

OJP Grant Sites

FY2001 Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management Grants

Planning Grants

Arizona, Pascua Yaqui Tribe

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona is a federally recognized Indian tribe. The tribe's reservation, New Pascua Pueblo, is located in Southern Arizona. Approximately 5,000 tribal members live on the reservation. The tribal leadership of the reservation is committed to working toward the end of sexual violence and has worked with a sex offender management committee developed an action plan aimed at doing so. The goals of this grant were to educate relevant disciplines and tribal leaders about sex offender assessment, supervision, and treatment; to provide accurate information about sexual violence to the Pascua Yaqui community; to develop and advocate for the implementation of a tribal policy for registration and community notification; to develop culturally sensitive practices for assessing and treating offenders; and to develop a strategy to provide specialized treatment services for offenders and victims.

Arizona, Tohono O'odham Nation

The Tohono O'odham Nation is a federally recognized Indian tribe governing a 2.8 million acre reservation on the U.S.-Mexico border in Southern Arizona. Approximately half of the Nation's 25,000 enrolled members live on the reservation's 85 villages, which range in size from 10 to 4,000 residents. The Nation has experienced a significant increase in the number of reported sexual assaults on the reservation in recent years. They used planning grant funds to: better understand the extent of sexual victimization on the Nation; conduct a needs assessment to better understand the resources that are needed for victims and offenders; develop a plan for the implementation of a tribally-managed treatment program for sex offenders; and increase collaboration between agencies working with offenders and victims to encourage a more systematic approach to managing sex offenders.

California, Fresno County

Fresno County, California is located in central California. The county covers 6,018 square miles and had a total population of almost 800,000 in 2001. The county used their grant funds to engage in a strategic planning process regarding the effective management of both adult and juvenile sex offenders in the community. The team to evaluate their approach to sex offender management; assessed how resources may be reallocated to more effectively manage the sex offenders in Fresno County; and explored sex offender specific supervision and treatment approaches.

Louisiana

The State of Louisiana has a total population of 4,468,976, according to 2000 Census figures. Approximately 13% of the state's total correctional population are convicted sex offenders. Louisiana was awarded a grant to plan for an enhanced approach to sex offender management across the state. The state sought to improve collaboration between agencies that have responsibility for managing sex offenders; improve current tracking and registry systems; focus on sex offender re-entry issues; and aid in victim safety by providing victims with the information and resources they need.

Michigan, Kent County

Kent County, Michigan is located in the western part of the state and represents Michigan's largest population outside of Detroit. The county covers 864 square miles and had a 2001 population of approximately 574,000. The county sought a planning grant in order to develop a system map that would describe how sex offenders are currently processed and managed in the criminal justice system and to identify gaps in the current system that warranted attention. The team reviewed policies and procedures and innovative practices from around the country in an effort to formulate a comprehensive plan to manage sex offenders under community supervision.

Nebraska

The State of Nebraska is primarily rural, with a solid agricultural base. Nebraska's population, according to 2000 Census data, is 1,711,263. The state used a planning grant to support the development of a strategic plan to manage sex offenders in the community. The state supervises approximately 700 sex offenders under community supervision. A multi-disciplinary group has worked together in the past to explore gaps in the current system of sex offender management, and the team is committed to participating in a process to identify measurable goals and outcomes for improving their approach. The goal of the team was to create a strategic plan that allows them to implement a proactive, comprehensive, and cohesive system of managing sex offenders in Nebraska's communities.

North Carolina

The State of North Carolina had a 2001 population of approximately eight million residents who live in a mix of urban and rural settings. Between 1993 and 1998, the state experienced a 45% increase in the number of sexually abusive youths served in the state court system. North Carolina was awarded a planning grant to develop a strategic plan to more effectively supervise and treat sexually abusive youth across the state. The team sought to strengthen already existing collaborative efforts to address issues specific to sex offender management, and engaged in an effort to identify best practices for working with sexually abusive youth.

Ohio, Clermont County

Clermont County, Ohio is a suburban and rural county located in southwestern Ohio that covers 452 square miles. Clermont County is federally designated as part of the Appalachian region. The county was awarded a planning grant to create a multi-disciplinary planning team to develop a comprehensive plan for the management of juvenile sex offenders in the community. The team planned to educate themselves and the community about best practices in the supervision of juvenile sex offenders and innovations in juvenile sex offender treatment. The team also devoted considerable time to creating a database provides them with more information about their current sex offender population.

Oregon, Lane County

Lane County, Oregon covers 4,610 square miles and contains the cities of Eugene and Springfield, the second largest metropolitan area in Oregon. The county had a 2001 population of 322,959. The goal of Lane County 's planning grant was to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the management of juvenile and adult sex offenders that is data driven and based on best practices. This was accomplished by examining the current systems of sex offender supervision and treatment and assessing what gaps exist in the current approach. Through this grant, Lane County also educated policymakers, criminal justice system practitioners, and the community about promising practices in sex offender management and ensuring community safety.

Texas, Kerr-Gillespie-Kendall-Bandera Counties

Kerr-Gillespie-Kendall-Bandera Counties, Texas were awarded a planning grant for their multi-county initiative. In 2001, the total population of the four counties totaled 105,875 and the counties cover a total expanse of 3,940 square miles. The counties sought to build a community-based approach for the identification, supervision, and treatment of juvenile and adult sex offenders. They established procedures for processing adult and juvenile sex offenders; treating these offenders; and gathered data about the sex offender population in the counties. The counties also established a formal working relationship between supervision agencies, treatment providers, and the victim advocacy community regarding the effective management of sex offenders in the community.

Wisconsin

The State of Wisconsin was awarded a planning grant to develop a strategic plan to manage juvenile sex offenders in the community. Wisconsin is a predominantly rural state with a 2001 population of 5.4 million, with approximately 800,000 youth between the ages of 10 and 19. The primary goal of this initiative was to address the unique treatment needs of sexually abusive youth in the community. To that end, the team addressed issues including data tracking systems; screening, assessment, and classification; community transition, and victim advocacy

as part of their approach. Their strategic plan addresses the development of relapse prevention strategies; housing resources; treatment methods; and a public education program.

Implementation/Enhancement Grants

Arkansas

The State of Arkansas is predominantly rural, and had a 2001 population of 2,351,000. The state saw a 13.3% increase of sex offenses perpetrated by juveniles in recent years. Through a prior planning grant supported by the Corrections Program Office, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, the state identified the supervision and treatment of juvenile sex offenders as an area in which increased and specialized services were needed. Their implementation/enhancement grant allowed them to address this issue by implementing specific training and treatment standards for juvenile sex offender treatment providers; enhancing victim advocacy services and notification; and implementing a pilot Sexual Abuse Management team in two counties in the state as a model for local collaboration on this issue. The team developed and provided community and criminal justice system education regarding juvenile sex offender issues.

California, San Diego County

San Diego County, California is the second largest and second most populated county in California, comprised of 4,280 square miles, an area approximately the size of the state of Connecticut. The county's population in 2001 was 2,943,001. In 2001, there were 5,000 sex offenders registered and 1,350 sex offenders under probation and parole supervision in the county. Through a prior planning grant from the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, San Diego County identified several areas to enhance their sex offender management practices. The areas in which the county concentrated their efforts were: developing an enhanced and integrated supervision model; creating standards for sex offender treatment and polygraph testing; implementing the use of sex offender specific risk assessment tools; improving communication between the agencies working to manage sex offenders in the community; and enhancing community-based treatment options for adult and juvenile sex offenders.

California, San Luis Obispo County

San Luis Obispo County, California is a largely rural and agricultural area that lies halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles, California. The county formerly received a planning grant from the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, to develop a strategic plan to manage sex offenders in the community. As a result of that planning process, the county identified four primary areas in which new approaches were warranted. The County utilized an implementation/enhancement grant to address these areas of need, which included: increasing sex offender supervision resources; the use of an assessment tool to better determine the risk levels offenders pose to the community; the introduction of the use of the

polygraph as a supervision and treatment tool; and a database that will allow for increased communication between agencies responsible for the management of sex offenders in San Luis Obispo County.

Connecticut

The State of Connecticut utilized a grant to support a juvenile sex offender management initiative in Willimantic, Connecticut. Willimantic is a small, low-income city surrounded by largely rural townships. The population of Willimantic was 22,857 in 2001. The goals of the grant were to strengthen existing multi-agency collaborative efforts in an effort to better supervise, manage, and treat juvenile sex offenders; to standardize juvenile sex offender evaluations; and to establish local, community-based juvenile sex offender treatment services. The project also strengthened partnerships between the court and family service and child protection agencies, and worked toward implementing the recommendations of a long-standing policy advisory committee that has been developing comprehensive policies for the management of juvenile sex offenders in the community.

Maryland

The State of Maryland was awarded an implementation/enhancement grant to further its sex offender management initiative in Baltimore, Maryland. The Baltimore metropolitan area is a mixed urban/suburban area with an estimated population of 2.4 million in 2001. Building upon their earlier work in a Corrections Program Office, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice sponsored planning grant, the state sought to implement a comprehensive approach to the management of sex offenders in the community. This approach included establishing a continuum of specialized services that enhance sex offender supervision; provide sex offender specific evaluation; increase appropriate and mandatory treatment; and increase the level of collaboration between agencies working to manage sex offenders. Grant funds were also used to provide specialized sex offender training to criminal justice system practitioners, sex offender treatment providers, and victim advocates.

Massachusetts

The State of Massachusetts was awarded an implementation/enhancement grant that provided them with the resources necessary to hire victim advocates in two areas: the Dudley District Court, a rural area bordering Connecticut ; and the Framingham Parole Office; a substantial manufacturing area in the state. Victim advocates serve as active members of the sex offender management team, providing support to victims of sexual assault and input to the probation and parole officers working to manage sex offenders in the community. This initiative was overseen by the Massachusetts Coalition for Sex Offender Management, a collaborative, multi-disciplinary group of criminal justice system practitioners, victim advocates, and offender treatment providers. This project worked to encourage victim advocacy involvement in the management of sex offenders, increase the state's ability to prevent additional victimization,

and maintain the collaborative working relationship between the agencies responsible for managing sex offenders in the community.

New York, Oswego County

Oswego County, New York is located in the north central area of New York State and had a population of approximately 122,377 in 2001. The county supervised approximately 80 sex offenders in the community. As a former recipient of a Corrections Program Office, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice sponsored planning grant, Oswego County engaged in a strategic planning process to develop a plan for a comprehensive approach to managing sex offenders. This implementation/enhancement grant enabled the county to provide training to judges; implement pre-sentence assessments; improve the supervision of offenders in the community; provide treatment services to non-offending family members; and enhance their approach to community notification.

Texas, Lamar County

Lamar County, Texas is a rural county located in northeast Texas with a 2001 population of approximately 48,500. Sex offenses in Lamar County have risen in recent years. The county's existing Sexual Trauma Advisory Review Council (STAR) brought together a multi-disciplinary group of practitioners to address areas in which the county might improve its sex offender management system, and the group is committed to continuing their collaborative efforts to work toward community safety by implementing more enhanced supervision practices, increased collaboration between agencies, and additional treatment interventions for sex offenders.

Vermont

The State of Vermont is predominantly rural, with a 2001 population of approximately 600,000. Vermont ranks 49 th in population and 48 th in rates of violent crime in the U.S. Vermont was awarded an implementation/enhancement grant to improve the state's response to managing sex offenders with developmental disabilities. Resources from the grant were used to create a written policy for the management of these offenders; develop a data management system; educate the criminal justice system community about this sex offender population; develop a "best practices" manual for working with sex offenders with developmental disabilities; creating a treatment needs, placement, and progress scale; conduct training for supervision and treatment staff; and develop a legal curriculum for offenders with developmental disabilities in an effort to prevent sexually abusive behavior.

Wisconsin, Oneida Tribe of Indians

The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with approximately 14,588 enrolled members in 2001. The Oneida reservation is located in northeastern Wisconsin and borders Green Bay, the third largest city in Wisconsin. Through a planning process previously supported by the Corrections Program Office, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, the Oneida Nation identified several areas to build upon their current practices. These include implementing a standardized procedure to respond to victims throughout the criminal justice process; develop a community education plan; develop culturally sensitive training and treatment materials; increase collaboration among the various agencies working with sex offenders and victims; and establish a shared database to facilitate the exchange of information between agencies.