in these facilities with an average of 87 discharged each year and returning to Tulsa County. This project will use Intensive Family Services (IFS) to address criminogenic needs. Youth Services of Tulsa will provide case management and Intensive Family Services counselors. Employment services will be provided by Youth Build, Workforce Tulsa, and Goodwill of Tulsa. A transitional living program will be available for youth who are unable to return home. Youth Services of Tulsa will operate a day program for participants who are not employed or attending school or vocational programs.

Program Legal Name: Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PA)

Federal Funding Amount: \$183,413

Project Summary: The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) will support a pilot project to address a significant gap in their current re-entry system. The pilot project will introduce a therapeutic component to re-entry services for the target population of juvenile females who are returning to communities from delinquency placements where they received treatment for symptoms related to past or ongoing trauma. Girls with these complex mental health issues need this treatment to be transitioned seamlessly to the home community in order to decrease the likelihood that behavior associated with these traumatic experiences manifests as delinquent. PCCD will work with a core group of southeastern counties and residential providers that make up the largest segment of girls in placement to make community-based therapists available to youth while in placement and upon discharge. These therapists will regularly visit and participate in institution based therapy so as to establish a strong therapeutic bond that will translate to the community and the provision of continued therapy. It is critical that this service be provided as most times these youth are returning to the environment where the traumatic experience took place and will need this resource in order to manage the barriers that will be present. PCCD will invoke a therapeutic model that addresses the needs of the youth across the various aspects of their support network to include family, school, probation and community. With this service in place, PCCD believes that the unhealthy coping mechanisms used previously will be replaced with newly learned pro-social strategies.

Program Legal Name: Indiana Department of Correction (IN)

Federal Funding Amount: \$1,098,569

Project Summary: The Indiana Department of Correction-Division of Youth Services (IDYS) will provide reentry support and services to approximately 141 youth incarcerated in the IDYS facilities that have been assessed by the IDYS Risk Assessment tool as being high risk or very high risk offenders and returning home to Marion County, Indiana. Working in concert with local, federal and other state agencies, this project will implement a juvenile transitional program that, beginning during incarceration, connects those being released to Marion County with needed community-based services including education, employment, family counseling, housing, and provides ongoing intensive monitoring post-release to ensure the success of those connections and assess progress and additional needs. An existing reentry program for youth and families will be enhanced and expanded by allowing service providers to begin working with the youth in the IDYS facilities and with the family in the home at the time of the youth's commitment with an added mentoring component. Additionally, to address the issue of the higher likelihood of re-arrest in the critical period immediately following release from a facility, the youth would report to the AIM Reentry Academy for the first month after release. While at the Academy, youth will receive intensive support while participating in a series of life-skills and job readiness classes, receive educational, employment, housing assistance and be connected with community-based services.

Program Legal Name: Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (VA)

Federal Funding Amount: \$1,012,500

Project Summary: The Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) has partnered with Tidewater Youth Services Commission (TYSC) to implement the Tidewater Re-entry Initiative for juvenile offenders committed to DJJ from seven Court Service Units (CSUs) with high risk indicators. The target areas include cities of Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Newport News, Hampton, Franklin, and Suffolk, and the counties of Southampton and Isle of Wight. A continuum of services will be provided both pre- and post-release to juvenile offenders who are under age 18 when committed to DJJ. Services will continue beyond the offenders 18th birthday as needed to insure a smooth re-entry back to their home community. The overarching goal is to reduce recidivism for committed offenders by strengthening a coordinated service delivery system that addresses identified criminogenic needs through evidence-based programming.

Program Legal Name: Oakland County of Health (MI)

Federal Funding Amount: \$984,490

Project Summary: This project will target youth returning to Oakland County from the two primary residential treatment providers for court wards in the county - Children's Village, a county-operated facility, and Crossroads from Youth, a private non-profit facility. This grant will support the incorporation of a fourth generation risk/needs assessment tool and data base system. The transition phase will begin 3-6 months prior to release. Upon completion of a treatment plan, transition teams will meet to set post-release objectives and initiate service linkages. Six weeks prior to release, youth will attend weekly group mentoring and individual sessions. Probation Officers will provide case management for six to nine months post-release, and each youth will be supported by a Systems Navigator who will facilitate support services.

Program Legal Name: Texas Youth Commission (TX)

Federal Funding Amount: \$786,691

Project Summary: The purpose of the Gang Intervention Team: ReEntry Development for Youth (GitRedy) project is to annually provide culturally relevant family-focused, reentry services to 100 gang-involved youth, returning to Harris County from secure juvenile correctional facilities. GitRedy youth are gang-involved youth who are within 120 days of their projected release and have met release criteria *or* youth whose stay was extended by Texas Youth Commission's Release Review Panel because of behavioral issues. Grant funds will support sustained case management in the community and a comprehensive range of services, including Aggression Replacement Training and Functional Family Therapy.

Program Legal Name: North Dakota Department of Corrections (ND)

Federal Funding Amount: \$377,568

Project Summary: North Dakota's Reentry program has enhanced services for juvenile offenders returning to the Bismarck-Mandan community after a residential or correctional placement. Reentry services are coordinated by the custodial agency, the ND Division of Juvenile Services, and begin prior to release. Youth are assigned a Juvenile Corrections Specialist that supervises the case and guides the reentry process, including planning for transition as soon as the youth has been placed. Upon reentry, the Corrections Specialist continues case management and plans for supportive services. ND Division of Juvenile Services will partner with two non-profit agencies to enhance existing reentry services and fill gaps in the continuum of services. The Heartview Foundation, a drug and alcohol treatment center, will provide intensive outpatient drug/alcohol treatment, aftercare, and other supportive services. Youthworks, a private nonprofit agency, will provide transitional housing, mentoring, tutoring and homework assistance, employment assistance, relapse shelter care placement, and family support/therapy services.