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## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION REMAINS OPEN

Registration for the 2018 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice will remain open until midnight November 5, 2018. Please visit [www.jcjc.pa.gov](http://www.jcjc.pa.gov) to register for this event. In addition to the engaging plenary sessions previously highlighted in the newsletter, **fifteen separate training workshops will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2018.**

The workshops this year will highlight programs, practices, and initiatives that exemplify best-practices related to the Pennsylvania juvenile justice system. Offerings will be repeated in both the morning and afternoon sessions for conference participants.

### THE WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

- Building a Trauma-Informed Decision Protocol for Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System
- Advancing JJSES Activities Using the Needs-Based Budget and the Juvenile Probation Services Grant
- Increasing Criminal Street Gang Awareness
- Generating Mindfulness and Self-Care for Individuals in Challenging Professions
- Engaging Fathers for Healthy Youth Development
- Human Trafficking: What Juvenile Justice Professionals Need to Know
- Tools for Addressing the Family/Parenting Circumstances Domain: Parent Skill Building Workbooks
- Sex Offender Treatment: Strategies to Address the Treatment/Duty to Report Dichotomy
- A Guide to Social Media Safety for Juvenile Justice Professionals
- Improving Services for Cross-Systems Youth: Pennsylvania's Shared Case Management Training Curriculum
- Understanding the Possible Consequences of Juvenile Justice Involvement and Creating Pathways for Second Chances—a National Perspective
- Chiefs Council's Research Committee: Advancing Pennsylvania's Commitment to Research and Data-Driven Policy and Practice
- Operationalizing Risk, Need, and Responsivity in Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System: A Learning Experience
- Understanding Attachment, Conduct, and Anti-Social Personality Disorders
- Demystifying Pennsylvania's Sexual Responsibility and Treatment Program and Act 21 of 2003

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**Send us your Juvenile Justice Week Activities!**

If you have held Juvenile Justice activities in your county recently, email us at [ra-oajcnews@pa.gov](mailto:ra-oajcnews@pa.gov) and we'll feature them in a future issue.

# OJJDP RELEASES BRIEF ON HOW LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAN USE JUVENILE JUSTICE DATA

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) released a data brief entitled: *5 Ways Law Enforcement Agencies Can Use Data on Juveniles*. This brief, which can be found [here](#), discusses how law enforcement agencies can utilize juvenile justice data to further pursue their goals of public safety and addressing youth crime.

The following five resource areas are covered in the brief:

1. Understand juvenile crime in the community.
2. Improve information sharing.
3. Manage development of scarce resources.
4. Identify risk factors for youth victimization.
5. Inform public opinion on crime and safety.

The brief was completed as part of the OJJDP Juvenile Justice Model Data Project, which aims to enhance the quality and consistency of juvenile justice information and to increase its appropriate use in policy and practice decisions. To learn more about this project, click [here](#).

## 04 Identify risk factors for youth victimization

There is evidence that exposure to traumatic experiences, like community and domestic violence, can have negative lifelong effects on a child. Police are often the first responders to family conflicts or intra-familial violence, and protecting youth from victimization is a fundamental obligation of law enforcement agencies (IACP, 2013). The federal government is investing in improving systems for law enforcement data collection and allowing for more details related to the elements of reported crime, victims, and social context of the crime (Roberts, 2013). Understanding this information and how it relates to youth as victims, offenders, and bystanders can assist law enforcement agencies in identifying training issues relevant to preventing and addressing juvenile victimization in their communities.

## 05 Inform public opinion on crime and safety

When law enforcement agencies demonstrate transparency and accountability by making their data public, either in annual reports or online, it enhances relationships with the public (www.policeaspartnervoice.org). Seeing the volume and types of crime law enforcement handles in the community contributes to increasing community confidence in their police. Data on juvenile crime specifically can help community organizations identify and address emerging local needs. The impact of transparent law enforcement data is not limited to the local community. Data collected by local law enforcement agencies contributes to the nation's understanding of juvenile crime and helps policymakers evaluate the needs of their community and guide government policy and investments (Roberts &

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JUVENILE JUSTICE MODEL DATA BRIEF

## 5 Ways Law Enforcement Agencies Can Use Data on Juveniles

Law enforcement agencies are a valuable, and often overlooked, partner in the juvenile justice system. Law enforcement officers have an important job in keeping the public safe, which involves exercising discretion in how they deal with youth alleged to have committed a crime. Law enforcement officers weigh factors such as community safety, offense seriousness, and a prior offense record to decide whether to arrest or if diversion is suitable. Data summarizing crimes that come to the attention of law enforcement and law enforcement responses to criminal behavior can help plan operations, monitor performance of our justice system, and provide a starting place for understanding the front door of the juvenile justice process. Here are five important ways that law enforcement agencies can use data on juveniles.

### 01 Understand juvenile crime in the community

Law enforcement officers collect data on specific crimes in the community for investigative and prosecution purposes by the very nature of their job; however, law enforcement agencies are increasingly embracing a data-informed approach in their overall crime reduction strategy (Battley, et al., 2014). There is a movement to become more rigorous about using data to identify crime trends and neighborhood hot-spots (Roberts & Lacey, 2013). Advances in automation have supported law enforcement's ability to understand crime in their communities by demographics such as age and offense (Roberts, 2013). Understanding patterns of juvenile crime in a community can support the law enforcement agency's strategic plan and tactics and also help community partners develop and support targeted prevention strategies.

### 02 Improve information sharing

Collaboration between law enforcement and juvenile justice agencies is critical to successfully address the risk level and criminogenic needs of justice-involved youth. Information sharing is one of the primary ways that law enforcement contributes to public safety and efficient use of community resources (OJJDP & IACP, 2008). Formal information sharing agreements that allow for a two-way exchange of information between law enforcement and the juvenile justice system support both the primary responsibilities of law enforcement and the mission of juvenile justice. Juvenile justice agencies can share information with law enforcement to inform charging decisions and investigations while law enforcement can provide information that assists juvenile justice system case planning (OJJDP & IACP, 2008).

### 03 Manage deployment of scarce resources

Law enforcement officers want to respond to youth law violating behavior in a timely and efficient manner, and data is integral to informing responses. In recent years, some communities have developed structured decision making tools to inform officer discretion when addressing a juvenile's behavior. The officer enters data, such as offense and prior arrests, and the tool provides guidance on the most appropriate response. Some jurisdictions have developed assessment centers where law enforcement can take juveniles alleged to have committed an offense to be assessed by juvenile justice professionals. The data collected through those assessments helps the juvenile justice professional match the juvenile to the appropriate response or service. Such processes are examples of coordinated methods to address juvenile crime and strategically invest resources.

Nashville Police Department supports both Services Division (SD) that works to identify what works in preventing offending youth from the juvenile justice system and a newer team through and by leading with principles that value SD capabilities in addressing public safety issues by youth by regularly with a variety of community stakeholders (investor agencies to identify solutions, promote school engagement, and police-led diversion strategies for data to identify community needs."

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## CJIT&R DIRECTOR EARNS PHD

On October 12, 2018, Kelly Waltman-Spreha, JCJC's Director of the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJIT&R), successfully defended her dissertation and earned her PhD in Criminal Justice from Temple University. Her dissertation, "Examining the Relationship Between Family Involvement in the Juvenile Justice Process and Recidivism," provides some of the first research examining family involvement within a community-based juvenile justice setting and youth outcomes. The study findings showed that higher levels of family involvement corresponded to lower recidivism rates and longer time to rearrest for youth. Stay tuned for a more in-depth look at the study findings in an upcoming newsletter issue.

***Congratulations on this accomplishment Dr. Waltman-Spreha!***

## 2018 JUVENILE JUSTICE WEEK EVENTS IN PHILADELPHIA

### Community Service Project Tuesday, October 9, 2018



Philadelphia Juvenile Probation staff and youth joined together to clean up the Happy Hollow Recreation Center. In addition to cleaning up the grounds, the group painted the basketball courts and fixed

the backboards. It was a great opportunity for both the youth and staff to give back to the community while working together as a team.

### 2018 State of Probation, Award Ceremony & Luncheon Wednesday, October 10, 2018



Administrative Judge Margaret T. Murphy, Supervising Judge Walter Olaszewski, and Chief Castro addressed staff during the 2018 State of Probation and Award Ceremony. As part of the celebration, re-

tirees from the Probation Department were invited to tour the new building, reminisce with past co-workers, meet new staff, and learn about some of the new initiatives in Juvenile Justice.

The ceremony highlighted the 2018 successes, upcoming initiatives, staff awards, and the swearing in of 12 new probation officers. The ceremony was followed by an appreciation lunch for probation staff in recognition of juvenile justice week.



### Team-Building Activity Thursday, October 11, 2018

Juvenile Probation Officers went beyond their cubicles with a fun team-building event at the Amazing Escape Room. The training was designed to provide an atmosphere of creative thought, synergy, and efficiency in the workplace. Through a myriad of puzzles, hidden clues and mind games, teams were encouraged to rely on each other's individual strengths to succeed. Even the groups that did not escape were winners for working as a team.



### JJSES and Case Management Activity Friday, October 12, 2018

Test your JJSES and case management knowledge! Through various games and activities, probation officers, supervisors, and directors were able to highlight their JJSES and case management knowledge. One lucky winner won a WaWa gift card.

### Pennsylvania Conference for Women Friday, October 12, 2018

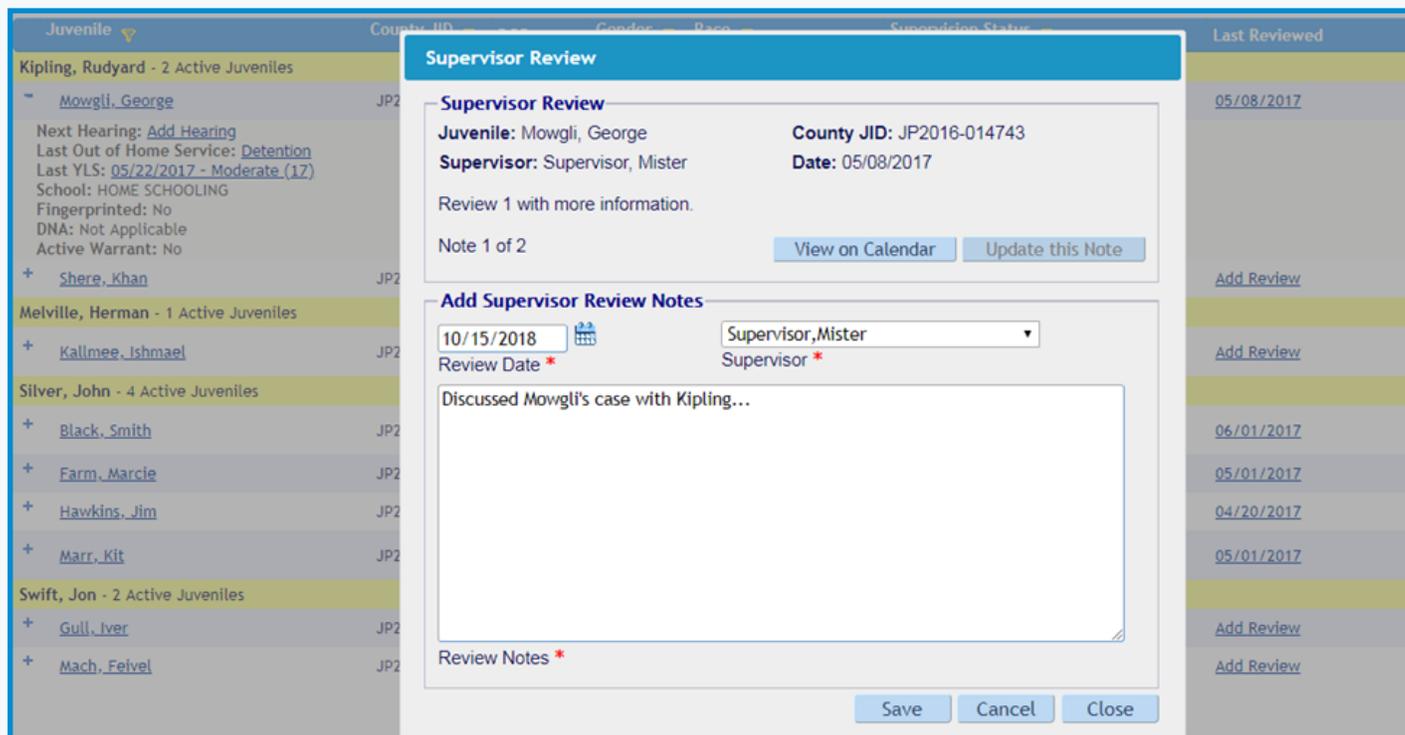
The Pennsylvania Conference for Women is a non-profit, nonpartisan one day professional and personal development event for women held in Philadelphia. The conference's special guest speaker was Serena Williams. Ten staff members represented the Juvenile Probation department at this year's conference and thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of the event.



## NEW TOOLS FOR SUPERVISORS IN PAJCMS

The Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS) not only provides a way to track juvenile justice statistics in Pennsylvania, but is also continually evolving as a tool that makes case management easier in juvenile probation departments. The most recent of these improvements to PaJCMS focuses on the way supervisors work with their probation officers.

New to PaJCMS is the Supervisor Review Dashboard screen. Here supervisors may see a list of all the probation officers they supervise, along with all the juveniles in their caseload. Basic information is included for each juvenile, such as their last placement, their Youth Level Screening (YLS) score, the date of their next hearing, and more. Supervisors can review the information while discussing these cases with each of their probation officers. From this very same screen supervisors can leave a review note that can later be referenced, but not changed, by the officer when browsing the juvenile's calendar.



This screenshot is for training purposes - all names and information pictured are fictional.

The team at the Center for Juvenile Justice Training & Research (CJJT&R) began development of this screen during discussions about the supervisor review process with a few of the county probation offices. After the initial release to the pilot counties, the screen was demonstrated at the May 2018 JCJC Technology User Group meeting, where additional counties provided feedback and requested access to the new screen. The new release of PaJCMS on October 23<sup>rd</sup> included many of the suggested enhancements. If you are a county employee and your probation office is interested in using this new feature, please contact your county's help desk representative at CJJT&R.

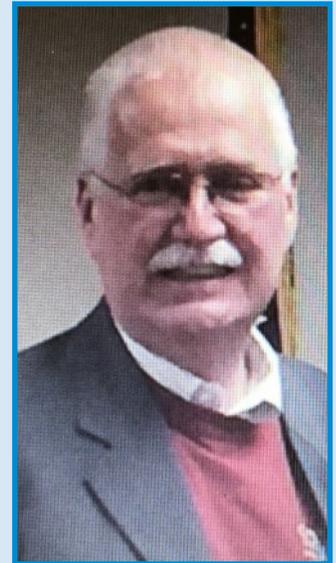
## **RICHARD P. CLIFFORD RETIRES AS CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER IN LACKAWANNA COUNTY**

On September 4, 2018, Richard P. (Rich) Clifford retired from Lackawanna County as the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, after 40 years of service to the department. Rich began his career in 1978 as a community-based probation officer. After several years, Rich was promoted to the position of Deputy Chief. He was promoted to the position of Chief in 2004, where he remained until his recent retirement.

Rich is a graduate of West Scranton High School, and he holds a bachelor's degree in education from East Stroudsburg State College.

Rich is a longtime believer of taking a "hands-on" approach to working with youth and families in the community. In fact, Rich played a key role in reducing the use of out-of-home placement in Lackawanna County by implementing specialty programs such as a juvenile drug court and an intensive supervision program.

Rich was beloved by his current and former staff. He is known for creating a family atmosphere at the department, he is seen as a mentor, and he was always willing to offer support in all aspects of his staff's lives. Rich plans to spend much of his time with his family during his retirement.



## **DR. THOMAS L. AUSTIN UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

In 1986, the graduates of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission Graduate Education program established the Shippensburg University Juvenile Justice Scholarship Fund, and each year since, the JCJC has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to a worthy undergraduate student at Shippensburg University majoring in Criminal Justice. This scholarship is named in honor of Dr. Thomas L. Austin, who taught in the JCJC-sponsored Graduate Education Program at Shippensburg University from its inception in 1982 until his retirement in 2011. The criteria for this scholarship are academic excellence and an interest in juvenile justice.

JCJC will be awarding this year's scholarship recipient at the 2018 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice. The scholarship has traditionally been funded by donations from the graduates of the JCJC Graduate Education Program, however donations from any person are accepted and greatly appreciated!

Many of the past recipients of this scholarship have gone on to careers in Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system, including the last four award winners. The fact that past award winners have served, or are currently serving, as juvenile justice professionals in Pennsylvania attests to the value of the scholarship program.

If you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, simply go to the following secured website and complete the requested information: <https://tinyurl.com/JJScholarshipFund>. Thank you in advance for your generous gift!



# NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements are reprinted from JUVJUST, an OJJDP news service:

## OJJDP UPDATES STATISTICAL BRIEFING BOOK

OJJDP has updated data resources on its [Statistical Briefing Book](#).

Resources include:

The [Easy Access to Juvenile Populations](#) data analysis tool has been updated to include data through 2017.

The [Easy Access to the FBI's Supplementary Homicide Reports](#) data analysis tool has been updated to include data through 2016.

FAQs describing the number, demographics, weapon use, and victim-offender relationship of [juvenile homicide victims](#) and [juvenile homicide offenders](#) have been updated through 2016.

FAQs about [juvenile suicide victims](#) have been updated to include data through 2016.

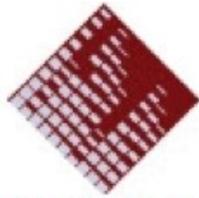
FAQs about [self-reported behaviors](#) focusing on weapon carrying and risky driving behaviors reported by high school students have been updated to 2017.

Developed for OJJDP by the [National Center for Juvenile Justice](#), the research division of the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#), the Statistical Briefing Book offers easy online access to statistics on a variety of juvenile justice topics.

### RESOURCES:

Access the OJJDP [Statistical Briefing Book](#).

Keep up with the Statistical Briefing Book on [Twitter](#).



**Statistical Briefing Book**

## NEW TOOLKIT ADDRESSES JUVENILE FACILITY CLOSURES

The [Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators](#) has developed the "[Facility Closure and Strategic Downsizing of Juvenile Justice Systems](#)" toolkit. The number of residential facilities housing youth in the juvenile justice system declined by one third in the United States between 2006 and 2016. This toolkit is designed to help juvenile justice agencies successfully close a facility and carry out related system improvements. This includes communicating about closure; meeting youth, family, and staff needs; re-examining practices; managing logistics; and reallocating resources to support youth and communities.

### RESOURCES:

Learn more about juveniles in residential facilities in the OJJDP [Statistical Briefing Book](#).



## OJJDP AWARDS MORE THAN \$104 MILLION TO PROTECT YOUTH, FIND MISSING CHILDREN, AND PROSECUTE CHILD EXPLOITATION

On October 15, 2018, OJJDP [announced](#) awards of more than \$104 million to support efforts to enhance state, local, and tribal jurisdictions' capabilities to protect children and respond to juvenile victimization. OJJDP awarded grants to more than 90 sites, jurisdictions, and task forces nationwide to help communities find missing children, support law enforcement, and increase public safety through prosecution of those seeking to abuse or exploit children. "Protecting youth

and increasing public safety are central to OJJDP's work and these grant awards," said OJJDP Administrator Caren Harp.

The grants include:

More than \$42 million to support missing and exploited children programs and services.

A total of \$29.35 million to help combat and prevent Internet crimes against children.

More than \$20.5 million to fund services for victims of child abuse.

A total of \$10.62 million to serve children who are victims of neglect or abuse, including those in dependency or child welfare systems.

A total of \$1.75 million to fund child abuse training for judicial and court personnel.

### RESOURCES:

For additional information about these awards, see OJP's [fact sheet](#).

## WEBINAR ON PROVIDING EDUCATION SERVICES TO YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

On November 5, 2018, from 4 to

5 p.m. ET, the [Positive Youth](#)

[Outcomes Committee](#) of the

[Council of Juvenile Correctional](#)

[Administrators](#) will host a webinar titled "[Providing Special Needs](#)

[Education Services](#)." Presenters will address how to effectively re-

spond to the educational needs of youth with emotional disturbances

and learning disabilities who are placed in secure or in residential

treatment facilities. The Positive Youth Outcomes Committee is host-

ing this webinar as part of its Education Series. [Register](#) to attend the

webinar.



## OJJDP NEWS @ A GLANCE, SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) announces the availability of [OJJDP News @ a Glance](#), September/October 2018. In this issue's Message From the Administrator, Caren Harp discusses the prevalence and consequences of bullying and strategies to address the problem. The [top story](#) highlights National Bullying Prevention Month and OJJDP's bullying prevention resources.

Other features in this issue—

- [OJJDP Reorganizes To Better Serve the Juvenile Justice Field](#)
- [State Relations and Assistance Division: Reimagining the Title II Formula Grants Program](#)
- [OJJDP Observes National Gang Violence Prevention Week](#)
- [Now Available: America's Children in Brief: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2018](#)
- [Staff Spotlight: Stephanie Rapp, Juvenile Justice Specialist](#)
- [Research Central: Risk Assessment and Behavioral Health Screening for Youth in Probation](#)
- [Upcoming Events](#)
- [News in Brief](#)

### RESOURCES:

[OJJDP News @ a Glance](#), September/October 2018 (NCJ 252069) is available [online](#).

## OJJDP AWARDS MORE THAN \$172 MILLION TO SUPPORT JUVENILE JUSTICE

On October 22, 2018, OJJDP [announced](#) awards of more than \$172 million to support youth in communities and in the juvenile justice system.



OJJDP awarded grants to 48 states and more than 100 local jurisdictions, research and academic institutions, and public and private organizations. The awards will enhance state and local juvenile justice systems; provide gang prevention and intervention services; fund mentoring and reentry services for youth and families; and help states comply with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

The grants include:

- A total of \$83 million to fund mentoring programs and services for youth.
- More than \$50 million to provide assistance to states' juvenile justice systems and staff.
- More than \$23.3 million to fund juvenile and family drug courts and provide services to youth impacted by the opioid crisis.
- More than \$13 million to help support and provide data on reentry services for detained juveniles and incarcerated parents with minor children.
- A total of \$1.75 million to fund child abuse training for judicial and court personnel.
- More than \$1.1 million to fund the training and education of juvenile prosecutors and their staff.
- Nearly \$1 million to fund research and evaluations focused on interactions between law enforcement and youth.
- A total of \$800,000 to support gang intervention, prevention, and education efforts.
- More than \$400,000 to develop juvenile justice emergency planning efforts.

OJJDP also awarded funding for the collection and public accessibility of national juvenile court case processing data and trends.

### RESOURCES:

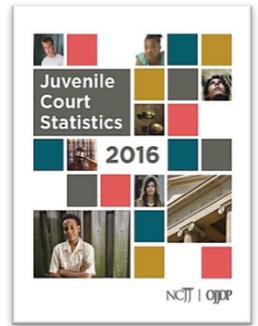
For additional information about these awards, see the Office of Justice Programs' [fact sheet](#).

## JUVENILE COURT STATISTICS 2016 NOW AVAILABLE

The [National Center for Juvenile Justice](#) has released [Juvenile Court Statistics 2016](#). The report draws on data from the OJJDP-funded [National Juvenile Court Data Archive](#) and describes delinquency cases and petitioned status offense cases that courts with juvenile jurisdiction processed in 2016 and presents trends since 2005. In 2016, courts with juvenile jurisdictions handled an estimated 850,500 delinquency cases and an estimated 94,700 petitioned status offense cases.

### RESOURCES:

See OJJDP's [Statistical Briefing Book](#) for additional information on juvenile court case processing.



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