

### State Summary

**Total FY2011 Federal Investment (JABG, Title II and Title V): \$1,069,746**

**FY2010 Federal Investment: \$1,216,345**

**The current funding levels for juvenile justice in Nevada represent a 12% decrease from the previous fiscal year funding level.**

**The additional elimination of state funding for juvenile justice will have a biennial impact of \$13 million lost to Nevada's counties.**

**A substantial reduction or the elimination of federal juvenile justice funding streams could result in the loss of evening reporting centers, youth aftercare programs, and effective programming for youth sex offenders and other high-risk youth in at least 10 Nevada counties.**

### Overview

In Nevada, the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) is the statutorily required state advisory group (SAG) that allocates Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) funds and sets priorities for programming across the state that are consistent with the JJDP. Nevada's funding scheme requires that counties that receive funding under Title V of the JJDP and the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program match that funding at 50% and 10% respectively. Consequently, decreases in federal funding have the effect of also reducing county investments in juvenile justice.

To ameliorate that impact, in 2011 the JJC expanded its scope of work to include the facilitation of public-private partnerships to accomplish the goals of the JJDP. One such partnership is with the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI).

Nevertheless, the JJC's role, and the preservation of the federal funding stream, is more essential now than ever before. In 2011, the state general fund for delinquency prevention programs was eliminated during last year's legislative session.

Consequently, **100% of Nevada's funding for**

**juvenile delinquency prevention programming comes from the federal government.** Further, **federal funds pay for 50% of Nevada's youth parole bureau**, and for a significant percentage of the \$2.3 million that county juvenile probation departments require each year to help offset the cost of youth in Medicaid placements.

## The Title II Formula Grants Program

The current federal JJDP Title II investment in Nevada is \$363,120. These funds support programs and strategies that increase alternatives to detention and prevent youth system involvement at the earliest onset of delinquency. Some of the subgrantees that receive Title II funds have focused on improving youth and community safety outcomes through structured alternatives to detention:

- **Carson City Juvenile Probation Department:** Established a Family Youth Intervention Program. This alternative to secure care provides assessments, counseling, life-skills groups and other services to youth and their families.
- **Clark County:** Clark County launched a behavioral-health program targeting youth with a history of use of marijuana. This program provides intense, brief cognitive behavioral treatments. In addition, Title II supports the Vocational Training and Mentoring Diversion Program and the In-Home Family Preservation Case Management Services program, both of which round out the county's continuum of community-based alternatives.
- **Douglas County:** Launched a High Risk Youth Accountability Program an alternative to detention that provides cognitive behavioral therapy to youth and their families.
- **Fifth Judicial District in Hawthorne:** Created a Girls Life Skills program, an alternative to secure detention.
- **Sixth Judicial District in Winnemucca:** Established an Evening Reporting Center, a community-based alternative to detention.
- **Virgin Valley Family Services in Mesquite:** Created a Community Service Project for minority youth, providing an alternative to detention.
- **Washoe County:** Developed a Youth Reentry and Aftercare model that is tailored to youth with substance abuse issues. The program partners with Wraparound in Nevada (WIN) to provide case-management services to youth.
- **Washoe Tribe of Nevada-California in Gardnerville:** Launched the Repeat Offender Prevention Program targeting Native American youth.

## The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program (JABG)

In FY2011, the federal JABG investment in Nevada was \$314,809.

- **Clark County:** Launched three initiatives: Detention Review and Release, a Juvenile Drug Court, and a Substance Abuse Assessment and Referral program. This triage of programs provides substance abuse and mental-health assessments and referrals to treatment in community-based settings. Additionally, funds support alternatives to detention, including intensive supervision for youth awaiting court hearings.

- **Fifth Judicial District in Hawthorne:** Established a Youth Commitment Alternative Program with the goal of providing community-based alternatives that reduce recidivism.
- **Washoe County Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition:** Created a supervised release program that serves youth in the community. Funds also support probation personnel that provide intensive supervision to court-involved youth as an alternative to detention.

### The Title V Local Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Program

As of the time of publication, the state had not released an announcement of its Title V subgrantees.

*For a complete listing of the programs and outcomes funded by Nevada's Juvenile Justice Commission, contact Marie Williams at the Coalition for Juvenile Justice at [williams@juvjustice.org](mailto:williams@juvjustice.org), or 202-467-0864, ext. 113.*