



OREGON JUVENILE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION

The **vision** of OJDDA is a juvenile justice system that:

- promotes public safety, accountability, and reformation
- reduces juvenile crime using evidence based practices
- engages active family participation
- is responsive to victims
- emphasizes collaboration among state, local, and community partners, and
- honors the diversity of the people, cultures, and communities of the state.

Accomplishments over the 1990's and into the new century, in conjunction with the Oregon Youth Authority and other partners:

Public Policy – 1994 Juvenile Justice Summit Recommendations

- √ Creation of the Oregon Youth Authority
- √ Construction of youth correctional facilities
- √ Legislation on fingerprinting and photographing
- √ Expansion of local detention resources

Training

Fundamental, intermediate, and advanced training to staff across the state
Annual conference featuring state of the art training

Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS)

Counties and the Oregon Youth Authority participate in state-of-the-art integrated information system
Reports provide vital data on a statewide and county level

Juvenile Crime Prevention Partnership

Development of the Oregon Juvenile Crime Prevention Partnership under OJDDA leadership guided by research on "what works"
Promotion of effective evidence-based interventions with high risk youth

JCP Risk Screen and Assessment

Development of a validated statewide risk screen and training for users across the state – the screen identifies youth risks and strengths as a prelude to effective case management

Evidence Based Practices

Promotion of evidence based practices through an annual conference featuring national experts and translation of research findings into policies, practices, and positive results

Legislative Advocacy

Introduction and promotion of concepts that affected legislation and improved results

Research and Evaluation

Policy statement on system accountability
Adoption of common definition of recidivism and related offense severity scores
Creation of the JCP Risk Screen
Development of JJIS, reporting on data, and policy-based research

Operations and System Improvements

Improved operational efficiency through a Mutual Aid Agreement among counties
Discretionary Bed Allocation Formula
Detention Guidelines
Shelter Services Partnership

Partnerships and Networking

Partnership as the key to success – collaboration with the Oregon Youth Authority, the Oregon Commission on Children and Families, the Department of Human Services, other state agencies, state and local service providers, and advocacy groups

The **mission** of OJDDA is to promote the Association's vision by:

- providing leadership and direction for Oregon's juvenile justice system
- enhancing the ability of communities to reduce juvenile crime
- aligning and integrating state and local juvenile justice policies
- creating policy based on research and effective practices, and translating national and state policies into local practice
- promoting organization and staff development in juvenile justice agencies, and
- developing, sharing, and implementing juvenile justice information, research, and best practices.