



Utah Board of Juvenile Justice

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The Utah Board of Juvenile Justice (UBJJ) serves as the federally designated State Advisory Group under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) of 2002. UBJJ prepares a comprehensive plan for Utah's compliance with the four core protections of the JJDPA, thus making Utah eligible for federal grants. With this money, the Board is able to help many youth by providing services such as drug treatment and assistance with gang intervention and suppression efforts.

UBJJ provided grant funding for 17 different projects last year. Eight projects provided direct services to children while the others focused on system improvements (e.g. JJDPA compliance monitoring, project evaluation and training support). A summary report of the progress made within the priority areas identified by UBJJ follows.

Outcome Evaluation Model

In 2009, UBJJ implemented a new evaluation process called the UBJJ Program Evaluation and Improvement Project. This evaluation process is designed to rapidly move UBJJ funded programs from startup to a level where a program's effectiveness can be empirically tested. Implementing and maintaining an effective, evidenced based program is a difficult process that can take many years. For example, even when an existing curriculum is used, adapting this intervention to the local setting, ensuring the intervention is delivered in an effective manner, and

maintaining trained, quality staff, is a considerable task. UBJJ funds only new programs and only for three or four years. Most of these programs are small and some are rural. These characteristics make the task of taking a program from startup to maturity formidable. In order to increase the number of programs that successfully navigate the process, the evaluation structure focuses on providing extensive guidance on how to implement factors which characterize effective, evidenced-based programs. The overall objective is to increase the number of effective programs. This is important not only because the youth and their families deserve such, but also because these programs receive public funding and therefore UBJJ needs to know the money is well spent.

The evaluation is conducted by the University of Utah Criminal Justice Center (UCJC). Besides the guidance noted above, two tools have been developed and maintained. The Risk and Protective Information Tool (RAPIT) provides information on a wide array of indicators of the well-being of Utah youth. The newly developed Utah Yellow Pages for Youth complements RAPIT by providing information on what programs already exist in a geographic location. This information is posted on UBJJ's web site. This evaluation model allows outcome assessments across a range of primary prevention and intervention programs.

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Priority Areas

1. Substance Abuse

UBJJ funded two projects addressing substance abuse by youth: A prevention program in South Salt Lake City and an outpatient substance abuse treatment program provided by Salt Lake County Youth Services. These projects served 175 youth, with a completion rate of 75%. Sixty-nine percent of Salt Lake County participating youth showed a reduction in substance abuse. None of the participating youth were arrested or rearrested.

2. Delinquency Prevention

Three new grants were funded in this program area. They are located in West Valley City, South Salt Lake City and Salt Lake City. Two are after-school programs serving elementary-age youth, the other serves middle school-age refugee youth. These projects served 240 youth with a 53% successful completion rate. Ninety percent of participating youth showed attitudes unfavorable to substance use, 71% showed reduced antisocial behavior and 86% were satisfied with the programs. Only 2% of participating youth were arrested during the reporting period

3. Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)

UBJJ supported three programs aimed at improving outcomes of minority offenders. The first provided parenting classes and an after school program to teach life skills to Hispanic youth in Summit County with one or two offenses. Unfortunately, this project was discontinued early due to mismanagement by the subgrantee. The second served 65 refugee youth in the Salt Lake area with a completion rate of 62%, and 68% reported improved family relationships. Only 4% of youth in this program reported a new offense while participating. The third involves funding a Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Coordinator to ensure Utah's compliance with the JJDPA. This position is critical to making the improvements noted below.

DMC Accomplishments:

- Completed the Arrest and Referral Assessment in September 2012 to determine factors contributing to disproportionality of minority youth at the arrest and referral points of contact in Utah, Weber and Salt Lake Counties. This was done with assistance from the Community and Strategic Planning (CASP) grant from OJJDP. Collaborative efforts are underway to form local working groups in each of these counties to develop intervention plans based on the assessment's findings and recommendations.
- Continued to identify trends and areas of disparity at contact points in Utah's juvenile justice system. This data was presented to law enforcement, local governments, prosecutors, defense attorneys, juvenile court judges and staff members representing 363 individuals in 21 professional and community organizations. Data shows diversion parity in 2nd District Juvenile Court and near parity in 4th District Juvenile Court. The DMC Subcommittee is currently working to increase utilization of diversion for minority youth in Salt Lake County.
- Supported the use of the recently developed Community Relations Curriculum at the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) to raise awareness of cultural diversity and teach cadets how to work effectively with diverse communities. The Curriculum was presented to 306 cadets trained at POST.

4. Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment

A single project was funded under this program area but was discontinued early due to mismanagement by the subgrantee.

State Gang Reduction Grants

Two direct service projects were funded serving 128 high-risk, gang-involved youth in Ogden and Provo. Both projects implement evidence based practices: Strengthening Families in Provo and Aggression Replacement Therapy and Cognitive

Behavioral Therapy in Ogden. So far, youth involved in both programs show a 69% reduction in antisocial attitudes and a 70% reduction in gang activity. Youth also show significant reductions in association with antisocial peers, attitudes favorable to drug use and parents' attitudes favorable to antisocial behavior.

FY2012 Grants	
Title II First Year Projects \$135,000	
Salt Lake Co.	\$40,000 – <i>K-6 Delinquency Prevention</i> City of South Salt Lake
Salt Lake Co.	\$50,000 – <i>Project StepUP</i> Community Education Partnership of West Valley City
Salt Lake Co.	\$45,000 – <i>Refugee Family & Academic Support</i> Refugee & Immigrant Center, Asian Association of Utah
Title II Second Year Projects \$56,250	
Salt Lake Co.	\$56,250 – <i>High-risk Substance Abuse</i> Salt Lake County Youth Services
Title II Third Year Projects \$0	
Due to cuts in the federal grant program, no grants were awarded.	
Title II Fourth Year Projects \$24,047	
Salt Lake Co.	\$14,516 – <i>Choices Sex Offender Treatment Program</i> Center for Family Development
Summit Co.	\$9,531 – <i>Connections</i> Colors of Success
Title II On-Going Projects \$240,284	
Statewide	\$92,900 – <i>JJDP Act Compliance Monitoring</i> , Juvenile Justice Services
Statewide	\$20,000 – <i>Juvenile Jail Removal</i> , Juvenile Justice Services
Statewide	\$51,984 – <i>Outcome Evaluation Survey</i> , U of U Criminal Justice Center
Statewide	\$75,400 – <i>Juvenile Disproportionate Minority Contact Reduction Coordinator</i> , CCJJ
Title V Delinquency Prevention \$0	
Due to cuts in the federal grant program, no grants were awarded	
State Gang Reduction Grants \$283,220	
Utah Co.	\$96,600 – <i>Early Intervention for Gang Involved Youth</i> Provo Gang Project
Weber Co.	\$156,700 – <i>Community Involvement, Re-entry, Opportunities, Social, Suppression (CROSS)</i> Ogden Weber Community Action Partnership & Ogden Police Department
Statewide	\$29,920 – <i>Evaluation of Comprehensive Gang Model Projects</i> U of U Criminal Justice Center
Title II Short-Term Projects \$11,450	
Weber Co.	\$6,450 – <i>Northern Utah Gang Conference</i> Ogden City Police Department
Statewide	\$1,000 – <i>Critical Issues Conference Scholarships</i> Shelter Kids Inc.
Statewide	\$4,000 – <i>Troubled Youth Conference</i> Shelter Kids Inc.
Community & Strategic Planning (CASP) Grant	
Statewide	\$37,114 – <i>Disproportionate Minority Contact Arrest and Referral Assessment</i> U of U Criminal Justice Center