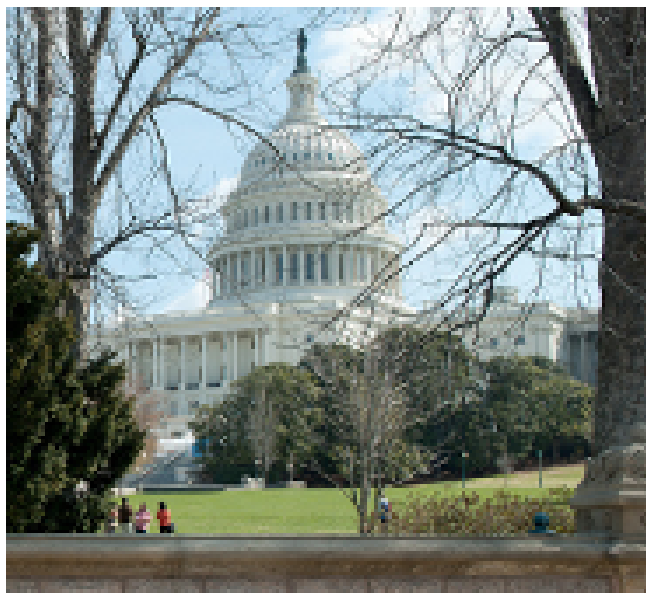




The Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) envisions a nation where fewer children are at risk of delinquency; and if they are at risk or involved with the justice system, they and their families receive every possible opportunity to live safe, healthy, and fulfilling lives.



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# State Advisory Groups

State Advisory Groups (SAGs) were established in the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA). In each state or U.S. territory, a SAG may be known by an alternative title, such as a “commission” or “council.” Under the JJDPA, the Governor or Chief Executive of all states, territories, and the District of Columbia that choose to participate in the Act are required to appoint individuals who are knowledgeable about juvenile justice and delinquency prevention to the SAG. The SAG provides input into their state’s use of JJDPA funds. This allows them to administer federal juvenile justice funds. It is also responsible for supporting compliance with the core requirement of the JJDPA and providing information about the Act’s requirements to state and local policymakers.

If the required members are not appointed, states risk forfeiting the federal funds they would otherwise receive.

# Membership Requirements

State Advisory Groups must consist of:

- At least 15 and at most 33 members appointed by the chief executive officer of the State or territory
- At least 1 locally elected official representing general purpose local government
- At least one-fifth of members shall be under the age of 24 at the time of appointment
- At least 3 members who have been or are currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system
- Have training, experience, or special knowledge concerning the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency, the administration of juvenile justice, or the reduction of juvenile delinquency
- A majority of members (including the chairperson) shall not be full-time employees of the Federal, State, or local government.



Members include:

- Representatives of law enforcement and juvenile justice agencies, including juvenile and family court judges, prosecutors, counsel for children and youth, and probation workers
- Representatives of public agencies concerned with delinquency prevention or treatment, such as welfare, social services, mental health, education, special education, recreation, and youth services
- Representatives of private nonprofit organizations, including persons with a special focus on preserving and strengthening families, parent groups and parent self-help groups, youth development, delinquency prevention and treatment, neglected or dependent children, the quality of juvenile justice, education, and social services for children
- Volunteers who work with youth involved with the justice system or potentially at risk of becoming involved in the justice system
- Youth workers involved with programs that are alternatives to incarceration, including programs providing organized recreation activities
- Persons with special experience and competence in addressing problems related to school violence and vandalism and alternatives to suspension and expulsion
- Persons with special experience and competence in addressing problems related to learning disabilities, emotional difficulties, child abuse and neglect, and youth violence.

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**1 MILLION**  
Youth will have some involvement with law enforcement or the justice system

Members shall:

- Participate in the development and review of the State's juvenile justice plan prior to submission for final action
- Be afforded the opportunity to review and comment, on all juvenile justice and delinquency prevention grant applications submitted to the State agency designated that oversees juvenile justice
- Advise the State agency that oversees juvenile justice
- Submit to the chief executive officer and the legislature of the State at least annually recommendations regarding State compliance with the JJDPA's core protections
- Contact and seek regular input from youth currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system
- Advise on State supervisory board and local criminal justice advisory board composition
- Review progress and accomplishments of projects funded under the State plan.