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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the 2002/2003 program year, as the State Administering Agency the Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Intergovernmental Services (IGS) has strived to improve the Byrne Program and receive the most from programs that are being funded. The staff continues to work diligently to insure that all program timelines and guidelines are being met.

NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLENT CRIME

Through the guidance of the Arkansas Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council, Byrne Formula Grant funds were allocated for the following during the program year:

- Continue unified enforcement efforts of a network of multi-jurisdictional task force projects.
- In order to upgrade law enforcement personnel provide informational research on narcotic distribution, apprehension and prosecution techniques within a classroom/conference setting.
- Continue to address the clandestine laboratory and drug related problems.
- Provide innovative programs to reduce the recidivism of prison inmates and improve methods to assess violent offenders.
- Continue to define and improve work elements within the Criminal Justice Records Improvement Plan.
- Continue community empowerment and crime prevention programs to target lower/middle/upper school students to understand the impact of crime on their lives.

Program funds in the state were used to support a number of violent crime initiatives. The majority of funding again went to the multi-jurisdictional task force effort. A total of 18 task forces were funded this program year. The MTFs continue to work toward locating and eradicating illegal drugs. Arrest made by task force officers continue to rise on a yearly basis. A large number of arrests that were made by task force officers were for marijuana, crack cocaine and Methamphetamines.

The number of Meth labs confiscated increased from 2001 by 115 and the number of Meth arrest increased by 190. The Arkansas Crime lab continues to assist law enforcement officers when they are dismantling Methamphetamine labs. The task forces will continue their fight against illegal drugs. Funds were also awarded to the Arkansas Attorney General's Office for a safety program for kids, the Arkansas Prosecutor Coordinator's Office who provided an attorney to get information out to law enforcement, prosecuting attorneys and others who need information, the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy who provided training for officers to be certified in order to work with the task forces, the Arkansas Department of Community Corrections who conducted assessment of prisoners and the Arkansas Crime Information Center who received the 5% set aside for CJRI and is testing the AFIS program which will bring fingerprinting in Arkansas current.

PROGRAM LINKAGE AND COORDINATION

The Arkansas Crime Lab continues to decrease the backlog in the number of analysis that they were required to conduct . The addition of three chemists funded through the Byrne Program has been invaluable. The Crime Lab also continues to assist law enforcement in dismantling Clandestine Labs and to train law enforcement officers on how to dismantle labs. The Crime Lab also receives a COPS grant that they are using to reduce the number of analyses and a DNA grant that assists them in buying necessary equipment.

The Arkansas Crime Information Center (ACIC) is the central repository for criminal history in the State of Arkansas. ACIC works continuously with the courts, police, prosecuting attorneys, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), and the Department of Correction to secure complete and accurate records.

ACIC is responsible for entering all dispositions and there are instances when this information is not received from the courts and the staff collects it manually from the field. ACIC is in the testing stage of implementing the AFIS interface with the Arkansas State Police. This will enable ACIC to enter fingerprint data directly into their system and allow for less error. ACIC is continuing to work on other programs that will be beneficial to law enforcement based upon data that they have collected.

The Office of Intergovernmental Services also administers the following programs:

- **VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT**

This program provides for direct crime victim services and improves their access to the criminal justice system. The state was awarded \$3,338,000.00 for 2002 and it has subgrants with approximately 50 organizations. Services were provided to over 34,000 victims who had been victimized. The types of services provided were Crisis Counseling – 7,583, Criminal Justice Advocacy – 14,079, Emergency Legal Advocacy – 4,453 and Reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses – 13,463. The types of victimization were Domestic Violence – 17,498, Child Physical Abuse – 1,116, Child Sexual Assault – 2,104 and Adult Sexual Assault/Rapes – 1,261.

- **STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

The state received \$1,531,000.00 in funding for the 2002 program year and funded 22 organizations. This program provides improvements to community professionals' responses to violent crimes against women (adult domestic abuse, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence). Program activities must directly impact the professional field of the funding category (i.e., prosecution, law enforcement, court, victim services). The discretionary funding category is open to any organization that plays an integral role in responding to these cases if the project activities.

- **FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES**

The state was awarded \$1,129,707.00 in funding for 2002 and had subgrants with 21 organizations. This program provides emergency shelter victims of family violence (domestic violence, child abuse, elderly abuse) and "related assistance" (activities that prevent the furtherance of family violence, both for the victim through services, as well as for the community as a whole through public awareness).

- **LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK**

The state was awarded \$386,189.00 in funding for 2002 and a total of 64 programs were funded. This program provides funds to units of local government to underwrite projects to reduce crime and improve public safety. The average funding received by each program was \$6,042.00; this amount includes federal and match. The balance of funds available were divided between two programs with each receiving between \$5,500.00 and \$5,800.00. Funding was used to purchase computers (desk and laptops), firearms, surveillance equipment, cars (partial payments), overtime, bulletproof vest, digital cameras, fax machines, radios and radio headsets etc.

- **VIOLENT OFFENDER INCARCERATION AND TRUTH-IN-SENTENCING**

The state has received \$20,321,627.00 to date in funding for this program and has subgrants with two organizations. This program assists the state in developing additional capacity for violent offenders through construction or lease of prison beds.

The Department of Correction (DOC) has received a total of \$18,213,627.00 in funding and used these funds to expand the Varner Unit of the DOC by building three housing pods of 156 beds each and completing any infrastructure needs and expanding support services. The Department of Human Services/Division of Youth Services (DYS) was awarded \$2,108,000.00 in February of 2000 to assist in the construction of a new juvenile housing facility at Dermott, AR for violent offenders. The project is designed to house 32 serious juvenile offenders in four pods of eight residents each. The design allows for a residential building, an education building, a kitchen/dining all purpose building and a vocational building. This project is still under construction.

- **RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FOR STATE PRISONERS**

This program received funding in the amount of \$749,141.00 for FY 2002. The program assists states in developing or enhancing drug treatment for offenders. Grant supported projects must be 9 to 12 months in duration and treatment participants must reside apart from the general population.

Two agencies were funded, the Department of Correction received \$486,941.00 and Department of Community Correction received \$262,199.00.

The Department of Correction used their funds to support three Residential Substance Abuse Projects: a 120-bed treatment unit at the Tucker Unit of the Department of Correction; a 45-bed project at the Wrightsville Unit and a 50 bed facility at the McPherson Unit (for Women) started February of 2003. The Department of Community Correction used their funds to support two Residential Substance Abuse Projects: a 60-bed treatment project at the Southwest Arkansas Community Punishment Center

(Texarkana Special Needs Unit) and a 40-bed facility at the Pine Bluff Unit (Women) started in October of 2003.

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

To maintain proper project monitoring and review of the Byrne Formula Grant Program the SAA must utilize the following information:

- Subgrant award application
- Approved program abstract
- Narrative Progress Report (NPR)
- Financial Progress Report (FPR)
- Monthly MTF Activity Reports
- Internal Control Review Guide (monitoring tool)
- Annual Progress Report

All subgrantees must provide an annual narrative impact of outcome activity to the SAA. The Coordinating Council reviews each subgrant progress on an individual basis (before, during, and after allocation of funds). A “funds cut-off” occurs if there are subgrant reports due, and late, program funds may be held up until the required reports are received. Performance revisions are also approved/disallowed by the Law Enforcement Committee which meets monthly to discuss subgrant activity. Narrative and financial progress reports continued to be one effective means of evaluating the ongoing activity of subgrantees. The SAA has hired an additional staff person to take a proactive role in the investigation of perceived and the reported issues within the network. This person works daily with task force personnel making recommendations for improvement of internal monitoring. Findings to the SAA, State Drug Director, and Coordinating Council. This enables the SAA to take remedial actions to the surface.

The staff at IGS began on-site monitoring of subgrantees in February of 2003 to review financial and program activities. Justice Office of Justice Program guidelines are being followed. This process has provided IGS with a more definitive approach during desk monitoring. IGS has a monitoring tool that is used for all subgrantees in order to have consistency among

STRATEGY OBJECTIVES

- Continued support for the multi-jurisdictional task force program that integrates federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and prosecutors.
- Programs designed to target sources of controlled and illegal substances, such as precursor chemicals, diverted pharmaceuticals, clandestine laboratories, and cannabis cultivation, with special attention given to clandestine laboratories.
- Community empowerment and crime prevention programs to target lower/middle/upper school students to understand the impact of crime on their lives.
- Divert juvenile offenders from the adult incarceration system and increase rehabilitation success.

- Through an intensive supervision and restitution program, reduce the recidivism rates of juveniles.

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- Continue to improve the Criminal Justice Information System.

- (4) Community and neighborhood programs to assist citizens in preventing and controlling crime, including special programs that address crimes committed against the elderly and special programs in rural jurisdictions.

- Continue to pursue innovative programs to prevent or alter substance abuse offenses; such as violent offender risk assessment.

- (11) Improve the corrections system and provide additional public correctional resources, including treatment in prisons and jails, intensive supervision programs, and long range corrections and sentencing strategies.

PRIORITY PROGRAM AREA(S)

- (2) Multi-jurisdictional task force programs that integrate federal, state and local drug law enforcement agencies and prosecutors for the purpose of enhancing interagency coordination and facilitating multi-jurisdictional investigations.

- (15a) Improve drug control technology, programs that provide for the identification, assessment, referral to treatment, case management, and monitoring.

- (3) Programs to target the domestic sources of controlled and illegal substances, such as

- (15b) Criminal justice information systems (including

automated fingerprint identification systems) to assist law enforcement, prosecution, courts and corrections organizations.

(20) Provide alternatives to detention, jail, and prison for persons who pose no danger to the community.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

PROGRAM NUMBER:	2
PROGRAM TITLE:	Multi-jurisdictional Task Force
NUMBER OF SUBGRANTEES:	18
NUMBER OF SITES:	18
AGGREGATED FUNDING AMOUNT:	
Federal	\$ 3,884,774
Match	\$ 1,430,587

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Widespread use, production, and importation of methamphetamine and marijuana continued at a rapid pace during the

The surge of methamphetamine use in Arkansas has led to exponentially increasing arrests. In some areas law enforcement has seen a decline in the popularity of marijuana and cocaine in popularity.

Eighteen task forces continued a high priority for use of enforcement funds. A multi-county task force unit usually corresponds to one or a portion of a judicial district. In instances, the prosecuting attorney was the grant contracting agency. In other cases the contracting agency was the city/county government. Each task force provided monthly, quarterly and annual statistics and reports to be reviewed by their control group and by the State

GOAL/OBJECTIVE

The goal of the multi-jurisdictional task force program is to enhance, through jointly controlled operations, the ability of criminal justice agencies to remove specifically targeted major organized narcotics trafficking conspiracies and offenders through investigation, arrest, prosecution, and

Objectives include the following:

- Identify, arrest and prosecute those (including major conspirators) engaged in drug trafficking;
- Limit the availability of and increase the per unit price of illegal drugs; and
- Increase recovery of trafficking assets

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Number of criminal subjects identified
- Number of instances of interagency information exchange
- Number of criminal activity under investigation, by type
- Number of arrests
- Number of subjects charged
- Number of convictions
- Length of sentences
- Amount of fines and restitution ordered;
- Plus additional information.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY

Over the 12-month period, task force units opened 5,798 cases, as compared to 5,334 for the previous year. The value of drugs confiscated was \$27,329,504.55 for the year. Confiscations were up by approximately 9 million dollars from the FY 00 level.

Meth lab removals (815) were down during FY02. There were two times as many Meth lab removals when compared to FY00. The leading drugs of choice were meth, marijuana, crack cocaine and others of choice. Although marijuana remains as a leading drug of choice, arrests were slightly down. The seizure of ephedrine has decreased 50 % by approximately.

The following tables present MTF outcome activity for the past three program years.

DRUG ARREST INFORMATION

FY 2002, 2001, 2000

	07/01/02- 06/30/03	07/01/01 - 06/30/02	07/01/00 - 06/30/01
Cases Opened	5,798	5,434	4,450
Arrest for Weapons	448	433	453
Number of Meth Labs	815	660	714
Value of Meth Labs Confiscated (000)	\$ 1,238	1,016	\$ 1,065
Value of Drugs Confiscated (000)	\$27,329	\$15,077	\$ 18,593

Arrest By Type:

Marijuana	1,252	1,425	1,018
Cocaine	169	146	148
Crack Cocaine	723	601	530
Heroin	8	9	2
LSD	2	5	19
Methamphetamine	1,996	1,807	1,829
Amphetamine	20	14	16
Pharmaceuticals	138	142	139
Manufactured Marijuana	98	90	59
Other	976	811	816

Source: State Task Force Statistical Report, 2002, 2001, 2000, Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration Services, Little Rock, Arkansas.

TASK FORCE SEIZURES

FY 2002, 2001, 2000

	07/01/02 - 06/30/03	07/01/01 - 06/30/02	07/01/00 - 06/30/01
Total Value of Drugs	\$27,329	\$15,077	\$18,593
Confiscated (000)*			
Marijuana, lbs.	12,762.0	5115.8	3957.8
Cocaine, lbs.	29322	188.5	
Crack Cocaine, lbs.	14743	24.2	
Methamphetamine, lbs.	5094	43.6	
Amphetamine, lbs.	.19	1.0	
Heroin, lbs.	.171	0.0	
LSD, Units	68	65	1,079
Pharmaceuticals, Units**	23,235	49,907	392,700
Other, 15,715	11,592	30,990	

* Plant value not included

** Primarily ephedrine pills

Source: State Task Force Statistical Report, 2002, 2001, 2000, Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration Services, Little Rock, Arkansas.

TASK FORCE ARRESTS
BY SEX, RACE, ADULT & JUVENILE
FY 2002, 2001, 2000

			07/01/02 -
07/01/01 -	07/01/00 -	06/30/03	06/30/01
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Total Arrests	4,556	4,358	3,814
Adult Male	3,329	2,850	
White	2,260	2,267	2,157
Black	919	865	693
Adult Female	1,074	998	812
White	889	872	722
Black	185	126	90
Juvenile Male	53	78	61

White	42	66	39
Black	11	12	22
Juvenile Female	10	22	13
White	9	21	12
Black	1	1	1
Other Males	220	119	70
Other Females	20	9	8

Source: State Task Force Statistical Report, 2002, 2001, 2000, Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration Services, Little Rock, Arkansas.

TASK FORCE ARRESTS, MISC. INDICATORS

FY 2002, 2001, 2000

	07/01/02 - 06/30/03	07/01/01 - 06/30/02	07/01/00 - 06/30/01
Persons Arrested/ Felony Conviction	2,007	1,637	1,320
Persons Arrested/ Out of State	286	207	151
Average Education Level	10.19	10.8	10.4
Search Warrant Served	912	875	803
Assistance to Other Agencies	2,129	3,818	1,524

Source: State Task Force Statistical Report, 2002, 2001, 2000, Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration Services, Little Rock, Arkansas.

PROGRAM NUMBER: 2

PROGRAM TITLE: Multijurisdictional Task Force

NUMBER OF SUBGRANTEES: 1

NUMBER OF SITES: 1

AGGREGATED FUNDING AMOUNT:

Federal \$ 183,456

Match \$ 61,152

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

To enhance State Police multi-jurisdictional enforcement activities and improve detection, apprehension and prosecution of drug trafficking violations and criminal activities.

GOAL/OBJECTIVE

Provide statewide support to enhance law enforcement safety and improve critical incident response.

- Investigations, prosecution, and conviction of major multi-jurisdictional narcotics conspirators.

- Reduction of fractional and duplicative investigations and prosecutions.
- Enhanced recovery of criminal assets (assets acquired with funds traceable to criminal activity; assets used in and stolen property.)

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Number of criminal subjects identified.
- Number of instances of interagency information exchanged.
- Number of criminal activity under investigation, by type.
- Number of arrests.
- Number of subjects charged.
- Number of convictions.
- Length of sentences.
- Amount of fines and restitution ordered.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY

The Arkansas State Police continued its statewide program of overt and covert investigations throughout the state. In during the year with 839 cases ongoing. Drug related arrests totaled 1,286 with 190 convictions. By the end of the \$99,437.00.

Arkansas State Police is establishing a management system of shared information resources which will include the fo

- Establishment of criteria to identify, select and prioritize investigative targets.
- Assignment of cases for initiation of investigation and subsequent prosecution.
- A formal mechanism for identification, acquisition and assignment of resources and skills required in the investigation throughout the duration of the case.
- Coordination and monitoring of the cases to ensure proper timing of investigative and prosecutorial activities, concerning case continuance, referrals, refocusing and closure.

Methamphetamine production in the State of Arkansas has not decreased and it is still a major focus for law enforcement. Investigative resources are still being diverted from other crimes due to the impact of methamphetamine production and possession. Seventy-five additional officers within the State of Arkansas were trained to respond to laboratories. These officers were provided the necessary equipment to respond to these hazardous

Lab clean up is a costly result of illicit labs. A permanent storage site will be established at the Arkansas State Crime Laboratory allowing chemists to transport waste from the smaller clandestine laboratories back to a central site where a certified disposal company will pick up the waste, which prevents the company from traveling to each lab scene.

A response plan to evaluate and gauge the level of response to each lab site has been completed for use with the ASP. If used properly this should reduce the number of personnel sent to smaller contained "box labs" with no spillage or exposure, and increase the personnel sent to an active cooking lab with hazardous exposure.

Children are being exposed to hazardous chemicals when the laboratories are located within a residence or in close uncontrolled proximity to a residence. The Legislature passed a new statute that upgraded the Child Endangerment statute to a felony when a child is found within the confines of a meth lab and the child has been exposed to the drug.

PROGRAM NUMBER: 2

PROGRAM TITLE: Drug and Violent Crime Investigation Training

NUMBER OF SUBGRANTEES: 1

NUMBER OF SITES: 1

AGGREGATED FUNDING AMOUNT:

Federal \$ 46,773

Match \$ 15,591

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Apprehension and prosecution continue to rank as the leading area of need in the overall statewide program.

Attrition and hazardous duty turnover reduces the number of personnel who may perform and qualify for task force duties offered, both in the form of classroom and symposium.

GOAL/OBJECTIVE

The goal of this program is to enhance the ability of state and local law enforcement agencies to detect and investigate activities dealing with drugs. The program provides instruction in methods of evidence gathering, the use and management of surveillance, proper ways to conduct searches and discovery and recovery of contraband.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Statistical/informational data use for performance enhancement
- Student testing to ensure comprehension, and
- Written critique and evaluation of course work by both student, and management of participating agencies

PROGRAM ACTIVITY

The Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy held training courses for 38 officers during the program period. basic patrol drug enforcement/interdiction. These training courses have provided the law enforcement community with identify and process evidence and documentation skills essential to the prosecution of drug offenders.

After the loss of two drug program instructors and the inability to locate qualified instructors to fill the vacated positions provided.

PURPOSE NUMBER: 2

PROGRAM TITLE: Drug and Violent Crime Prosecution Training

NUMBER OF SUBGRANTEES: 1

NUMBER OF SITES: 1

AGGREGATED FUNDING AMOUNT:

Federal \$ 39,244

Match \$ 13,081

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator (PCO) educates, trains and provides a research resource for prosecuting attorneys, their deputies, DTF and law enforcement personnel on existing and new laws, rules and case law regarding the investigation and prosecution of drug and DWI cases. Also, provides information, if necessary, for changes on erroneous or inadequate Arkansas laws involving drugs, asset forfeiture and

GOAL/OBJECTIVE

The project's goal is to provide legal research on drug and DWI prosecution to prosecutors on a daily basis. Objectives include conducting statewide seminars, providing updated Drug Asset Forfeiture and DWI manuals, preparing and distributing newsletters monthly for prosecutors and quarterly for law enforcement, and providing assistance with training and sharing information as requested.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Number of research answers reviewed
- Types of training provided in-house and to locations
- Evaluate effectiveness of upgrades and training

PROGRAM ACTIVITY

The State PCO furnished drug and DWI research and information on a daily basis for 429 of the total 1,724 total requests that were received. The responses included immediate "emergency" and answers on the phone, written briefs, responses to motions and memos regarding

In May 2003, the attorney provided a drug and alcohol legislative update in a handout and a presentation for the Arkansas Prosecuting Attorney Spring Seminar. Also in May of 2003, a DWI Seminar was coordinated in conjunction with CJI for prosecutors, city attorneys, and law enforcement officers. The seminar provided a legislative and case law update, information on Drug Recognition Experts, a presentation regarding a change in the DWI statute from a representative of the Office of Alcohol Testing from the Arkansas Department of Health, and an ethics presentation on prosecutor plea negotiations. In July of 2003, an update on changes in DWI laws, Drug Laws, and Asset Forfeiture laws was provided to Law Enforcement Officers at the Department of Health, Office of Alcohol Testing Seminar.

The attorney presented general search and seizure law relating to DWI and Drug traffic stops before more than 50 law enforcement officers, one elected prosecutor and 2 deputy prosecutors.

The State PCO continues to publish the *Crackdown* newsletter each quarter. The newsletter contains articles involving drug or DWI investigations or prosecution, recent cases and statutes. Recipients have been added to the list this year to include police departments, prosecuting attorneys and deputy prosecuting attorneys involved with DTF's and various other Arkansas law enforcement agencies.

The Alcohol and Drug Enforcement Attorney has summarized every drug and DWI related Arkansas Supreme Court and Court of Appeals case for the *Arkansas Prosecutor* newsletter. This has been distributed to every Arkansas prosecuting attorney and their deputies.

The State PCO is working to increase attendance at seminars as the need for uniform information for law enforcement and prosecutors increases. Communication to prosecutors and law enforcement was improved through the provision of added information about the availability of the services, which was disseminated at the seminars and in all of the newsletters to encourage attendance at trainings and use of assistance provided by the a

PURPOSE NUMBER:

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PROGRAM TITLE:

Clandestine Laboratory Eradication

NUMBER OF SUBGRANTEES: 1

NUMBER OF SITES: 1

AGGREGATED FUNDING AMOUNT:

Federal	\$ 66,600
Match	\$ 22,200

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The purpose of this grant is to continue to furnish three certified clandestine laboratory chemists to aid State, County, and Local Law enforcement officers to dismantle clandestine laboratories. The chemist will work to dismantle clandestine laboratories and to reduce the backlog in the Clandestine Lab section. The chemist are on call 24/7.

GOAL/OBJECTIVE

The goal of this program is to reduce the number of clandestine laboratories within the state and to reduce the amount of finished product that will find its way to the streets of Arkansas and aid prosecutions by completing analysis faster in order to bring the person manufacturing

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Furnish three trained chemist whose duties
- Number of lab sites identified
- Reduce the number of lab sites to be dismantled

- Decrease turnaround time within the agency

PROGRAM ACTIVITY

For this period program activities included purchase of supplies and equipment to be used in the dismantling of clandestine laboratories and to run analysis on the finished product and precursors. Crime Laboratory personnel will be on call twenty-four hours a day to dismantle clandestine labs and collect the evidence at the crime scene. Chemists furnished reports to the prosecuting attorneys and testified in court to the results of analysis. The number of clandestine laboratories dismantled for a 6-month period ending December 31, 2002 was 494. The total number for the year January 1, 2002

The only problem that has occurred during the program year is that the number of clandestine laboratories are still on the increase and the backlog in the Clandestine Lab section is not decreasing as fast as planned.

PROGRAM NUMBER: 4

PROGRAM TITLE: Juvenile-Safety Program

NUMBER OF SUBGRANTEES: 1

NUMBER OF SITES: 1

AGGREGATED FUNDING AMOUNTS:

Federal \$ 110,000

Match \$ 36,667

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

“Keys to Safety” is a comprehensive curriculum designed to educate young people about child abduction, runaway issues, and online computer safety. It provides a common sense approach to teaching young people ways to protect themselves by replacing misleading messages about strangers with practical ways to access help. Students are also provided opportunities to practice assertiveness skills, decision-making techniques, and protective behaviors. The instructor’s manual provides the curriculum for each age group, classroom activities, discussion questions, and video segments to reinforce

GOAL/OBJECTIVE

The goal of this project is to better protect young Arkansans from family/non-family abductions, runaway episodes, child exploitation, and online crimes against juveniles by providing the "Keys to Safety" program to schools and communities statewide.

Objectives include presenting information about juvenile abduction and exploitation in a manner that can be easily understood and used by young people. Increase the understanding of law enforcement officers, educators and parents about the dangers of juvenile abduction and exploitation and how to teach youth to protect themselves.

To stay abreast of changing information regarding juvenile safety and to provide ongoing technical assistance to communities seeking up to date information about juvenile safety issues.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Enhancement of curriculum package.
- Continue distribution of curriculum package.
- Number of successful presentations made.
- Number of calls for assistance.
- Quality of written evaluations from educators exposed to the program and students participating in the presentation.
- Number of training's provided to law-enforcement officers.
- Number of presentations conducted by volunteers in the state.
- Number of request from schools/youth organizations to receive the juvenile-safety program in the future
- Number of counties impacted by the program.
- Number of information booths provided.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY

As of the period ending September 30, 2002, 30 counties in the state had received presentations from program staff. All public elementary schools within the 75 counties of Arkansas received the "Keys to Safety" manual and supplemental material including video and handouts.

The program staff distributed the updated "Keys to Safety" curriculum package and supplemental materials on a statewide basis to educators, law enforcement professionals, parents and community volunteers. The staff also continued to work with the schools in the ten targeted counties, made presentations, conducted training's for law enforcement personnel, educators, parents, civic groups and others who have requested the presentation.

Provided specialized training and distributed materials at three regional training sessions to enhance the knowledge and skills of law enforcement officers to respond to missing and abducted children incidents. Held a comprehensive law enforcement summit meeting and provided training for law enforcement officers on investigations involving online crimes against children, child sexual exploitation, and family abductions. Conducted a public awareness campaign through a series of press conferences and public service announcements targeting online safety for young people.

The only challenge encountered during the program is the continuing demand for program materials and resources.

PROGRAM NUMBER: 15A

PROGRAM TITLE: Violent Offender Risk Assessment

NUMBER OF SUBGRANTEES: 1

NUMBER OF SITES: 1

AGGREGATED FUNDING AMOUNT:

Federal	\$ 60,442
Match	\$ 20,147

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The program will provide for the safety of the community by conducting risk assessments on a targeted population (inmates in the Substance Abuse Treatment Programs, Tech Probe Violators Program, Boot Camp Program, Pre-Release Programs and the Therapeutic Community Programs) who were released from prison.

This has provided appropriate care for inmates being released and it will provide a database to support community su

GOAL/OBJECTIVE

- Continue to support the Risk, Assessment and Data collections.
- Expand and continue risk assessment testing.

- Continue to supply risk assessment to the Department of Community Correction and Therapeutic com
- Prepare report based on data analysis.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Receive approval from the Arkansas Department of Correction, and the BADAP to purchase and use t
- Purchase necessary equipment and hardware, score test, and collect the data
- Train staff to test the Substance Abuse Treatment Programs (SATP)
- Test all SATP participants
- Provide report on program possibilities, problems, and possible policy changes

PROGRAM ACTIVITY

The Risk, Assessment and Planning program continued to grow this past year by increasing the number of inmates who were given the Prison Inmate Inventory test. At this time all Substance Abuse Treatment Programs (13), the Boot Camp (1), the Tech. Parole Violators program (2), the Pre-release programs (2) and the Therapeutic Community programs (3) which is an increase of four programs.

The program continued to support the Risk, Assessment and Data collection by continued funding for the past grant year, continued to expand the number of Prison Inmate Inventory tests given and thereby increased the Data Base that is collected off of each Prison Inmate Inventory test given and the overall data base was 5,324 inmates which was an increase of 1943 inmates tested in previous years.

The process was developed and allowed the Risk Assessment Planning program to make recommendations directly to the department of Community Corrections – Parole Divisions as to the level of care that an inmate will need upon release.

PROGRAM NUMBER: 15B

PROGRAM TITLE: Criminal History Records Improvement

NUMBER OF SUBGRANTEES: 1

NUMBER OF SITES: 1

AGGREGATED FUNDING AMOUNT:

Federal	\$ 230,510
Match	\$ 76,837

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The purpose of this program is to assist in obtaining and automating data that can positively identify everyone is arrested and fingerprinted in the state; determine if they were convicted or not; provide the sentence of each person convicted and put this information into a computerized criminal history file accessible by all criminal justice agencies. It will also be necessary to place an indicator on each person who is not eligible to own or possess a firearm; who is currently subject of protection order; or is a registered child/sex offender. We must also furnish a listing to the Department of Homeland Security which handles immigration of all individuals who were born in another country and have been convicted in Arkansas of a felony criminal offense.

GOAL/OBJECTIVE

The goal of the Arkansas Crime Information Center is to provide a complete criminal history record on each person arrested and fingerprinted and to properly register each sex offender. Objectives include the following:

- Full automation of criminal history records
- Increased frequency and quality of reports to the FBI
- Achieve a high level of dispositions of misdemeanor arrests

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Percent of felony arrests receiving final disposition
- Percent of criminal history records fully automated
- Percent of misdemeanor arrests receiving final disposition

PROGRAM ACTIVITY

ACIC completed the review of approximately 5,000 received dispositions where an original record was never created. Over 50% of the original fingerprint cards were located and criminal records were created. The AFIS system is now in test mode and data is being transmitted between the Identification Bureau and the repository at ACIC. During the grant period, ACIC was able to eliminate a backlog of in excess of 100,000 records, which required entry into the automated database. Data entry is now being done on a daily basis. A functioning AFIS system will assist with eliminating some manual data entry. Meetings continue between the repository at ACIC and the Identification Bureau of the Arkansas State Police to finalize any remaining

The only problem encountered is finding state funding for positions that were disallowed under the grant and not fun

