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Keeping Kids in the Game and Out of Trouble

Research suggests that children who regularly attend high-quality afterschool programs tend to have better peer relations and emotional adjustment, better grades and conduct in school, and more academic and enrichment opportunities. They also spend less time watching television and have lower incidences of drug use, violence, and pregnancy. Programs that provide supervised recreation address risk factors for delinquency, such as alienation and association with delinquent or violent peers, and introduce several protective factors, including skills for leisure activities and opportunities to become involved with prosocial youth and adults. This article highlights several OJJDP-supported athletic and recreational programs that strive to prevent delinquency and foster prosocial values.

The nonprofit **Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation** was founded in 2001 by members of the Ripken family in memory of their father Cal, Sr., long-time coach and manager of the Baltimore Orioles. The foundation supports baseball and softball programs and facilities that have a positive impact on disadvantaged youth. Its mission is to use baseball to help young people develop character traits such as leadership, teamwork, and good sportsmanship and to promote a healthy lifestyle. The foundation benefits thousands of youth annually through a variety of community efforts. Its programs use “The Ripken Way” instructional methods to teach valuable life lessons and provide a life-changing experience for youth. For more information, visit www.ripkenfoundation.org.

The mission of **The First Tee**, an initiative of the World Golf Foundation, is to improve the lives of young people by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf. The program makes it possible for youth from all walks of life to learn a game that can be played for a lifetime. An essential part of the program is life-skills training—integrated with athletic instruction—that teaches youth values such as honesty, integrity, and sportsmanship. The First Tee program is overseen and supported by representatives from the Ladies Professional Golf Association, PGA of America, PGA TOUR, United States Golf Association, and the Augusta National Golf Club. Former President George H.W. Bush serves as Honorary Chairman. For more information, visit www.thefirsttee.org.

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Through the National Association of Midnight Basketball Leagues, OJJDP supports **No Workshops, No Jump Shots** programs in Gary, IN, and Richmond, VA. These programs use a combination of workshops and athletics to reduce truancy, improve academic performance, and prevent delinquency among at-risk youth ages 13–18. Youth attend structured workshops geared toward developing leadership skills and preventing violence. As a reward for attending the workshops, youth can take part in weekly sports events designed to reinforce interpersonal skills, teamwork, violence prevention, and conflict resolution—while giving participants a chance to have fun. ■



Students from the Benjamin Orr Elementary School of Washington, DC, participate in a baseball camp organized by the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation. The Office of Justice Programs sponsors the Orr School as part of the U.S. Department of Justice's Partners in Education Program.



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A New Path for *News @ a Glance*

The next issue of *OJJDP News @ a Glance* will mark the beginning of the newsletter's fourth year of publication. It will also be the first issue to be disseminated entirely electronically. Beginning in 2005, all subscribers will receive the newsletter via e-mail. As always, the issues will be available on OJJDP's Web site.

Although the conversion from print to electronic publication will, of course, change the look of *News @ a Glance*, the familiar masthead will remain. More importantly, the newsletter will continue to provide a convenient overview of news from OJJDP. With the

efficiency of electronic publication, that news will reach its audience faster.

Electronic publication also means greater flexibility in developing the content for each issue. OJJDP hopes to bring readers expanded coverage of conferences and other events, more photos, and additional features that will make *News @ a Glance* even more useful.

Thousands of readers have already subscribed to the electronic version of *OJJDP News @ a Glance*. For information on how to subscribe, visit the OJJDP Web site at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp. ■

New Publications

Publications may be viewed and downloaded at OJJDP's Web site (www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojdp). Print publications may also be ordered from the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse (call 800-851-3420 or order online at puborder.ncjrs.org).

Child Pornography: Patterns From NIBRS. Analyzes pornography crimes involving child exploitation and juvenile victims, based on data for 1997-2000 from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Incident-Based Reporting System.

Crimes Against Children Series Bulletin. December 2004. NCJ 204911.

National Estimates of Missing Children: Selected Trends, 1988-1999. Presents results of an analysis comparing selected findings from the second National Incidence Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway, and Thrownaway Children (NISMART-2) and its predecessor, NISMART-1.

NISMART Series Bulletin. December 2004. NCJ 206179.

Overcoming Barriers to School Reentry. Describes a model for overcoming barriers to school reentry, developed by the Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services.

Fact Sheet. October 2004. FS 200403.

Screening and Assessing Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Among Youth in the Juvenile Justice System: A Resource Guide for Practitioners.

Profiles more than 50 instruments that can be used to screen and assess juvenile justice system youth for mental health and substance use disorders and presents guidelines for selecting instruments.

Online Report. December 2004. NCJ 204956.

Funding Update

Be sure to check the OJJDP Web site (www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojdp) for the latest news on OJJDP funding opportunities, including grant application information, deadlines, and links to the Office of Justice Programs' online Grants Management System (GMS). To receive e-mail notification of new funding opportunities, subscribe to JUVJUST via the OJJDP Web site.

FY 2004 Grant Awards

OJJDP's **Tribal Youth Program** (TYP) helps tribal communities prevent juvenile delinquency, reduce violent crime, and improve tribal juvenile justice systems. In FY 2004, OJJDP awarded more than \$7.7 million to 27 tribal governments or organizations under this program, which OJJDP oversees as part of the Indian Country Law Enforcement Initiative, a joint activity of the Justice and Interior Departments. In addition, three awards totaling approximately \$674,000 were made under the **TYP Mental Health Initiative** to help tribal communities provide substance abuse prevention, intervention, and mental health services to youth who are involved in or at risk of becoming involved in the juvenile justice system.

OJJDP administers the juvenile justice component of OJP's **Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative**, which funds efforts to address the successful reintegration of high-risk, serious offenders

returning to their communities from confinement. In FY 2004, OJJDP distributed supplemental awards totaling more than \$2.6 million to 20 states. Funding is used to develop, implement, enhance, and evaluate reentry strategies that will ensure the safety of the community and reduce serious, violent crime and recidivism.

Recognizing that alcohol is the primary drug of abuse in many rural areas, OJJDP developed the **Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws: Rural Communities Initiative** to help four states implement research-based practices to enforce underage drinking laws and prevent and reduce underage drinking in rural communities. Earlier this year, OJJDP announced awards to the Illinois Department of Human Services; Nevada Department of Human Resources; New Mexico Department for Children, Youth and Families; and Pennsylvania Commission

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on Crime and Delinquency. As part of this initiative, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (part of the National Institutes of Health) will evaluate the process and outcomes of programs that grantees implemented.

OJJDP awarded five grants under the **Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program** in

FY 2004, meeting the President's goal of establishing 45 ICAC task forces by 2005. The FY 2004 awards went to the Cook County (IL) Attorney General, Illinois Attorney General's Office; Iowa Department of Public Safety; New Mexico Attorney General's Office; Oregon Department of Justice; and Virginia Department of State Police. ■

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is a component of the Office of Justice Programs, which also includes the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Institute of Justice, and the Office for Victims of Crime.

OJJDP Staff News

Marilyn Roberts has been named OJJDP's Deputy Administrator for Programs. In her new position, Ms. Roberts will oversee OJJDP's three program divisions: the State Relations and Assistance Division, Child Protection Division, and Demonstration Programs Division.

Greg Thompson is the new Associate Administrator of OJJDP's State Relations and Assistance Division (SRAD), and **Chyrl Andrews** has been named as SRAD's Deputy Associate Administrator. SRAD provides funds to help state and local governments achieve the system improvement goals of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, implement delinquency prevention programs, address disproportionate minority contact, support initiatives to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their actions, and combat underage drinking. SRAD also supports and coordinates community efforts to identify and respond to critical juvenile justice and delinquency prevention needs.

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