

# Justice-Involved Children, Youth, and Families Programs:

## Family-Based Alternative Sentencing Program

This program will provide funding to support states and communities as they implement new, or enhance existing, community-based alternative sentencing programs that provide culturally competent, community-based supports to strengthen the emotional, physical, and social well-being for children and families. OJJDP will support potential models that divert justice-involved parents/primary caregivers whom a court has found guilty of a crime from the prison system, promote the unification of families, and prevent children from entering the foster care and/or juvenile justice systems.

### ELIGIBLE ENTITIES:

City or township governments, County governments, For profit organizations other than small businesses, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS other than institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Small businesses, Special district governments, State governments, Other.

### WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

Examples from existing programs that may be supported under this solicitation include, but are not limited to:

- Developing tools, resources, and innovative models that engage multidisciplinary partnerships to address the challenges of family separation as a result of incarceration.
- Identifying experts to build local capacity for the development and implementation of local strategic plans that promote the development and utilization of community-based alternatives to incarceration for an eligible person convicted of an offense.
- Enhancing and expanding services to children by facilitating access to effective services that strengthen the relationship between families and address issues affecting parents and their children, such as suicide, alcohol and substance misuse, mental health issues, domestic and sexual abuse, financial instability, and the impact on the child and the community.
- Enhancing and expanding access to programming that addresses needs of justice-involved parents/primary caregivers which may include lack of education and employment, substance

**Total Available Funding:**  
\$4.76 million

**Anticipated Number of Awards:**  
6

**Anticipated Award Amount:**  
up to \$750,000

**Length of Project:**  
Up to 3 years

**Cost Sharing/Match Required?**  
No

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misuse and/or mental health treatment, and behavioral health programs.

- Developing and expanding services and educational programs that focus on children who are impacted by family separation as a result of incarceration. Implementing strategies that reduce recidivism and reoffending for justice-involved parents/primary caregivers who have minor children.
- Enhancing and expanding family counseling services and educational support to help break the cycle of violence of children who have justice-involved parents/primary caregivers.
- Developing and implementing policies, practices, and services that foster family engagement to support a parents' continued involvement in the lives of their minor children.