

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

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# ARI Topics

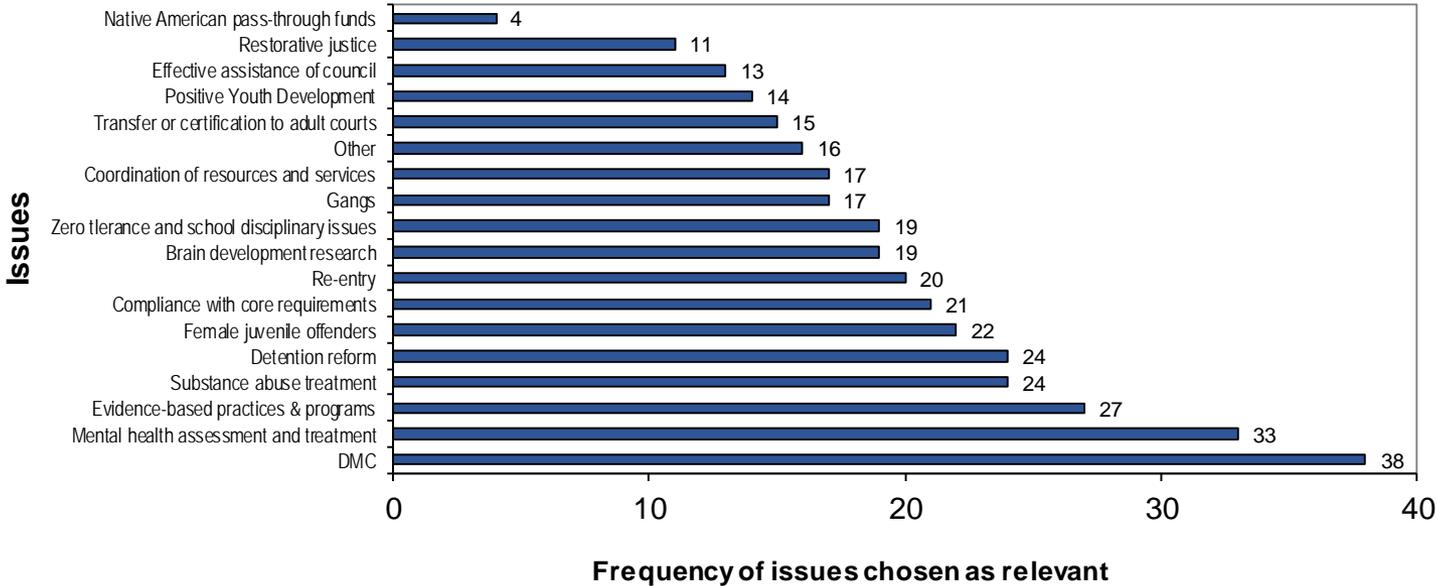
- Key current and emerging juvenile justice issues and how they affect a respondent's State or Territory
- Problems identified in most recent 3-year plans
- Promising practices a State or Territory is using
- Recommendations for the President and Congress
- Recommendations for the OJJDP administrator
- 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***

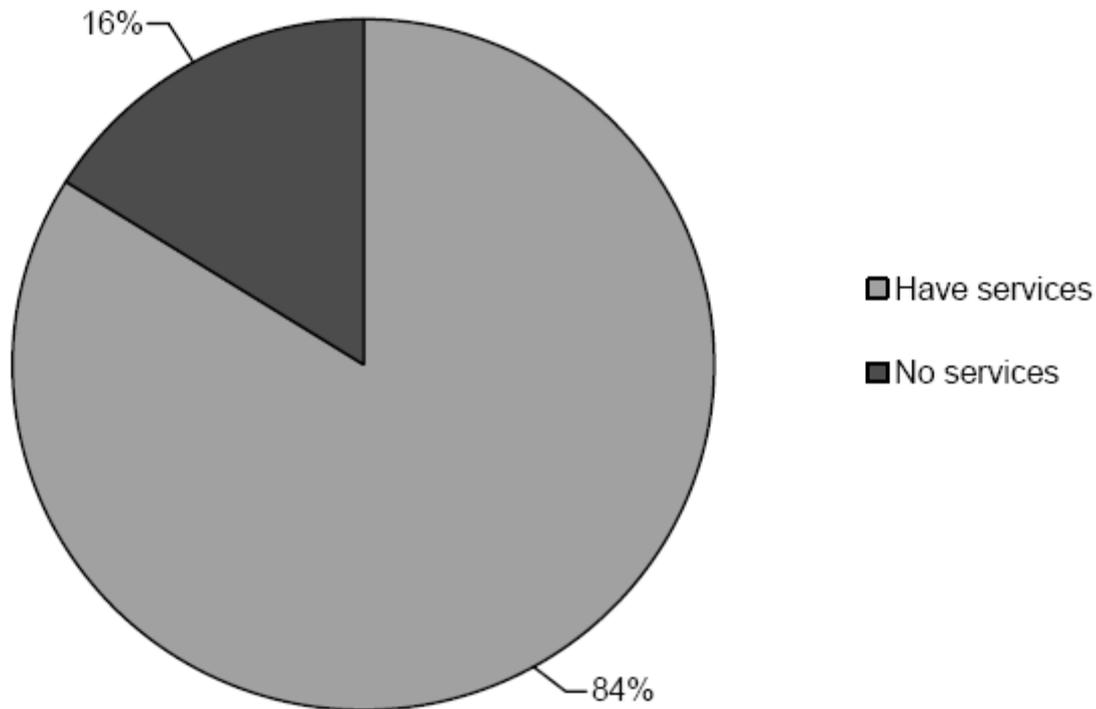
- Drug and peer courts
- Training on prevention strategies
- Detention alternatives initiatives.

- ***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)**



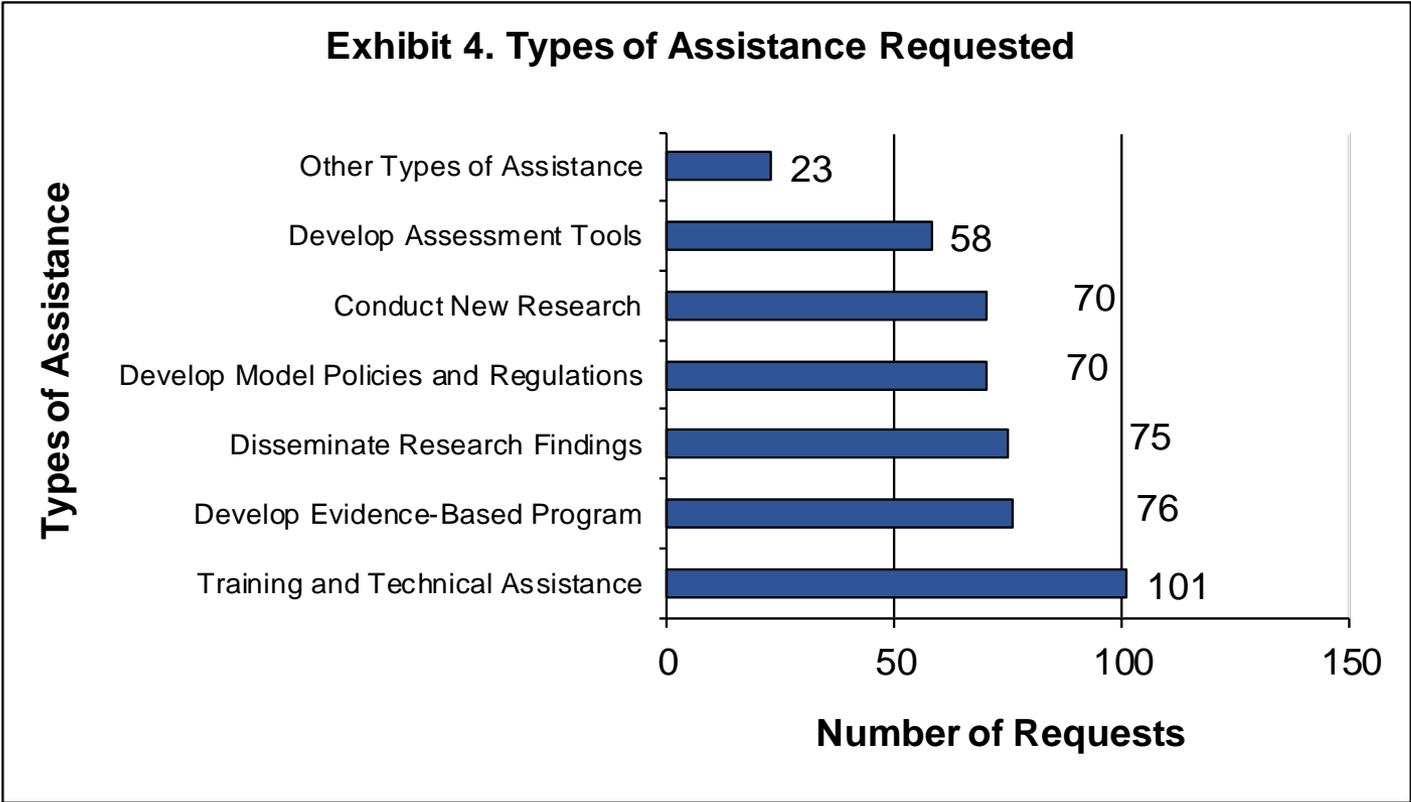
# Recommendations to the President and Congress

- 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?