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

WASHINGTON – The Office of Justice Programs’ (OJP) National Institute of Justice (NIJ), today released the outcome evaluation of six sites participating in the U. S. 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.

Supported through funding from OJP’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the report presents findings from surveys and data collected by researchers regarding the impact of training and community awareness campaigns on children’s exposure to violence within each site. The demonstration sites are Boston, Massachusetts; Cuyahoga County, Ohio; Grand Forks, North Dakota; Shelby County, Tennessee; and two tribal sites, the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy’s Reservation, Montana and the Rosebud Sioux Tribe of South Dakota.

Earlier this year, NIJ released *Protect, Heal, Thrive: Lessons Learned from the Defending Childhood Demonstration Program*, the process evaluation of the Defending Childhood Demonstration Program available at: www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/248882.pdf. More information is on the Defending Childhood Initiative is available at: www.justice.gov/defendingchildhood

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WHERE: <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/249236.pdf>

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