



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 (JJCPA), as amended 2002. UBJJ prepares a comprehensive plan for Utah's compliance with the four core protections of the JJCPA, thus making Utah eligible for federal grants. With this money, the Board is able to help youth by providing services such as delinquency and substance abuse prevention as well as assistance with gang intervention and suppression efforts.

In collaboration with Justice Assistance Grants (JAG), UBJJ provided funding to several projects in 2015. Nine of these projects provided direct services to children while six projects focused on system improvements (e.g. JJCPA compliance monitoring, project evaluation and training support). Below is a summary report of the progress made within each priority area.

Outcome Evaluation Model

UBJJ works collaboratively with the University of Utah Criminal Justice Center (UCJC) to implement a Program Evaluation and Improvement Project. This evaluation process is designed to rapidly move grant 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 and can take many years. The use of existing curriculum can also be a considerable challenge.

Some of these challenges include adapting the program to the local setting while ensuring that the intervention is effectively delivered and maintaining a quality trained staff. Since UBJJ only funds new programs for three or four years, it is difficult to take a program from startup to maturity. In order to increase the number of effective programs, the evaluation process focuses on fidelity implementation of evidence-based practices and provides guidance to improve each program's effectiveness. The evaluation process ensures quality programming and builds confidence that public dollars are well spent.

The UCJC has developed and maintained two tools to assist local communities: (1) The Risk and Protective Information Tool (RAPIT), and (2) the Utah Yellow Pages for Youth. RAPIT provides information on a wide array of indicators of the well-being of Utah's youth. The tool covers alcohol and drug use, antisocial behavior, and risk and protective factors related to these behaviors. Information is available at the state and the county level. The Utah Yellow Pages for Youth provides updated information about youth service programs in the state of Utah that serve at-risk youth and families. It is intended for youth counselors, youth service providers, parent educators, probation officers, juvenile justice practitioners, program planners and others looking for services/programs that will serve at-risk youth and families. Both tools can be accessed via UBJJ's website: www.juvenile.utah.gov.

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Funding Priority Areas

1. Delinquency Prevention

UBJJ funded two programs in West Valley City and Salt Lake City. The West Valley City program is an after-school program that serves elementary-age youth while the Salt Lake City program serves middle school-age refugee youth in Salt Lake City. Combined, the two projects served 63 youth in 2015.

In 2015, UBJJ funded one new youth program in Cedar City. The Native Youth Program will provide both group and individual after-school and summer programming to youth ages 5-17. The program helps these youth develop “academic, social and cultural skills, receive recognition of their efforts and success while at the same time associating and bonding with positive adult mentors that set clear standards.” 100 youth are expected to enroll during the one year grant period, representing youth from 5 Bands of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah in Iron, Washington, Millard and Sevier Counties.

2. Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)

UBJJ supported the funding of a Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Coordinator to ensure Utah’s compliance with the DMC Core Protections of the JJDPA. Below are DMC accomplishments in the past year.

- Successfully piloted the School-based Law Enforcement Training Curriculum with Canyon School District, Granite School District, Jordan School District, Salt Lake City School District and law enforcement agencies within those school districts. The curriculum creates protocols and standardized practices to handle delinquent youth and determines whether to resolve the case at the school or to refer the case to the juvenile court. The training discusses standardization along with best practices while developing alternative options for juvenile courts and school districts across jurisdictions. The Statewide DMC Subcommittee plans to provide the training statewide during 2016.

- Continued to identify trends and areas of disparity at nine contact points in Utah’s juvenile justice system. This data was presented to various juvenile justice professionals for information sharing and to seek collaborations to address the issues. During 2015, DMC Subcommittee reached seven stakeholders and presented to 39 individuals.

- Supported the use of the developed Community Relations Curriculum for the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) to raise awareness of cultural diversity and teach cadets to work effectively with diverse communities. The training was provided to 619 Firefighter and Law Enforcement Cadets during 2015.

- The Ogden Police Department (OPD) implemented the Connecticut’s “Effective Police Interaction with Youth” and provided De-Escalation training to 113 officers and sergeants in 2015. This accomplishment is part of larger objectives through a Title V grant by UBJJ.

Title V Delinquency Prevention

UBJJ awarded a grant to Ogden Police Department. The program strives to conduct a collaborative effort with the juvenile justice and the education communities to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency. The program enrolled 233 youth ages 9-17 in pro-social activities during the summer, conducted a site visit to an Alternative to Juvenile Detention program, and supported implementation of the “Effective Police Interaction with Youth” and De-escalating Interaction with Youth training.

Justice Assistance Grants (JAG Grants)

JAG Grants supported programming areas that UBJJ identified as critical but lacking in resources. Funding was used in support of new programming and to expand existing programs that have been proven effective. It is anticipated that funding will continue through FY2016.

FY2015 Grants

Title II First Year Projects \$44,517

Iron County \$44,517 – *Native Youth Program, Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah*

Title II Second Year Projects \$0

Due to budget reductions, no grants were awarded.

Title II Third Year Projects \$0

Due to budget reductions, no grants were awarded.

Title II Fourth Year Projects \$47,500

Salt Lake Co. \$25,000 – *Project StepUP Community Education Partnership of West Valley City*
 Salt Lake Co. \$22,500 – *Refugee Family & Academic Support Refugee & Immigrant Center, Asian Association of Utah*

Title II On-Going Projects \$240,211

Statewide \$100,100 – *JJDP Act Compliance Monitoring, Juvenile Justice Services*
 Statewide \$17,066 – *Juvenile Jail Removal, Juvenile Justice Services*
 Statewide \$37,487 – *Outcome Evaluation Survey, U of U Criminal Justice Center*
 Statewide \$85,558 – *Juvenile Disproportionate Minority Contact Reduction Coordinator, CCJJ*

Title II Short-Term Projects \$8,050

Weber Co. \$4,050 – *Northern Utah Gang Conference Ogden City Police Department*
 Statewide \$4,000 – *Troubled Youth Conference Shelter Kids Inc.*

Title V Delinquency Prevention \$45,644

Weber Co. \$45,644 – *Prevention Collaborative Program, Ogden Police Department*

Community Strategic Planning (CASP) Grant

Statewide \$12,150 – *Disproportionate Minority Contact Best Practices Intervention Initiative – Institute for Innovative Justice*

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) \$330,586

Uintah Co. \$146,846 – *Native American Youth Services Needs for the Uintah Basin – Juvenile Justice Services*
 Salt Lake Co. \$44,388 – *Promise South Salt Lake Delinquency Prevention Project – Too Good for Violence & PAL – South Salt Lake City*
 Salt Lake Co. \$48,352 – *Project StepUp Expansion – Community Education Partnership of West Valley City*
 Salt Lake Co. \$91,000 – *YouthWorks Prevention Program – NeighborWorks Salt Lake*

Staff Addition: UBJJ has hired Antonette Gray to be the new Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator. Ms. Gray has previously worked for the Department of Workforce Services.