

## DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES (DJS)

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FY 10(actual)	FY 11 (approp)	FY 12 (est)
\$ 0	\$ 500,000	\$ 0

**Program Supported / Population Served:** The Gang Prevention & Intervention Services: Violence Prevention Initiative addresses the need to supervise and provide services for youth at the highest risk of being perpetrators or victims of crimes of violence. The project adds 3 Rapid Response Workers and increases the electronic surveillance capabilities in targeted areas to include monitoring of gang-involved youth. / Statewide DJS involved youth.

**Governor's Goal #4** [Reduce Violent Crime in Maryland by 20% by End 2012](#)

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FY 10(actual)	FY 11 (approp)	FY 12 (est)
\$ 0	\$ 200,000	\$ 0

**Program Supported / Population Served:** The Maryland Civic Justice Corps is a six-month residential conservation corps program in the Western Region for 200 under served and court-involved youth ages 14-17. The project provides outdoor experiences for youth in juvenile facilities in partnership with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. / DJS youth committed one of the four state owned and operated Youth Centers in Western Maryland.

**Governor's Goal #3** [Increase the Number of Marylanders Who Receive Skills Training by 20% by End 2012](#)

## 17.261 WIA PILOTS, DEMONSTRATIONS & RESEARCH PROJECTS

**Program Description:** Funds support the provision of direct services to individuals to enhance employment opportunities, an evaluation component, and may include (1) building a demand driven workforce investment system; (2) building the capacity of workers to obtain good jobs with good wages; (3) focusing on key segments of the workforce; (4) building a comprehensive workforce system through new regional economic strategic approaches; and (5) evaluating program effectiveness.

<b>FY10 (actual)</b>	<b>FY11 (approp)</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 126,137</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Program Supported / Population Served:** The Partnership for Education and Workforce Development was created to reduce youth involvement in gangs and violent crime by reducing the number of youth who drop out of school; increasing school re-engagement; providing educational and workforce training and supporting youth in Baltimore City who are most likely to become victims and perpetrators of violence and crime. / Baltimore City youth

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## 17.261 WIA PILOTS, DEMONSTRATIONS & RESEARCH PROJECTS

**Program Description:** The State/Local Juvenile Offender Implementation Grant goal is to allow state juvenile justice agencies and local juvenile justice agencies to join together to put into place a comprehensive strategy for serving all youth in the local area returning home from juvenile correctional or detention facilities.

<b>FY10 (actual)</b>	<b>FY11 (approp)</b>	<b>FY12(est)</b>
<b>\$ 523,951</b>	<b>\$ 2,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Program Supported / Population Served:** CORPS: Continuum of Opportunity Re-entry Program and Services is a partnership initiative between the Department of Juvenile Services and Baltimore City Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice to serve 400 Baltimore City youth returning from in-state or out-of-state placements through a comprehensive strategy that emphasize community involvement, education and employment, so that the youth proposed to be served will be engaged to complete their secondary education, offered further educational and employment opportunities, and supported to follow their individualized education and career paths / Baltimore City youth.

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## 84.324A RESEARCH IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

**Program Description:** Funds may be used for the production of new knowledge, integration of research and practice, and improving professional knowledge related to the objectives of the program. Projects address such topics as providing access to the general curriculum for children

with severe cognitive disabilities, pre-literacy skills for young children with visual impairments and early childhood mental health.

<b>FY10 (actual)</b>	<b>FY11 (approp)</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 40,636</b>	<b>\$ 45,250</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Program Supported / Population Served:** DJS is a subcontractor to the University of Oregon on this Department of Labor, Employment and Training Grant. We were awarded in July 2008. Project READY (Research on Employability Skills for Adjudicated Youth with Disabilities) will adapt and test the effectiveness of an evidence-informed employment-based social skill curriculum, WAGES (Working at Gaining Employment Skills), on detained youth. The project will require curriculum refinement and alignment of the READY curriculum, implementation of the curriculum in the facilities, and research evaluation of the project outcomes. / Statewide detained juvenile services youth.

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#### **84.397 FISCAL STABILIZATION – (ARRA) RECOVERY ACT**

<b>FY 10(actual)</b>	<b>FY 11 (approp)</b>	<b>FY 12 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 4,500,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,500,000</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

#### **94.011 FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM**

**Program Description:** The program provides loving and experienced tutors and mentors to children and youth with special needs. Aged 60 and over, the Foster Grandparents typically work one-on-one in schools, hospitals, drug treatment centers, correctional institutions, and child care centers to provide assistance with reading, tutoring and guidance. The Foster Grandparents have the opportunity to participate in seminars, workshops, and in-service trainings relative to their work. Among other activities, they go over school work, reinforce values, teach parenting skills to young mothers, and care for premature infants and children with disabilities. They often maintain an ongoing, intensive relationship with the youth clients for a year or longer.

<b>FY10 (actual)</b>	<b>FY11 (approp)</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 305,678</b>	<b>\$ 357,106</b>	<b>\$ 341,044</b>

**Program Supported / Population Served:** The Foster Grandparents working with DJS assist children and youth with special and exceptional needs in a variety of settings across the state including, elementary and middle schools, DJS detention and treatment facilities as well as field offices, and boys and girls clubs. / The population served is youth ages 7- 18 that meet the enrollment and/or admission criteria for the facility where the foster grandparent is assigned to work.

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#### **JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVE INITIATIVE**

**NOTE: This is a FOUNDATION GRANT.**

**Program Description:** Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) is a nationally recognized juvenile justice reform initiative sponsored by The Annie E. Casey Foundation. It is founded on the vision that all youth involved in the juvenile justice system have opportunities to develop into healthy, productive adults. The focus is on the juvenile detention component of the juvenile justice system because studies show youth are often unnecessarily or inappropriately detained at great expense, with long-lasting negative consequences for both safety and youth development. In communities across the country, JDAI efforts are improving public safety, eliminating inappropriate and unnecessary detention, enhancing community-based alternatives, improving the conditions of confinement, and reducing the disproportionate representation of youth of color in secure detention.

**FY10 (actual)**  
**\$ 25,150**

**FY11 (approp)**  
**\$ 15,000**

**FY12(est)**  
**\$ 15,000**

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Baltimore City has been a JDAI site since 2001. The site has developed an interagency collaboration that has led to several significant reforms in a variety of areas including the decision criteria for admission to the detention facility as well as new programs to serve as detention alternatives. / The population served is Baltimore City youth ages 7-18 that are presented to DJS Intake for a detention decision subsequent to an arrest.

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