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JUVENILE JUSTICE IN THE PRESIDENT'S FY16 BUDGET PROPOSAL

President Obama and his Administration released their Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16) budget plan on February 2, 2015. The proposal included \$339.4 million for critical juvenile justice programs. Specifically, the President is requesting amounts on key Act4JJ priorities as follows:

- \$70 million for the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) Title II, Part B State Formula Grants Program;
- \$42 million for the JJDP Title V Delinquency Prevention Program, with \$10 million directed to stop the school to prison pipeline;
- \$30 million for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Program;
- \$30 million for the NEW Smart on Juvenile Justice Initiative. Funds promote juvenile justice system reforms, provide training and technical assistance to juvenile justice prosecutors, and address racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system;
- \$18 million in community-based violence prevention initiatives;
- \$4 million for grants and technical assistance in support of the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention Initiative; and
- \$2 million for competitive grants that focus on girls in the juvenile justice system.

The proposal includes several positives, including a new \$30 million Smart on Juvenile Justice Initiative as part of the President's My Brother's Keeper initiative. It also includes the restoration of JABG funding at levels recommended by ACT4JJ. These funds were eliminated in FY14. Finally, it recommends a \$15 million increase in the Title II, Part B JJDP Formula grants to states that are in compliance with the core requirements of the Act.