



**A CAMPAIGN OF THE NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE
& DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COALITION**

JUVENILE JUSTICE IN THE PRESIDENT'S FY15 BUDGET PROPOSAL

President Obama and his Administration released their Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) budget plan on March 4. The proposal included \$299.4 million for critical juvenile justice programs. Specifically, the President is requesting amounts on key Act4JJ priorities as follows:

- \$50 million for the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) Title II State Formula Grants Program;
- \$42 million for the JJDPA Title V Delinquency Prevention Program, of which \$10 million will focus on reversing the school-to-prison pipeline;
- \$30 million for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Program;
- \$10 million for Juvenile Justice Realignment Incentive Grants to help states implement evidence-based strategies that reduce youth incarceration and foster better outcomes for youth;
- \$18 million in community-based violence prevention initiatives
- \$4 million for grants and technical assistance in support of the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention Initiative; and
- \$ 2 million for competitive grants that focus on girls in the juvenile justice system.

The proposal includes several positives, including the restoration of JABG funding at levels recommended by ACT4JJ, which has been eliminated in the final FY14 budget. The proposal also continues some of the new monies recommended to help address and eliminate community violence and focus on de-incarceration strategies in states.

Title II funding, however, falls nearly \$30 million short of the levels urged by the Act4JJ campaign. This money is used to help address the JJDPA's core protections, such as keeping juveniles out of adult prisons, ensuring that status offenders are not placed in locked confinement, and eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system. Federal funding for these initiatives is crucial.