

State Advisory Group (SAG)

What is the State Advisory Group (SAG)?

Section 223 (a)(3) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 1974, as amended in 2002, requires each State to establish an advisory group, appointed by the chief executive of the State. The JJDP State Advisory Group currently consists of a 15-33 member panel from across the State whose members have training, experience, or special knowledge of the juvenile justice system. SAG members are appointed by the Governor and are responsible for the administration and management of federally allocated funds.

What are their roles and responsibilities?

The JJDP State Advisory Group was created to participate in the development and review of the State's JJDP plan and to carry out other specified functions of the JJDP Act.

The JJDP State Advisory Group's (SAG) responsibilities include the following:

- a. Approve the preparation and implementation of the JJDP Act in Florida, the state juvenile justice plan and any other requirements as mandated by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention;
- b. Submit to the Governor, at least annually, recommendations related to its functions, including State compliance with requirements of the JJDP ACT and any other JJDP SAG concerns;
- c. Review and comment on all JJDP SAG grant applications submitted for consideration for funding through the JJDP Act. Develop JJDP SAG procedures that address the Requests for Proposal, receipt of proposals, review of proposals and the recommended funding processes for all projects funded by JJDP funds;
- d. Monitor and ensure that the four federal mandates, defined by the JJDP Act of 1974, as amended, are addressed;
- e. Develop a JJDP SAG policy regarding the promotion of community partnerships and delinquency prevention programs that address the development of educational, training, research, prevention, diversion, treatment and rehabilitative programs in Florida's Juvenile Justice System;
- f. Review the progress and accomplishments of the JJDP SAG projects funded under the State Three-Year Plan;
- g. Seek comments, recommendations and opinions from juveniles currently under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Justice System; and
- h. Serve as the Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition responsible for providing comment to the Department regarding the development of a coordinated crime enforcement plan designed to reduce juvenile crime.

How can the SAG impact the lives of children?

- a. Allocate funds for children to be educated, not incarcerated.
- b. Allocate funds for at-risk youth to receive counseling and mentoring services.
- c. Allocate funds to reduce DMC.
- d. Promote non-punitive approaches to student misconduct.
- e. Promote programs that address the development of educational, training, research, prevention, diversion, treatment and rehabilitative programs in Florida's Juvenile Justice System.