



# **Juvenile Justice Advisory Board**

**2013 ANNUAL REPORT**



## Message to the Governor

Dear Governor Beshear,

It is my honor to present to you and the Kentucky General Assembly the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board's (JJAB) *2013 Annual Report*. This is a comprehensive document, which details the efforts of many people who dedicate themselves to bettering the lives of young people across the Commonwealth. Programs and compliance monitoring activities included in the report are funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and overseen by the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice.

While we recognize there is a lot of work left to do, the JJAB is very proud of the accomplishments made in 2013. The JJAB looks forward to the future and to our continued partnership with the Governor, the legislature and juvenile justice agencies across Kentucky, as we work side by side to provide the very best juvenile justice system for the Commonwealth.

I invite you to read the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board's *2013 Annual Report* to learn more about the progress being made for Kentucky's youth in the juvenile justice system.

Sincerely,

Nancy Pfaadt, Chair  
Juvenile Justice Advisory Board



# Recommendations

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Board makes the following recommendations for 2014:

## **Status Offenders:**

- Adopt a statewide evidence based model for least restrictive alternatives to include a coordinated system of care where all youth are screened and assessed to provide linkage to appropriate services and resources.
- Reduce the use of secure detention for status offenders.

## **Disproportionate Minority Contact:**

- Develop standard and consistent race categories across all state data systems and other Kentucky youth serving agencies.

## **Youth Engagement/Support:**

- Require all youth serving agencies to provide educational programs, materials or counseling sessions to youth exiting the system about the process of expunging juvenile records.
- Develop a statewide plan to address school engagement for youth and families who are at risk of becoming or are currently involved in the juvenile justice system through the coordinated services that provide support to students and families and promote student success.

## **Data Collection/Sharing:**

- Develop a statewide integrated information system for all youth serving agencies, which employs unique identifiers for each Kentucky youth assigned to them at birth.

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Board (JJAB) is Kentucky's federally mandated State Advisory Group on juvenile justice issues. Created in 1997, it has played a pivotal role in reforming Kentucky's juvenile justice system and creating an effective, equitable system to prevent juvenile crime and delinquency. The JJAB believes that an investment in youth today is an investment in the future. It values a system in which youth are held accountable while being provided appropriate and effective prevention, interventions and treatment programs and services. It values the diversity of all youth and believes that youth should be treated justly, respectfully and equitably regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity or socioeconomic status.

Since 1974, the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention has been authorized to administer a Formula Grants program to support state and local delinquency prevention and intervention efforts and juvenile justice system improvements. As the administering agency for the Title II formula grants program, the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice is responsible for the development and submission of a three-year State Plan that identifies Kentucky's prioritized juvenile justice needs. The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act requires that the JJAB participate in development of the State Plan.

Under the JJDP Act, Kentucky receives Title II federal funding to address the four core requirements which are:

### **Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders**

Federal guidelines require Kentucky to ensure that juveniles who are charged with or who have committed an offense that would not be criminal if committed by an adult (status offenders) and juveniles who are not charged with any offense (non-offenders) are not placed in secure detention or secure correctional facilities, apart from those permitted by statutory and regulatory exceptions as allowed by the JJDP Act and Consolidated Regulation 28 CFR Part 31.

### **Sight and Sound Separation**

Both Federal regulations and Kentucky law prohibit the detainment of any juvenile in a facility in which they have contact with adult inmates. Kentucky Revised Statutes state: Any child held in custody shall be sight and sound separated from any adult prisoners held in secure custody at the same location (KRS 610.220).

### **Jail Removal**

Kentucky law prohibits the placement of any juvenile offender into adult jail facilities (KRS 640.030) and also imposes a stricter time limit than that of the JJDP Act for the holding of a juvenile in adult lockup facilities (police and sheriff's departments); regardless of custody level (KRS 610.220).

### **Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)**

Federal guidelines require that States address specific delinquency prevention and system improvement efforts designed to reduce, without establishing or requiring numerical standards or quotas, the disproportionate number of juvenile numbers of minority groups, who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.



# Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Funding

## Title II

<b>Program Area</b>	<b>Total</b>
Alternatives to Secure Detention	\$446,304
Disproportionate Minority Contact	\$126,575
Juvenile Justice System Improvement	\$20,000
Planning and Administration	\$10,000
State Advisory Group Allocation	\$30,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$632,879</b>

## Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)

<b>Program Title</b>	<b>Federal Share</b>	<b>Match Established</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
Administration (Not to exceed 5%)	\$12,515	\$1,390	\$13,905
Pass Through (Required)	\$47,908	\$5,323	\$53,231
State Agency Grant \$45,000	\$25,000	\$2,778	\$27,778
DJJ Projects	\$164,870	\$18,319	\$183,189

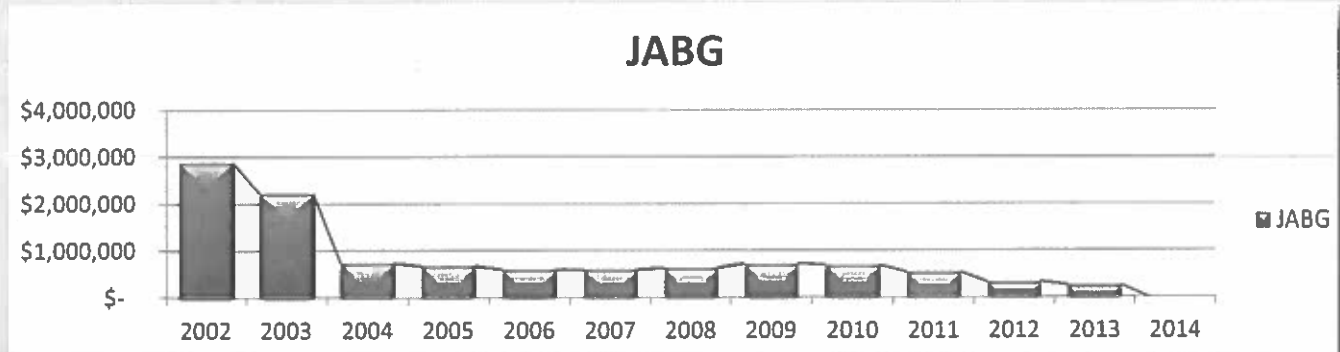
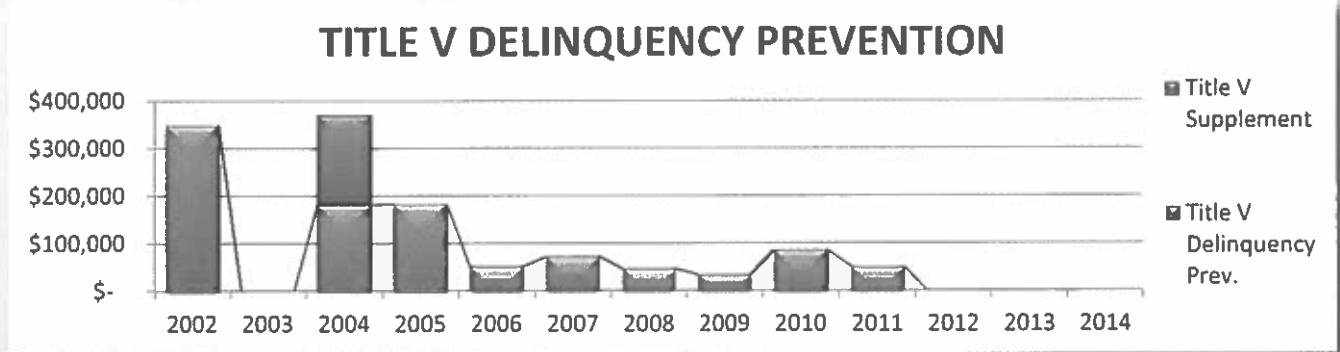
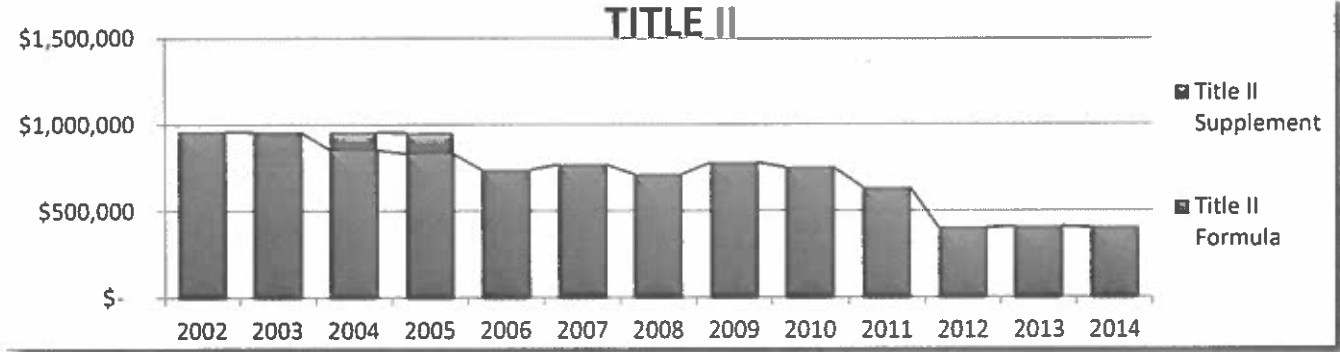
## Title V

Following a competitive grants application process in August of 2012, the Henderson County Attorney's office was awarded \$75,000 in federal Title V funds for local delinquency prevention efforts. This was their first year of Title V eligibility. In order to participate, the local community had to commit to a 50% match, or \$37,500; resulting in a total program amount of \$112,500. This grant cycle (FY2013) began on January 1, 2013 and concluded on September 30, 2013. The "**Henderson County Center for Youths' Support Services Project**" is designed to provide at-risk youth and families alternative interventions (i.e. Restorative Justice and/or mental health services) within the school and/or community, in order to divert them from becoming more deeply embedded in the juvenile justice system. The continuation funding for the project (FY 2014) began on October 1, 2013 and will conclude on September 30, 2014. Henderson County received \$47,500 in Title V federal funds and is providing \$23,750 in matching contributions, for a total program cost of \$71,250 for the second year of eligibility. Title V funding will not be available to Kentucky beyond the FY 2014, in the manner it has been provided in years past.



# A Downward Spiral...

Juvenile Justice funds at the federal level continue to decrease requiring more state level support and juvenile justice reform.







## 2013 Accomplishments

- In 2013, approximately 340 youth were served on the Alternatives to Detention Electronic Monitoring program. The program allows youth to remain in the home and attend school.
- In 2013, JABG funds assisted Christian County in serving 190 truant juveniles, Knox County in serving 251 truant juveniles and Laurel County in serving 100 juveniles at-risk of or transferred to adult court.
- In 2013, 50 youth and their parents were served by Title V funds.
- The JJAB in partnership with the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice, Administrative Office of the Courts, the Coalition for Juvenile Justice and the National Partnership for Juvenile Services hosted the *Coalition for Juvenile Justice, Southern Region Conference* in Louisville, KY. Around 150 participants from across the country participated in workshops centered on addressing the needs of young people.
- Juvenile Justice Advisory Board members received over 22 hours of training and/or educational information sharing.
- Juvenile Justice Advisory Board members held two mandatory membership slots on the Juvenile Code Taskforce.
- The Juvenile Justice Advisory Board is a member state of the Coalition of Juvenile Justice.



# Membership

Members of the JJAB are appointed by the Governor. The Board must contain no fewer than 15 members and no more than 33 members. A majority of the members cannot be full-time employees of any federal, state, or local government and at least one-fifth are under the age of twenty-four when appointed. The JJAB is chaired by a non-governmental employee elected by the Board.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Board Representation</b>	<b>Residence City</b>
Nancy Pfaadt, Chair	Youth Advocate	Louisville
Hon. Cathy Prewitt, Vice Chair	District Judge	Corbin
Jeanne Anderson	Attorney General's Office	Statewide
Rachel Bingham	Administrative Office of the Courts	Statewide
Antoine Boylston	Youth	Lexington
Christopher Lee Caudill	Youth	Ashland
Kari Collins	Division of Behavioral Health	Statewide
Mary Lou Cutter	Parent	Lexington
A. Hasan Davis	Department of Juvenile Justice	Statewide
Benjamin A. Deaton	Youth	Lexington
Robert Douglas	Youth Advocate	Erlanger
Glenda Edwards	Department of Public Advocacy	Statewide
Preston Elrod	Youth Advocate	Lexington
Chelsea Harl	Youth	Cecilia
Mykol Hamilton	Parent	Danville
Randy Hensley	Berea Police Department	Paint Lick
Ashley Hughes	Youth	Lawrenceburg
Teresa James	Department of Community Based Service	Statewide
Saiyd Joyce	Youth Advocate	Lexington
Marty Lanus	Community Volunteer	Shelbyville
Betsy Matthews	Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond
Hon. Beth Lewis Maze	Circuit Judge	Mt. Sterling
Amy Hale Milliken	Warren County Attorney	Bowling Green
Candace Moberly	Youth	Berea
Lana Mullins	Trigg County Schools	Cadiz
Edward Palmer	Sign of The Dove Church	Radcliff
Racynnio Rankin	Community Volunteer	Louisville
Elizabeth Taylor	Department of Education	Statewide
Kaye Templin	Youth Advocate	Owingsville
Rep. Susan Westrom	State Representative	Lexington
Pascual White	Judge Executive	Williamsburg
Adrian Wilhite	Youth	Lawrenceburg



