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JUVENILE JUSTICE IN THE PRESIDENT'S FY17 BUDGET PROPOSAL
*Coalition Leaders Applaud Administration's Budget Recommendations for
Critical Juvenile Justice Funding*

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, President Obama and his Administration released their Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) budget plan. On behalf of our broad network of more than 300 organizations representing all states, territories and D.C., we strongly applaud the President for including \$334.4 million for critical juvenile justice programs in his budget proposal. Specifically, we are pleased that the President is requesting the following:

- \$75 million for the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP A) Title II, Part B State Formula Grants Program;
- \$42 million for the JJDP A Title V Delinquency Prevention Program, including \$2 million directed to competitive grants that focus on girls in the juvenile justice system, \$5 million for gang and youth violence education and prevention, and \$10 for the Tribal Youth Program;
- \$30 million for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Program;
- \$20 million for the Smart on Juvenile Justice Initiative;
- \$18 million in community-based violence prevention initiatives;
- \$5.4 million for the Improving Juvenile Indigent Defense Program; and
- \$4 million for grants and technical assistance in support of the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention Initiative.

“President Obama and his Administration did a good job of preserving money for states to implement the core protections of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP A), the only federal law that sets out national standards for the custody and care of youth in the juvenile justice system,” said Marcy Mistrett, President of the Campaign for Youth Justice. “We are especially pleased with the recommendation to increase funding for Title II of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP A) which is currently before the Senate for reauthorization. This core funding helps states to keep kids out of adult jails and prisons, to ensure youth charged with status offenses like truancy and running away are not locked up and to identify and address racial and ethnic disparities in their systems.”

“With this budget, the President demonstrates the critical importance of targeted federal investments in state and local juvenile justice programs,” said Marie Williams, Executive Director of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice. “These programs pay huge future dividends in the form of better outcomes for youth, reduced recidivism and safer communities.”

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