

Federal Advisory Committee
on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ)
2007 Annual Request for
Information (ARI)

Presented by CSR Incorporated
October 2007

ARI Topics

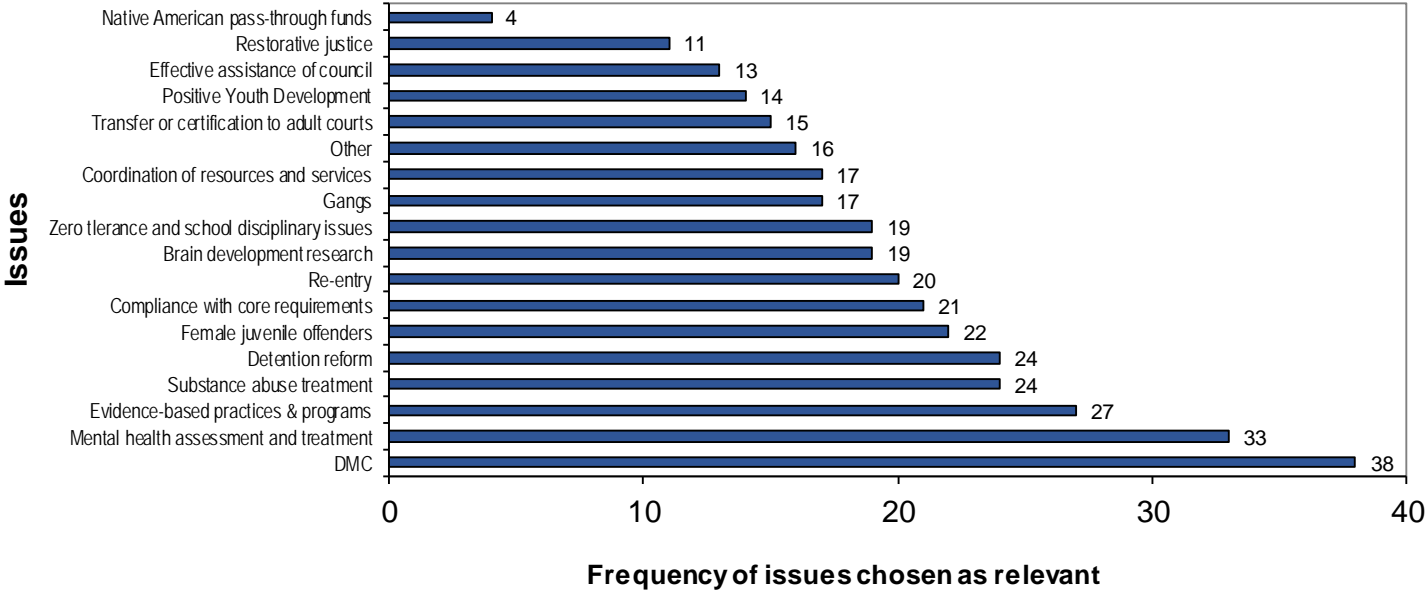
- Key current and emerging juvenile justice issues and how they affect a respondent's State or Territory
- Problems identified in most recent 3-year plans
- Promising practices a State or Territory is using
- Recommendations for the President and Congress
- Recommendations for the OJJDP administrator
- Types of assistance OJJDP could offer
- Specific focus area: Youth's right to effective assistance of counsel

Methods and Response Rate

- Respondents from 47 of 54 States and Territories (87%) entered at least some data
- Partially completed responses were included in the analysis
- Web-based ARI accepted data between May 18 and August 20, 2007

Current and Emerging Juvenile Justice Issues

Exhibit 2. Issues Identified by States and Territories



Promising Practices Used to Address Most Common Problems

- ***DMC***

- The Fast Forward Program, JDAI, and Burns Institute model programs.
- Targeting areas of need,
- Developing models and planning teams,
- Conducting research
- Providing technical assistance to programs.

- ***Mental health assessment and treatment***

- Functional family therapy, multisystemic therapy, NCJIS, and NDEN
- Increasing MH awareness and education
- Collaboration initiatives
- Mental health courts and pilot programs
- Employing professional clinical workers.

Promising Practices Used to Address Most Common Problems (Cont)

- ***Prevention***

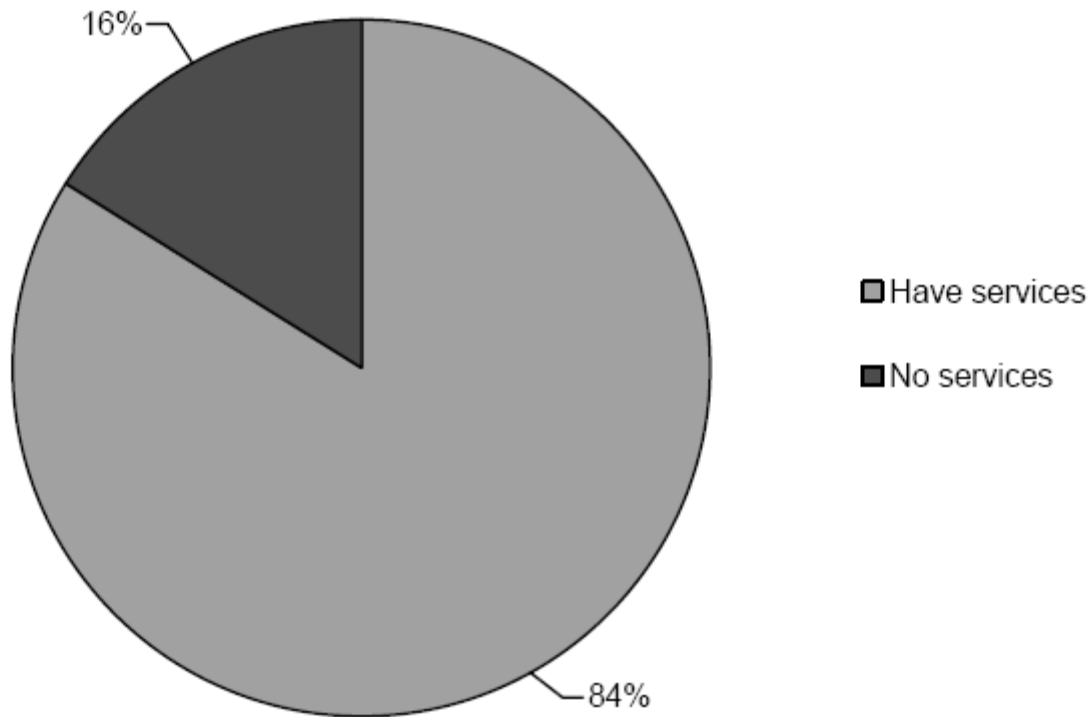
- Drug and peer courts
- Training on prevention strategies
- Detention alternatives initiatives.

- ***Compliance***

- Functional family therapy, multisystemic therapy, SCDPS, and CLO/DJJ
- Holding community forums and assessments
- Using standardized instruments
- Collaboration work groups
- Funding priority for evidence-based programs
- Committees to deal with core requirement issues.

Youths' Right to Effective Assistance of Counsel

Exhibit 3. Youths' Right to Effective Assistance of Counsel (n=31)



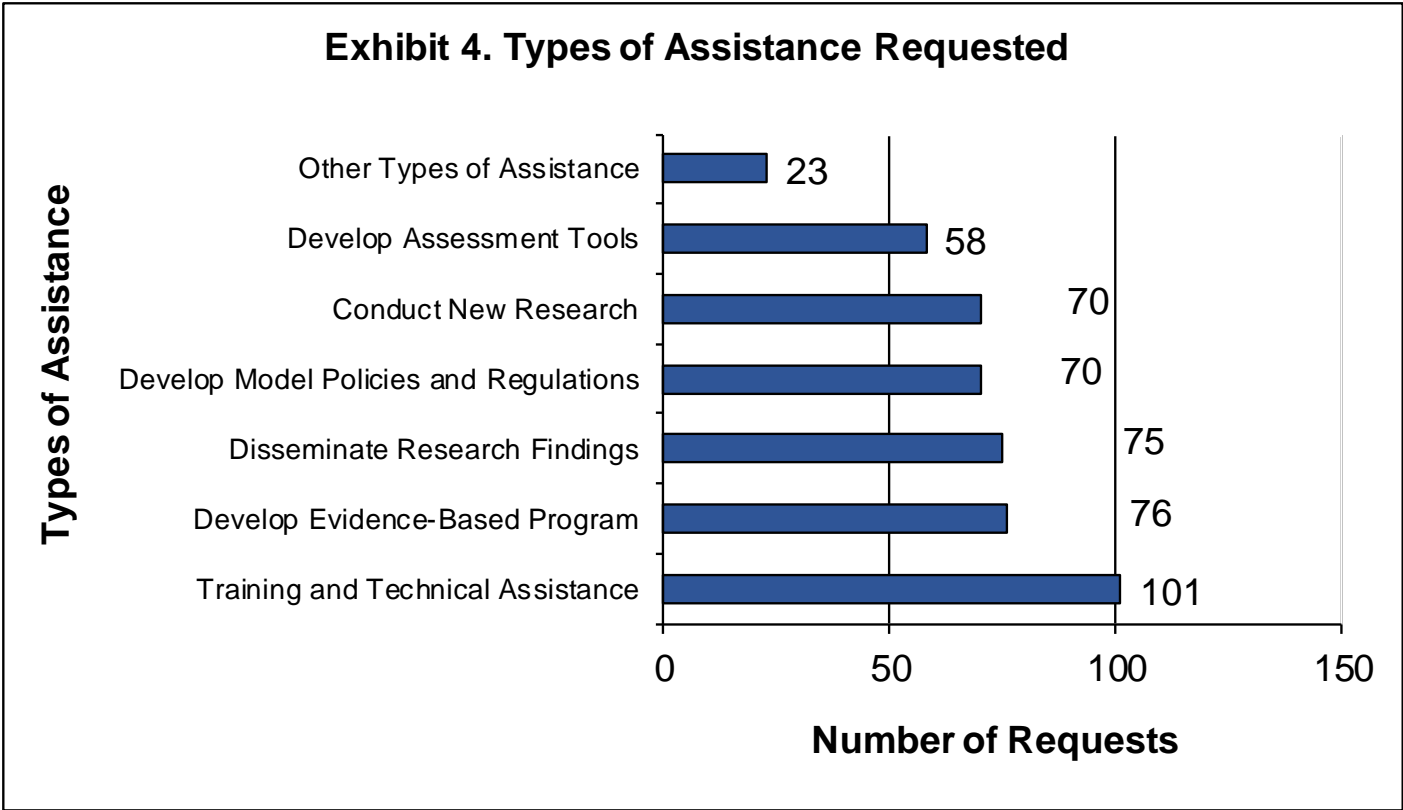
Recommendations to the President and Congress

- Increasing or restoring previous levels of funding
- Providing more, and more appropriate, technical assistance (TA)
- Lending more support to research (especially brain development research)
- Reevaluating and/or reauthorizing the JJDP Act
- Providing more leadership and coordination with the States and Territories.

Recommendations to the OJJDP Administrator

- Increasing or restoring previous levels of funding
- Providing more technical assistance
- Identifying and validating a broader range of evidence-based programs
- Improving communication and passing more information to the States and Territories
- Lending more support to research on juvenile justice (including evidence-based programs, brain development research, and juvenile populations).

Categories of Assistance OJJDP Could Offer States/Territories



“Other” Information Submitted by States/Territories

Additional comments were provided by 11 respondents.

- A majority addressed the issue of **funding**.
 - an “apparent lack of effort” to restore funding to previous levels,
 - need for funding to enhance staff.
- **Adam Walsh Act**
 - Youth being treated as adults
 - Costs of implementation
- **Raise the age** of juveniles in the corrections system to 18 and to keep youth out of the Federal corrections system
- **Separation of Sight and Sound** clarification requested
- “Inconsistent and inadequate” **communication between OJJDP and States**

Discussion

- How was the on-line process?
- How was the timing of the survey?
- Were there particular challenges to responding to the ARI this year?
- Did the questions elicit the desired responses?
- How should the draft report be revised?
- How could the process be improved?