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National Institute of Justice Releases Process Evaluation of Defending Childhood Program Sites

WASHINGTON – The Office of Justice Programs’ National Institute of Justice, today released a process evaluation of the scientific research agency of the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ), six sites participating in the United States Department of Justice’s *Defending Childhood Demonstration Program*, a national initiative aimed at addressing and raising awareness about the negative impact of children’s exposure to violence.

The researchers analyzed the ways six sites implemented strategies and promising practices. The report synthesizes data and makes recommendations for others interested in doing similar work. The six sites are part of the eight Defending Childhood Demonstration sites selected by the Department’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The sites included in the report are: Boston, Massachusetts; Chippewa Cree Tribe, Rocky Boy’s Reservation, Montana; Cuyahoga County, Ohio; Grand Forks, North Dakota; Rosebud Sioux Tribe, South Dakota; and Shelby County, Tennessee. Individual reports on each site are forthcoming in the next few months. The outcome evaluation report is anticipated in early 2016.

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