



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

OVERVIEW OF FY15 APPROPRIATIONS FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE

As part of the federal government's FY15 budget, members of Congress approved \$251.5 million for key juvenile justice programs, including the following:

- \$55.5 million for the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP A) Title II State Formula Grants Program;
- \$15 million for the JJDP A Title V Delinquency Prevention Program, of which \$5 million will help address the needs of tribal youth, \$3 million will be spent on gang and youth violence education and prevention, and \$1 million will be put towards the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention;
- \$90 million for mentoring programs;
- \$ 2 million for competitive grants that focus on girls in the juvenile justice system.

The budget includes several positives, however it continues for the second year in a row to defund the Juvenile Accountability and Block Grant (JABG) program. In previous years, the JABG program provided an important source of revenues that states were able to use for a variety of purposes, including hiring and training juvenile justice personnel, creating alternative courts and programs to keep youth out of the system, and holding young people accountable for their actions.

This year's budget reflects an ongoing decrease in federal appropriations for juvenile justice. Since 2002, when the landmark Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP A) was last reauthorized, overall federal dollars for juvenile justice have decreased by more than 50 percent.