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2013 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Annual Report

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## **The Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Correction**

### **Juvenile Justice Subcommittee Mission and Purpose**

The Division of Justice and Community Services serves as staff to the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee of the Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Correction, which was created in 1966 by executive order of the Governor to develop a statewide planning capacity for the improvement of the state's criminal justice system. The Juvenile Justice Subcommittee was established following the passage of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 1974 to serve as the state advisory group to the Division of Justice and Community Services for the administration of juvenile funds received by West Virginia under the JJDP Act.

The purpose of the West Virginia Juvenile Justice Subcommittee is to utilize funds to provide the necessary funding to research, develop and implement activities, support efforts to insure compliance with the core requirements of the JJDP Act as well as provide materials and programs which will benefit youth and all who are involved in the juvenile justice process in West Virginia.

### **Juvenile Justice Subcommittee Guiding Principles**

The guiding principle of the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee is to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency and to improve the juvenile justice system in West Virginia. This is done by subgranting funds to various private/nonprofit organizations, schools, state agencies, and local units of government for delinquency prevention efforts that address the needs of the targeted at risk youth population. Funding consideration will be given to projects that address these priorities:

- Interagency coordination of services for meeting the needs of targeted at-risk population.
- Alternative to school settings for youth who exhibit behavior problems to prevent those youth from dropping out of school.
- Opportunities for children and youth to build their self-esteem.
- Activities that reduce peer pressure.
- Projects that encourage parent involvement by establishing a parental component as a part of the programming efforts.
- Crisis intervention services for youth who are exposed to domestic violence.
- Youth advocacy services or court-appointed advocates for youth involved in the court system.
- Direct services to victims of child sexual and physical abuse and neglect, and activities for prevention/awareness of child abuse.
- School safety programs, such as conflict resolution, peer mediation and gun/weapon control, which will decrease the incidence of school violence.
- Assessment of interagency cooperation and responsiveness of state services to this youth population.
- Assessment of the individual progress of the youth participating in the program through pretests and post-tests.
- Written assessment by youth and parents regarding program satisfaction or weaknesses.
- Documented support of the program from the state.

## **The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Mandates**

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act, passed by Congress in 1974, authorized the States to administer local delinquency prevention and intervention efforts and juvenile justice system improvements. The goals of the JJDP Act are to insure appropriate services, due process, proper treatment and safe confinement of juveniles who are involved in the juvenile justice system. States must commit to achieve and maintain compliance with the following four core requirements of the JJDP Act:

### **1. Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO)**

A status offender (a juvenile who has committed an act that would not be a crime if committed by an adult) or nonoffender (such as a dependent or neglected child) cannot be held, with statutory exceptions, in secure juvenile detention or correctional facilities. Status offenders and nonoffenders cannot be detained or confined in adult facilities for any length of time.

### **2. Separation of Juveniles from Adult Offenders (Separation)**

Alleged and adjudicated juvenile delinquents cannot be detained or confined in a secure institution (such as a jail, lockup or secure correctional facility) in which they have sight or sound contact with adult offenders.

### **3. Adult Jail and Lockup Removal (Jail Removal)**

As a general rule, juveniles (individuals who may be subject to original jurisdiction of a juvenile court based on age and offense limitations established by State law) cannot be securely detained or confined in adult jails and lockups. The statute provides temporary hold exceptions for alleged and adjudicated delinquents and criminal misdemeanor offenders under conditions of separation and accepts juveniles waived or transferred to criminal court or felony charges.

**4. Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)**

States are required to address efforts to reduce the proportion of juveniles detained or confined in secure facilities, who are members of minority groups if such proportion exceeds the proportion such groups represent in the general population.



**West Virginia's Compliance with the**  
**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act**

**Plan For Removal Of Status Offenders And Non-offenders  
From Secure Detention And Correctional Facilities - Section 223 (a)(12)(A)  
De-institutionalization of Status and Non-offenders.**

West Virginia juveniles who are charged with or who have committed offenses that would not be criminal if committed by an adult or alien juvenile in custody, such as non-offenders as dependent or neglected children, shall not be placed in secure detention facilities or secure correctional facilities.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has not completed its review and analysis of Deinstitutionalization of Status and Non-offenders (DSO) for calendar year 2012. During calendar year 2012, West Virginia had seventeen DSO violations. Eight of the violations occurred in two adult lockup facilities. These violations occurred when law enforcement officers placed status offenders or non-offenders in a secure holding area. Of the aforementioned violations, three were held on charges of incorrigibility, three were held as runaways, and two were held as truants. The remaining nine violations occurred in West Virginia's Juvenile Detention Centers. All nine violations occurred at hardware secure centers. Of the nine, five were held as truants, three were held as runaways, and one was held as incorrigible.

All eight of the DSO violations that occurred in the adult lockup facilities were all violations of West Virginia Code §49-5-8 (c)(3) by placing of these status offenders in a hardware secure area.

The following West Virginia Case Law and statutes corroborate the JJDP Act.

West Virginia State Code §49-5-11 decriminalizes status offenders making it illegal to detain status offenders in secure facilities. Youth who are adjudicated status offenders are referred to the Department of Health and Human Resources for services.

West Virginia Case Law Facilities Review Panel v. Coe (1992) establishes standards that prohibit secure facilities from admitting status and non-offenders.

West Virginia Case Law C.A.H. v. Strickler (1979), states that “under no circumstances can a child adjudged delinquent because of a status offense be incarcerated in a secure, prison-like facility with children adjudged delinquent because of criminal activity.”

West Virginia Case Law Harris v. Calendine (1977), states that “under no circumstances can a child adjudged delinquent because of a status offense, i.e., and an act which if committed by an adult would not be a crime, be incarcerated in a secure, prison-like facility with children adjudged delinquent because of criminal activity.”

**Plan For Separation Of Juveniles And Incarcerated Adults**  
**Section 223(a)(13) Separation of Juveniles and Adult Offenders.**

West Virginia juveniles alleged to be, or found to be delinquent, status offenders, and/or non-offenders shall not be detained or confined in any institution in which they have contact with adult persons incarcerated because they have been convicted of a crime or are awaiting trial on criminal charges or with the part-time or full-time security staff (including management) or direct-care staff of a jail or lockup for adults.

During calendar year 2012, forty-five violations occurred in two separate police department's adult lockup facilities. The breakdown of the violations is as follows:

- Department A, which had a total of forty-one violations, is in the process of remodeling its processing area to create a separate area for processing juveniles. The new area will ensure separation of juveniles and adults.
  
- Department B, which had a total of four violations, has designated an area for holding juveniles thereby potentially eliminating separation violations. These new processing areas became operational on January 1, 2013.

West Virginia will continue to provide training and technical assistance to secure and non-secure facilities. Regional trainings will be held in the upcoming year to address the specific needs and questions pertaining to the JJDP Act.

The West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, Administrative Order, effective July 1, 1997, charges the Division of Justice and Community Services of the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety to monitor compliance with the State and Federal standards for juvenile detention facilities. The State will notify JJDP if circumstances arise, or if resources are lost, which would jeopardize the State's capability to maintain compliance with the requirements of Section 222(a)(13).

The following West Virginia Case Law and statutes corroborate the JJDP Act.

West Virginia State Code § 49-5-16 paragraph (a) states that “no child, including one who has been transferred to criminal jurisdiction of the court, shall be detained or confined in any institution in which he or she has contact with or comes within sight and sound of any adult persons incarcerated because they have been convicted of a crime or are awaiting trial on criminal charges or with the security staff (including management) or direct-care staff of a jail or locked facility for adults.”

The State assures that adjudicated juveniles are not reclassified administratively and transferred to adult correction authority. Paragraph (b) of the above cited section states that “No child who has been convicted of an offense under the adult jurisdiction of the circuit court shall be held in custody in a penitentiary of this State...the child may be transferred from a secure juvenile facility to a penitentiary after he attains the age of eighteen years if, in the judgment of the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections and the court which committed such child, such transfer is appropriate.”

West Virginia Case Law *M.N.L. v. Greiner* (1987) created a “sight and sound” separation authority in stating that juveniles between the ages of 18 and 20 who remain under jurisdiction of the juvenile court may not be incarcerated within sight and sound of adult prisoners.”

There are no approved “Juvenile Detention Areas” in any adult jail or lockup in West Virginia at the present time.

**Plan For Removal Of Juveniles From Adult Jails And Lockups**  
**Section 223 (a)(14) Jail and Lockup Removal**

West Virginia juveniles are not to be detained in any jail or lockup for adults. There is no approved juvenile detention of co-located areas in any adult jail or lockup in West Virginia at the present time.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has not completed its review and analysis of Jail and Lockup Removal for calendar year 2012. All of West Virginia's jail removal violations are Deinstitutionalization of Status and Non-offenders (DSO) violations that occurred in adult lockup facilities. In order to address our jail removal violations, West Virginia must eliminate DSO violations. West Virginia will continue to provide training and technical assistance to secure and non-secure facilities. Regional trainings will be held in the upcoming year to address the specific needs and questions pertaining to the JJDP Act.

The West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, Administrative Order, effective July 1, 1997, charges the Division of Justice and Community Services of the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety to monitor compliance with the State and Federal standards for juvenile detention facilities. The state will notify The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) if circumstances arise, or if resources are lost, which would jeopardize the state's capability to maintain compliance with the requirements of Section 223(a)(14).

The following West Virginia Case Law and statutes corroborate the JJDP Act.

West Virginia State Code § 49-5-16 prohibits the detention of juveniles in any institution where "he or she has contact with or comes within sight and sound of any adult persons incarcerated because they have been convicted of a crime or are awaiting trial on criminal charges or with the security staff (including management) or direct-care staff of a jail or locked facility for adults." It also prohibits detaining juveniles in state penitentiaries.

West Virginia State Code § 49-5A-2 makes it unlawful to incarcerate a child under 18 years of age in a common county jail or police station lockup.

The State assures that adjudicated juveniles are not reclassified administratively and transferred to adult correction authority. Sub section 49-5-16 paragraph (b) states the “No child who has been convicted of an offense under the adult jurisdiction of the circuit court shall be held in custody in a penitentiary of this State...the child may be transferred from a secure juvenile facility to a penitentiary after he attains the age of eighteen years if, in the judgment of the commissioner of the Department of Corrections and the court which committed such child, such transfer is appropriate.”

West Virginia Case Law *R.C.F. v. Wilt* (1979), states “we hold that it is unlawful for Circuit Courts and Juvenile Referees to incarcerate a child under eighteen years of age in a common county jail prior to an adjudication of delinquency. Those provisions clearly manifest a legislative judgment that children will not be rehabilitated by detention in county jails along with adult offenders, and that detention, when necessary, in other types of facilities maintained exclusively for juveniles is more consistent with the rehabilitative goals of our juvenile delinquency legislation.”

West Virginia Case Law *Facilities Review Panel v. Coe* (1992) states “The conditions outlined in West Virginia Code § 49-5-8(d) shall apply to all juveniles taken into custody, except that portion which refers to ‘the next judicial day’ shall instead be read as ‘the next day.’ Even when Circuit Judges and Juvenile Referees are not available, the rules and regulations for Magistrate courts require a Magistrate to make a telephone contact with the jails and juvenile secure detention facilities under their jurisdiction each and every day to ascertain if any adult or juvenile has been detained since the last contact period and immediately provide for a hearing for that individual.”

## **Plan to Address Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)**

### **Section 223(a)(22)**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has completed its review and analysis and determined that West Virginia is in compliance with Section 223(a)(22) of the JJDP Act. For the past several years the State Advisory Group has recommended funding for a Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Statewide Coordinator. During the past calendar year, this position has been vacant. Work has been done to identify a new DMC Coordinator and will begin work on DMC issues, filling this vacancy with the FY 13 JJDP sub grants. The new DMC Coordinator will continue to serve as the co-chair of the DMC Workgroup of the West Virginia State Advisory Group (SAG), Juvenile Justice Subcommittee.

During the past calendar year, the SAG through the WV Division of Justice and Community Services contracted with the WV Office of Research and Strategic Planning (ORSP) to complete a DMC Assessment as mandated by OJJDP. Previous progress in this area had been slow and an extension was requested and granted to allow West Virginia additional time to complete the assessment. The ORSP successfully completed the assessment and it was submitted to OJJDP meeting the extension deadline. The DMC assessment will be used to assist the new DMC Coordinator and guide DMC efforts as the SAG moves forward in addressing this issue. See attached DMC Assessment.

## **2012      Accomplishments**

During 2012, the State Advisory Group:

1. The Juvenile Justice Specialist and a SAG member attended The 38th Juvenile Justice Symposium & National DMC Conference in February 2013.
2. Awarded \$217,464.00 in Title II - Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention funds. Funds provided for 7 Prevention Resource Officer programs, 1 Disproportionate Minority Contact program, and 5 Delinquency Prevention Programs.
3. Awarded \$34,366.00 in Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) funds. Funds provided for 2 Diversion and Community Awareness and Enforcement programs.
4. Awarded \$325,000.00 in Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds. Funds provided for 14 School Safety programs, 1 Anti-Bullying program, 2 Prosecutor programs, 2 Teen Courts, 1 Comprehensive Delinquency Intervention Program, and 1 Information Sharing programs.
5. Awarded \$42,960.00 in Title V - Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention funds. Grant funds will be used to assist with continuing the operations of community based delinquency prevention programs in Fayette County.



## **Title II – Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant Program**

The Juvenile Justice Subcommittee has chosen the following Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention funding categories to implement in West Virginia:

### **Community-Based Delinquency Prevention for At-Risk Children and Youth**

Grant resources provided community based programs whose goals were to promote non-delinquent behavior and increase self-esteem, enhance interagency coordination and collaboration to meet the needs of the targeted at-risk youth population. A sample of the activities and services provided by various projects throughout West Virginia include: Activities that reduce peer pressure, school safety programs, direct services to victims of child sexual and physical abuse and projects that encourage parent involvement.

### **School Safety**

The Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) Program is a cooperative effort between schools and law enforcement to: Improve student's attitudes and knowledge of criminal justice and law enforcement; to prevent kids from committing crimes; to mentor youth utilizing law enforcement officers; to provide a safer school environment; and to combine safety and child advocacy assuring a better school experience for all West Virginia youth.

The PRO Program has three main components prevention, mentoring, and safety.

- Prevention - the officers facilitate classes on non-traditional educational topics.
- Mentoring - officers are trained on how to be a positive mentor to students they interact with daily.
- Safety - officers are trained to recognize potential danger, prevent violence, and to respond to dangerous school situations.

### **Gender Specific Services**

Grant resources provided funds to programs designed to address needs unique to the gender of the individual to whom such services are provided. Projects that were funded included programs that are structured to recognize gender-specific differences during

developmental stages and the need for appropriate interventions which address these differences.

### **Disproportionate Minority Contact**

Grant resources provided funds to programs, research or other initiatives primarily to address the disproportionate number of juvenile members of minority groups who come into contact with the juvenile justice system, pursuant to Section 223(a)(22) of the JJDP Act. Projects that were funded included programs that address juvenile delinquency prevention efforts designed to reduce, without establishing or requiring numerical standards or quotas, the disproportionate numbers of juvenile members of minority groups, who come in contact with the juvenile justice system.

A total of \$217,464.00 in West Virginia Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Grant Funds was awarded to eleven (11) agencies statewide. These funds were awarded to public and private non-profit agencies throughout the State for the purpose of preventing juvenile delinquency, rehabilitating juvenile offenders, and improving the juvenile justice system in West Virginia.

Funds were awarded to the following:

### **BARBOUR**

#### **Barbour County Commission**

**\$20,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to provide a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at the Philip Barbour High School Complex.

**Contact:** Sheriff John W. Hawkins  
Phone: (304) 457-2352  
Email: wvdeputy801@hotmail.com

**HARRISON**

**City of Shinnston**

**\$20,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to provide a Prevention Resource Office (PRO) at Lincoln High School.

**Contact:** Chief Michael Secreto  
Phone: (304) 592-2121  
Email: chief@shinnstonwv.com

**City of Clarksburg**

**\$20,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to provide a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Washington Irving Middle School.

**Contact:** P.F.C. Josh Skiviat  
Phone: (304) 326-7423  
Email: cpdpolice1@aol.com

**City of Clarksburg**

**\$20,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to provide a Prevention Resource Office (PRO) at Liberty High School.

**Contact:** Ptm. John M. Daugherty  
Phone: (304) 326-7470  
Email: jmداugherty@access.k12.wv.us

**City of Clarksburg**

**\$20,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to provide a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at the Harrison County Alternative Learning Center.

**Contact:** Sgt. Sandy Audia  
Phone: (304) 326-7560  
Email: citykity112@aol.com

## **KANAWHA**

### **West Virginia Child Advocacy Network**

**\$19,366.00**

These funds will be utilized to ensure that West Virginia children in need have access to trauma-focused treatment interventions that have proven to be effective, making certain West Virginia mental health service providers are aware of and have access to training and consultation for integrating trauma-focused evidence based therapy in to their practice with children, thereby aiding in delinquency prevention.

**Contact:** Ms. Emily Chittenden-Laird  
Phone: (304) 414-4455  
Email: echittenden@gmail.com

## **MINGO**

### **Mingo County Commission**

**\$19,366.00**

These funds will be utilized to provide a program for at-risk youth which includes prevention programming, physical fitness and nutrition education, and community service projects.

**Contact:** Ms. Lara Fox  
Phone: (304) 664-3986  
Email: foxatvlodge@yahoo.com

## **MONONGALIA**

### **Mountaineer Boys and Girls Club**

**\$19,366.00**

These funds will be utilized to undertake system improvements that will reduce DMC and model programs that will enable minority teens to become successful.

**Contact:** Mr. Dennis Poluga  
Phone: (304) 292-7510  
Email: dpoluga@westco.net

**MORGAN**

**Morgan County Commission**

**\$20,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to provide a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Berkeley County High School.

**Contact:** Deputy Kevin Barney  
Phone: (304) 258-2871  
Email: jnvbarney@hotmail.com

**OHIO**

**Youth Services System, Inc.**

**\$19,366.00**

These funds will be utilized to implement Aggression Replacement Training (ART) for youth ages 12-21 identified as at-risk with the goal of preventing them from entering the Juvenile Justice System.

**Contact:** Ms. Jill Eddy  
Phone: (304) 233-9627  
Email: jeddy@ysswv.com

**ROANE**

**Roane County Commission**

**\$20,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to provide a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Roane County High School.

**Contact:** Sheriff Mikel Harper  
Phone: (304) 927-3410  
Email: mharper@sheriff.state.wv.us

## **Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Block Grant Program**

The Juvenile Justice Subcommittee has chosen the following Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws funding categories to be implemented in West Virginia:

### **Comprehensive Programs**

- Prevention, Advertising, and/or Education – Programs that collaborate with local law enforcement, education and community groups to develop a small advertising campaign in the community.
- Compliance Checks – Programs that arrest or fine retailers and those contributing to the delinquency of minors by allowing individuals younger than the age of 21 to purchase alcohol.
- Intervention, Diversion, & Education on Underage Drinking – Programs that identify youth attempting to purchase alcohol, provide education to those youth and require community service for the offense, as well as a referral process to appropriate treatment resources when necessary.

### **Community Awareness and Enforcement**

- Prevention, Advertising, and/or Education – Programs that collaborate with local law enforcement, education and community groups to develop a small advertising campaign in the community.
- Compliance Checks – Programs that arrest or fine retailers and those contributing to delinquency of minors by allowing individuals younger than the age of 21 to purchase alcohol.

### **Statewide Prevention Advertising / Enforcement Program**

- Prevention, Advertising, and/or Education or Enforcement - Programs that provide services to all 55 counties throughout the State of West Virginia.

A total of \$19,950.00 in Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Grant Program funds was awarded to two (2) agencies statewide. These funds will be used to enforce the underage drinking laws through programming that includes advertising and education, compliance check operations, intervention and diversion, and follow-up.

Funds were awarded to the following:

**City of Clarksburg**

**\$9,975.00**

These funds will be utilized for the purpose of conducting compliance checks, shoulder tap operations, providing education and implementing environmental strategies in the City of Clarksburg.

**Contact:** Lieutenant James R. Chamberlain  
Phone: (304) 624-1610  
Email: [jrchamberlain@harrco911.org](mailto:jrchamberlain@harrco911.org)

**MORGAN**

**Morgan County Commission**

**\$9,975.00**

These funds will be utilized for the purpose of decreasing youth access to alcohol in Morgan County through youth, parent, and community education, enforcement, and a media campaign.

**Contact:** Ms. Megan Scott  
Phone: (304) 258-7807  
Email: [megan@morganpartnership.org](mailto:megan@morganpartnership.org)

## **Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program**

The Juvenile Justice Subcommittee has chosen the following Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funding categories to be implemented in West Virginia:

### **Accountability**

Grant resources provided funding to help establish and maintain accountability-based programs designed to reduce recidivism among juveniles who are referred by law enforcement personnel or agencies. The goal of these programs is to build on the existing aftercare policy by increasing the intensity of the aftercare component as well as prepare youth for progressively increasing responsibility and freedom in the community.

### **Juvenile Prosecutors**

Grant resources provided funding to hire additional juvenile prosecutors to help reduce the backlog of juvenile cases. The scarcity of juvenile prosecutors limits the ability to move offenders through the juvenile justice system. The addition of new prosecutors has greatly increased the amount of time and effort that can be allocated to juvenile cases to expedite the prosecution of juvenile offenders.

### **School Safety**

The Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) Program is a cooperative effort between schools and law enforcement to: Improve student's attitudes and knowledge of criminal justice and law enforcement; to prevent kids from committing crimes; to mentor youth utilizing law enforcement officers; to provide a safer school environment; and to combine safety and child advocacy assuring a better school experience for all West Virginia youth.

The PRO Program has three main components prevention, mentoring, and safety.

- Prevention - the officers facilitate classes on non-traditional educational topics.
- Mentoring - officers are trained on how to be a positive mentor to students they interact with daily.



- Safety - officers are trained to recognize potential danger, prevent violence, and to respond to dangerous school situations.

### **Information Sharing**

Grant resources provided funding to establish and maintain interagency information sharing programs that enable the juvenile justice systems, schools, and social services agencies to make more informed decisions regarding the early identification, control, supervision, and treatment of juveniles who repeatedly commit serious delinquent or criminal acts.

A total of \$325,000.00 in West Virginia Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds was awarded to fifteen (15) agencies statewide. These funds will be used to address the growing problem of juvenile crime by promoting greater accountability in the juvenile justice system. The recent awards are focused in the areas of accountability-based sanction programs for juvenile offenders; specialized juvenile prosecution, court and probation programs; and school safety programs.

Funds were awarded to the following:

#### **BROOKE**

##### **Brooke County Commission**

**\$15,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to provide a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Brooke High School.

**Contact:** Deputy J. M. White  
Phone: (304) 737-3660  
Email: whytee32@hotmail.com

#### **HAMPSHIRE**

##### **Hampshire County Commission**

**\$15,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to provide a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Hampshire County High School.

**Contact:** Ms. Linda L. Nixon  
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Email: lnixon@access.k12.wv.us

## **HARRISON**

### **Harrison County Commission**

**\$20,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to provide a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at South Harrison High School.

**Contact:** Ms. M. L. Quinn  
Phone: (304) 624-8539  
Email: mlquinn@harrisoncountywv.com

### **City of Clarksburg**

**\$20,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to provide a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Robert C. Byrd High School.

**Contact:** Mr. Scott Vinson  
Phone: (304) 326-7217  
Email: stvinson@harrco911.org

## **KANAWHA**

### **Kanawha County Commission**

**\$20,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to provide for Project INTER-CEPT, which identifies court-involved youth who have mental health issues, delivers court-ordered mental health treatment, and holds youth accountable for treatment compliance by collaborating with the juvenile court system.

**Contact:** Mr. Robert Eggleton  
Phone: (304) 341-0511  
Email: Robert.eggleton@prestera.org

## **MASON**

### **Mason County Commission**

**\$20,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to fund a Teen Court in Mason County. Teen Court is an alternative system of justice that offers young criminal offenders the opportunity to take responsibility for their actions.

**Contact:** Mr. Greg Fowler  
Phone: (304) 593-0072  
Email: frnofmasoncounty@hotmail.com

## **MINGO**

### **Mingo County Commission**

**\$20,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to provide a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Mingo County Central Comprehensive High School.

**Contact:** Ms. Leigh Ann Ray  
Phone: (304) 235-0594  
Email: lwells@mingocountywv.com

## **MONONGALIA**

### **Monongalia County Commission**

**\$15,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to aid in the reduction of juvenile crime/substance abuse in Monongalia County by providing a Delinquency Intervention Program that is accountability-based. The Project includes a Status/Early Offender, Intermediate Delinquent Offender and Aftercare Offender Components.

**Contact:** Mr. Danny H. Trejo  
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## **MORGAN**

### **Morgan County Commission**

**\$20,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to fund a Teen Court in Morgan County. Teen Court is an alternative system of justice that offers young criminal offenders the opportunity to take responsibility for their actions.

**Contact:** Ms. Megan Scott  
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Email: megan@morganpartnership.org

## **NICHOLAS**

### **Nicholas County Commission**

**\$20,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to provide a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Richwood High School.

**Contact:** Cpl D. W. Silman  
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Email: ncsd203dan@yahoo.com

**City of Summersville**

**\$40,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to provide a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Summersville Middle School and a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Nicholas County High School.

**Contact:** Mr. Rodney D. Truman  
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Email: iamlefty107@yahoo.com

**UPSHUR**

**Upshur County Commission**

**\$15,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to provide for an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney to be assigned to handle juvenile delinquency, status, and truancy cases in Upshur County. The Assistant Prosecutor supported by these funds will expedite the prosecution of violent juvenile offenders and more effectively address drug, gang, and youth violence problems in Upshur County.

**Contact:** Ms. Stephanie J. Milliron  
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**WETZEL**

**City of New Martinsville**

**\$20,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to provide a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Magnolia High School.

**Contact:** Chief Timothy Cecil  
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**Wetzel County Commission**

**\$20,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to provide a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) at Valley High School.

**Contact:** Sheriff James Hoskins  
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Email: wcsowv@yahoo.com

**STATEWIDE**

**West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals**

**\$45,000.00**

These funds will be utilized to provide current juvenile justice probation data to the State of West Virginia, the federal government, West Virginia Division of Justice and Community Services, the State Advisory Group and the citizens of West Virginia through the maintenance and daily management of the Juvenile Justice Database. Funding will also provide updates to the system and will support the analysis, technical assistance, training and production of state report on juvenile justice.

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