

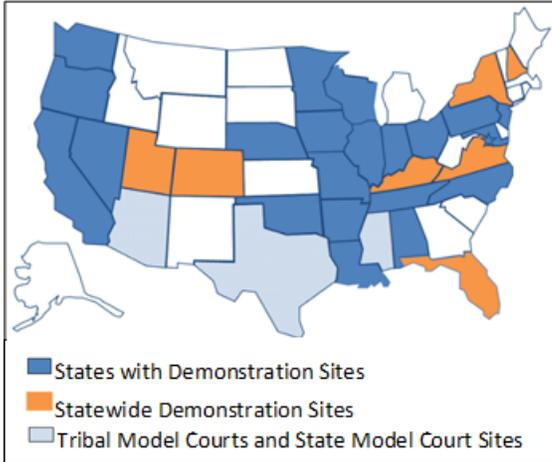
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Program Name: Child Abuse Training for Judicial and Court Personnel

FY 2017 Request

Total Funding: \$1.5M

Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: -\$0.5M



Program Description

Purpose: To improve the judicial system's handling of child abuse, neglect, and related cases including cases of children who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking.

The program provides judicial, legal, and social service professionals with training and technical assistance to reduce the length of time children spend in the system.

Authorizing Legislation: The Victims of Child Abuse (VOCA) Act, 42 U.S.C. § 13022

Administering Agency: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

DOJ Strategic Objective 2.2: Prevent and intervene in crimes against vulnerable populations and uphold the rights of, and improve services to, America's crime victims

Who Can Apply for Funding: State courts or judicial administrators and national organizations that have broad membership among juvenile and family court judges and have demonstrated experience in providing training and technical assistance for judges, attorneys, child welfare personnel, and child advocates. For-profit organizations must agree to forgo any profit or management fee.

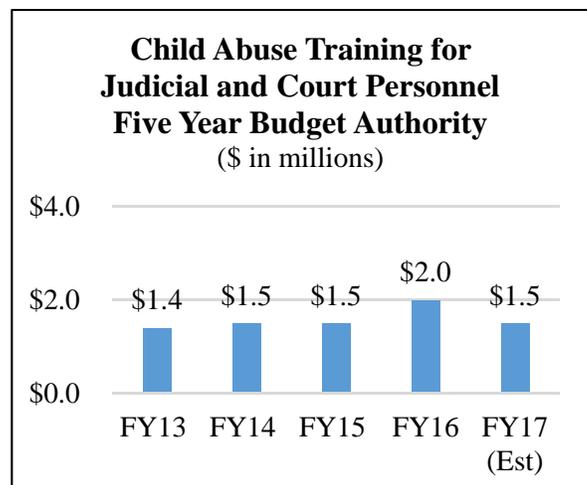
How Funds are Distributed: Through a competitive process, awards are made as cooperative agreements for up to \$1.3M for 12 months. If the awardee demonstrates significant progress toward achieving project goals, OJJDP may, in certain cases, provide supplemental funding for two additional years.

Program Goals:

- Disseminate best practices, innovation, and lessons learned from this project at the national level.
- Design a targeted, multi-tiered approach to training and technical assistance that coordinates national, state, and local initiatives to facilitate systems reform and improve outcomes for victimized children.

Accomplishments:

- Through its evaluations, this program has contributed to the growing evidence base of specific best practices such as early appointment of counsel, alternate dispute resolution, engaging parents, and the practice of one family, one judge.
- The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Justices (NCJFCJ), OJJDP's current training and technical assistance provider, has a diverse network of over 80 demonstration sites and provides training to judges from all over the country, not just those within the identified states.



- In the past year, OJJDP, through NCJFCJ, has conducted 16 trauma audits in 11 states around the country to assess the degree to which environment, practice, and policy are trauma-responsive. OJJDP provides each site with observations and recommendations and follows up to identify which policies and practices have been modified or improved.

FY 2017 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2017 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: N/A

Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Amount Appropriated	\$1.4	\$1.5	\$1.5	\$2.0	\$1.5 Requested
Total Funding Awarded [^]	\$1.2	\$1.3	\$1.3	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	1	2	3	TBD	TBD
Number of Awards	1	2	3	TBD	TBD

[^] Total Funding Awarded does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

For additional information, please visit the [OJJDP website](#).