

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Program Name: Defending Childhood/Children Exposed to Violence (CEV)

FY 2017 Request

Total Funding: \$23.0M
 Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: +\$15.0M



Program Description:

Purpose: To address and prevent the exposure of children to trauma and violence —whether as victims or witnesses. More than 60% of kids in the U.S. have been exposed to crime, abuse, and violence – many in their own homes. This exposure to violence can disrupt brain development and increase the risk of serious physical illness, psychological issues, criminal behavior later in life, and becoming part of a cycle of violence. This initiative was created to:

- 1) Prevent children’s exposure to violence;
- 2) Mitigate the negative impact of such exposure when it does occur; and
- 3) Spread awareness about the problem and about effective strategies to ameliorate its harms.

Authorizing Legislation: Created through Department of Justice appropriations acts

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: Local units of government, state agencies if targeted to a local community, public agencies, and federally recognized tribal governments

How Funds are Distributed: In FY 2016, OJJDP will issue a competitive solicitation for new youth violence prevention sites. OJJDP will also support training and technical assistance under this program, with a particular focus on enhancing tribal nations’ capacity. The initial eight sites were selected through a competitive process and received grants as follows:

Grantee	Phase I*	Phase II**		Phase III**	Total
	Oct 2010 - Sept 2011	Oct 2011 – Sept 2013	Oct 2013 – Sept 2014	Oct 2014	
1) Boston, MA	\$160,000	\$2,000,000	\$610,000	\$612,260	\$3,382,260
2) Grand Forks, ND	\$159,967	\$2,000,000	\$610,000	\$612,260	\$3,382,227
3) Shelby County, TN	\$159,099	\$2,000,000	\$610,000	\$612,260	\$3,381,359
4) Cuyahoga County, OH	\$157,873	\$2,000,000	\$610,000	\$612,260	\$3,380,133
5) Portland, ME	\$160,000	\$500,000	\$610,000	\$612,260	\$1,882,260
6) Multnomah County, OR	\$159,349	\$500,000	\$610,000	\$612,261	\$1,881,610
7) Rocky Boy’s Reservation, MT	\$153,210	\$1,000,000	\$360,000	\$300,000	\$1,813,210
8) Rosebud Sioux Tribe, SD	\$159,534	\$1,000,000	\$360,000	\$300,000	\$1,819,534

*Phase I = Needs assessment and strategic planning process

**Phase II & III– Implementation

Program Goals:

- OJJDP requires grantees to integrate prevention, intervention, treatment, and community organizing strategies in order to provide a comprehensive continuum of care to children and teens, ages 0 through 17.
- Additionally, OJJDP requires grantees to implement evidence-based strategies as demonstrated through outcome evaluations.

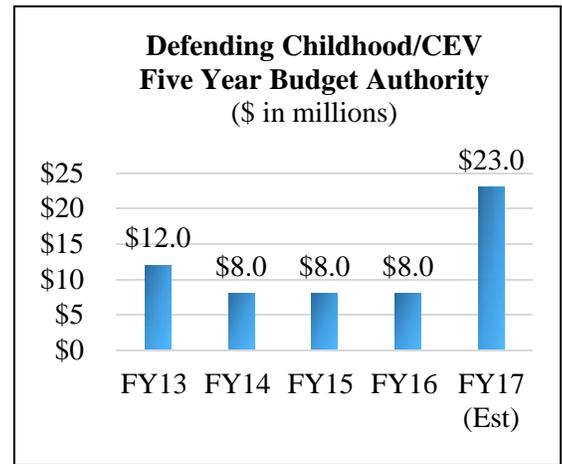
Accomplishments:

From October 2011 through September 2014¹, the Defending Childhood/CEV Program:

- Provided treatment to more than 26,000 individuals;
- Trained almost 10,000 professionals;
- Educated over 150,000 community members; and
- Released over 500 publications and advertisements potentially reaching almost 8 million people.

FY2017 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	\$12.0	\$8.0	\$8.0	\$8.0	\$23.0 Requested
Total Funding Awarded [^]	\$10.7	\$7.0	\$6.8	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	27	26	49	TBD	TBD
Number of Awards	19	26	21	TBD	TBD

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

For more information please visit: www.ojjdp.gov, <http://www.defendingchildhood.org/>, or <http://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/children-youth-teens/defending-childhood-initiative/>.

1. Numbers are based on six sites that participated in the evaluation by the Center for Court Innovation.