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The Honorable John McCain
Chairman, Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation
United States Senate

Subject: Youth Mentoring Programs: Fiscal Year 1998

Dear Senator McCain:

The Congress has created numerous federal programs to address the needs of at-risk and delinquent youths.¹ In our March 1999 correspondence, we reported that 15 federal departments and agencies administered 117 programs that included components targeted for at-risk and delinquent youths.²

As a follow-up to our March correspondence, you asked us to identify from the 117 at-risk and delinquent youth federal programs those that include mentoring as a type of service; that is, programs that include using adult role models to assist youths in career or educational planning and to provide encouragement and motivation. Specifically, you asked us to (1) list the at-risk and delinquent youth programs that included mentoring as a type of service, (2) determine who administers the programs, (3) provide the objectives of the programs, and (4) cite the authorizing legislation for the programs. We used the Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance as the primary source of program information to respond to your inquiry. We independently verified legal citations by researching the U.S. Code and public laws.

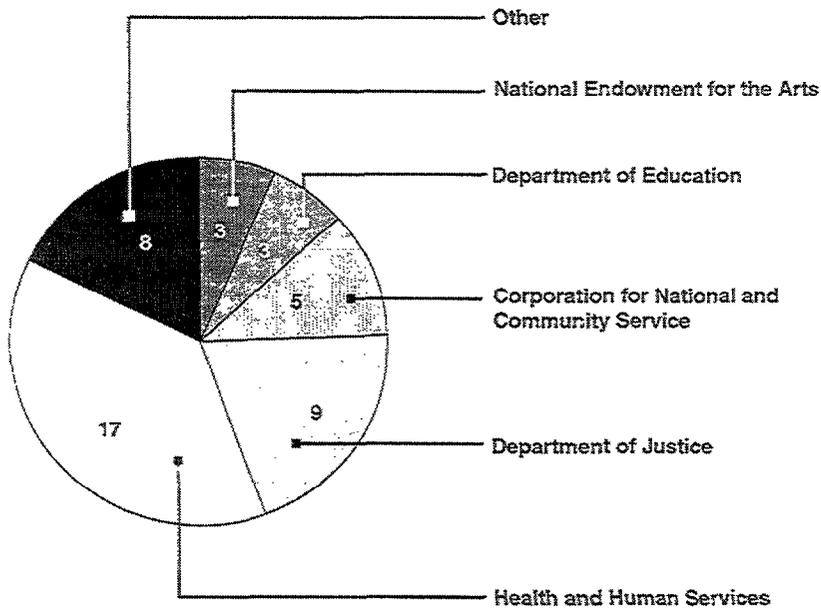
¹The term "at risk" can have different meanings in different contexts. We use the term in a broad sense to refer to youths who, because of certain characteristics or experiences, are statistically more likely than other youths to encounter legal, social, financial, educational, emotional, and health problems in the future.

²See At-Risk and Delinquent Youths: Fiscal Year 1998 Programs (GAO/HEHS-99-88R, Mar. 30, 1999).

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In summary, federal agencies fund numerous programs that make mentoring services available for at-risk and delinquent youths. In fiscal year 1998, 45 of the 117 programs that received funding for at-risk or delinquent youth components included mentoring services, according to agency officials.³ These 45 programs are administered by 10 agencies. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Department of Justice, and the Corporation for National and Community Service administered 31, or 69 percent, of these programs. (See fig. 1.)

Figure 1: Number of Federal Programs That Provide Mentoring Services, by Agency



In many of these programs, mentoring is only a small part of the program. The two programs that included mentors or mentoring in their program objectives are in the Department of Justice and HHS. Information on the administering agencies and legislative authorizations for the 45 mentoring programs is included in the enclosure.

³An agency official told us during this review that one of the programs that previously listed mentoring as a type of service in our March correspondence (GAO/ HEHS-99-88R) does not offer mentoring as a type of service.

AGENCY COMMENTS

We provided officials at each of the 10 departments and agencies an opportunity to verify the program data they provided to us. Some program officials provided technical comments on the data, which we incorporated as appropriate.

If you have any questions about this correspondence, please call me or Larry Horinko, Assistant Director, at (202) 512-7014. Ben Jordan was also a major contributor to this correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marnie S. Shaul".

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Enclosure

DESCRIPTION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR AT-RISK AND DELINQUENT YOUTHS
THAT INCLUDED MENTORING SERVICES IN FISCAL YEAR 1998

This enclosure describes the program objectives, administering agency and office, and the legislative authorization for each of the 45 federal at-risk and delinquent youth programs that included mentoring services in fiscal year 1998. We used the Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance as the primary source of program information. We independently verified legal citations by researching the U.S. Code and public laws.

Corporation for National and Community Service

AmeriCorps

Objective: To address pressing education, public safety, human, and environmental needs of our Nation's communities by encouraging Americans to serve either part time or full time.

Administering agency: Corporation for National and Community Service

Legislative authorization: National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, title I; P.L. 103-82; 42 U.S.C. 12571

Foster Grandparent Program

Objective: To (1) provide part-time volunteer service opportunities for income-eligible persons aged 60 and older and (2) give supportive person-to-person service in health, education, human services, and related settings to help address the physical, mental, and emotional needs of infants, children, or youths having special or exceptional needs.

Administering agency: Corporation for National and Community Service

Legislative authorization: Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended, title II, part B, section 211; P.L. 93-113; 42 U.S.C. 5011

Learn and Serve America

Objective: To support high-quality service learning projects that engage students in meeting community needs with demonstrable results while enhancing students' academic and civic learning, and to support efforts to build capacity and strengthen the service infrastructure with institutions of higher education.

Administering agency: Corporation for National and Community Service

Legislative authorization: National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, title I; P.L. 103-82; 42 U.S.C. 12561

**Retired and Senior
Volunteer Program**

Objective: To provide a variety of opportunities for retired persons aged 55 or older to serve their community through significant volunteer service.

Administering agency: Corporation for National and Community Service

Legislative authorization: Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended, title II, part A, section 201; P.L. 93-113; 42 U.S.C. 5001

**Volunteers in Service
to America
(AmeriCorps*VISTA)**

Objective: To supplement efforts of private, nonprofit organizations and federal, state, and local government agencies to eliminate poverty and poverty-related problems by enabling persons from all walks of life and all age groups to perform meaningful and constructive services as volunteers.

Administering agency: Corporation for National and Community Service

Legislative authorization: Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended, title I, part A; P.L. 93-113; 42 U.S.C. 4951

Department of Agriculture

**4-H Youth
Development
Education**

Objective: To develop youths' potential by assisting them in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that enable them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society.

Administering agency: Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service

Legislative authorization: Smith-Lever Act, section 2, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 342

Children, Youth, and Families at Risk Initiative

Objective: To ensure that (1) communities provide safe, secure environments for families with children; (2) families promote positive, productive, and contributing lives for all family members; (3) parents take primary responsibility for meeting their children's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs and provide moral guidance and direction; (4) youths demonstrate knowledge, skills, attitudes, and behavior necessary for fulfilling, contributing lives; (5) babies are born healthy; and (6) children have their basic physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs met.

Administering agency: Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service

Legislative authorization: Smith-Lever Act, section 2, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 342

Department of Defense, U.S. National Guard

Challenge Youth Program

Objective: To improve the life skills and employment potential of youths who drop out of secondary school through military-based training, including supervised work experience in community service, and conservation projects.

Administering agency: U.S. National Guard Bureau

Legislative authorization: P.L. 105-85; div. A, title X, subtitle G; 32 U.S.C. 509

STARBASE Program

Objective: To provide education and training in science, mathematics, and technology for the purpose of improving mathematics and scientific knowledge and skills of at-risk elementary and secondary school students.

Administering agency: U.S. National Guard Bureau

Legislative authorization: P.L. 101-550; 10 U.S.C. 2193b

Department of Education**Safe and Drug-Free
Schools and
Communities State
Grants**

Objective: To support programs to meet the National Education Goal that, by the year 2000, every school in the United States will be free of drugs, violence, and the unauthorized presence of firearms and alcohol.

Administering agency: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Legislative authorization: Elementary and Secondary Education Act, title IV, part A, subpart 1, as amended; P.L. 103-382; 20 U.S.C. 7111-7118

Talent Search

Objective: To identify disadvantaged youths with potential for postsecondary education, encourage them in continuing in and graduating from secondary school and enrolling in programs of postsecondary education, publicize the availability of student financial aid, and increase the number of secondary and postsecondary school dropouts who reenter an education program.

Administering agency: Office of Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education

Legislative authorization: Higher Education Act of 1965, title IV, part A, subpart 2, as amended; P.L. 102-325; 20 U.S.C. 1070a-12

Upward Bound

Objective: To generate skills and motivation necessary for success in education beyond high school among low-income and potential first-generation college students and veterans. The goal of the program is to increase the academic performance and motivational levels of eligible enrollees so that such persons may complete secondary school and successfully pursue postsecondary education programs.

Administering agency: Office of Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education

Legislative authorization: Higher Education Act of 1965, title IV, part A, subpart 2, as amended; P.L. 102-325; 20 U.S.C. 1070a-13

Department of Health and Human Services**Adolescent Family
Life Research Grants**

Objective: To establish innovative, comprehensive, and integrated approaches to the delivery of care and services for pregnant and parenting adolescents with a primary emphasis on adolescents. To promote abstinence from sexual relations through provision of age-appropriate education on sexuality and decisionmaking skills as the most effective method of preventing adolescent pregnancy and avoiding sexually transmitted diseases.

Administering agency: Office of Public Health and Science, Office of the Secretary

Legislative authorization: Public Health Service Act, title XX, section 2008; P.L. 97-35; 42 U.S.C. 300z-7

**Community Health
Centers**

Objective: To support the development and operation of community health centers that provide preventive and primary health care services, supplemental health and support services, and environmental health services to medically underserved areas and populations.

Administering agency: Health Resources and Services Administration

Legislative authorization: Public Health Service Act, section 330, as amended; P.L. 104-299; 42 U.S.C. 254c

**Cooperative
Agreements: High-
Risk Youth Project
Youth Connect**

Objective: To support program strategies on (1) a youth-only model where interventions include academic support, tutorial assistance, individual and group counseling, conflict resolution, problem solving, peer resistance behavior, violence prevention activities, substance abuse prevention, alternative and recreational activities, and community service activities and (2) a youth and family model that includes the interventions from the youth-only model as well as a family component that includes parent effectiveness training, parent support groups, family bonding activities (picnics, family outings), support to parents in conducting school conferences, and support to other siblings in the family. The program also funded 15 high-risk youth mentoring study sites to test the effectiveness of mentoring advocacy programs as a whole and the level of increased effectiveness in working with youth and the family system.

Administering agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

Legislative authorization: Public Health Service Act, as amended, title V; 42 U.S.C. 290aa(d)

**Cooperative
Agreements:
Parenting
Adolescents**

Objective: To determine whether the provision of comprehensive substance abuse prevention interventions directed at adolescent parents positively effect specific outcomes (alcohol, tobacco, and drug use; academic performance; subsequent pregnancies; and parenting and life skills).

Administering agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

Legislative authorization: Public Health Service Act, as amended, title V; 42 U.S.C. 290aa(d)

**Cooperative
Agreements: State
Incentive Grants**

Objective: To support the targeted reduction of alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drug use by 12- to 17-year-olds. The focus on reducing use of these substances by youths is also linked to many long-term, health-related outcomes, including reductions in juvenile delinquency, teen pregnancy, violence, and crime.

Administering agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

Legislative authorization: Public Health Service Act, as amended, title V; 42 U.S.C. 290aa(d)

**Cooperative
Agreements: Women
and Violence**

Objective: To generate and apply empirical knowledge about the development of an integrated systems approach and the effectiveness of this approach, including the appropriate blend of services intervention, for women with co-occurring disorders and their children.

Administering agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and Center for Mental Health Services

Legislative authorization: Public Health Service Act, as amended, title V; 42 U.S.C. 290aa(d)

**Demonstration
Programs for High-
Risk Youths**

Objective: To fund projects that develop innovative prevention, intervention, and treatment programs for youths at risk of using alcohol, tobacco, or illicit drugs.

Administering agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

Legislative authorization: Public Health Service Act, title V, section 517, as amended; P.L. 99-570; 42 U.S.C. 290bb-23

Family Preservation and Support Services

Objective: To fund community-based family support services that promote the safety and well-being of children and families by enhancing family functioning and child development, and to fund family preservation services that serve families at risk or in crisis, including the following services: reunification and adoption services, preplacement and preventive services, follow-up services after return of a child from foster care, respite care, and services designed to improve parenting skills.

Administering agency: Administration for Children and Families

Legislative authorization: Social Security Act, as amended, title IV, part B, subpart 2, sections 420-35; 42 U.S.C. 620-629e

Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances

Objective: To provide community-based systems of care for children and adolescents with a serious emotional disturbance and their families.

Administering agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services

Legislative authorization: Public Health Service Act, title V, part E, section 561, as amended; P.L. 102-321; 42 U.S.C. 290ff

Independent Living

Objective: To assist states and localities in establishing and carrying out programs designed to assist youths aged 16 and older to make the transition from foster care to independent living.

Administering agency: Administration for Children and Families

Legislative authorization: Social Security Act, title IV-E, section 477, as amended, added by P.L. 99-272, section 12307(a); 42 U.S.C. 677

Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals

Objective: To promote the ability of welfare recipients and other low-income individuals and families to become financially self-sufficient by awarding grants to certain nonprofit organizations and community development corporations that will create new employment and business opportunities.

Administering agency: Administration for Children and Families

Families, Office of Community Services

Legislative authorization: Family Support Act, title V section 505, as amended, P.L. 100-485; 42 U.S.C. 9926

**Managed Care:
Adolescents (Youth
at Risk for Problem
Behaviors)**

Objective: To (1) study the impact of managed care on utilization, outcomes, and costs for substance abuse treatment of adolescents and achieve widespread dissemination of these findings within the substance abuse and managed care fields; (2) examine specific impacts within subpopulations, such as racial and ethnic minorities and adolescents involved with the criminal justice system, and their access to services and outcomes under managed care systems; (3) share the results of the study with managed care and substance abuse professionals and stakeholders to enable managed care entities to appropriately expand their capacity to effectively treat the growing number of adolescents with substance abuse problems.

Administering agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

Legislative authorization: Public Health Service Act, as amended, title V; 42 U.S.C. 290aa(d)(5)

**Maternal and Child
Health Federal
Consolidated
Programs: Special
Projects of Regional
and National
Significance**

Objective: To carry out special maternal and child health projects of regional and national significance; to conduct training and research; to conduct genetic disease testing, counseling, and information development and dissemination programs; and to support comprehensive hemophilia diagnostic and treatment centers.

Administering agency: Health Resources and Services Administration

Legislative authorization: Social Security Act, title V, section 502(a)(1), as amended; P.L. 97-35; 42 U.S.C. 702(a)(1)

**National Youth
Sports Program**

Objective: To provide low-income youths aged 10 to 16 with a summer of supervised sports instruction and enrichment activities on participating college and university campuses across the country. The primary goal of the program is to motivate disadvantaged youths to earn and learn self-respect through a program of sports instruction and competition.

Administering agency: Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services

Legislative authorization: Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, 42 U.S.C. 9910c; rescinded by P.L. 105-285, section 201, Oct. 27, 1988

**Native American
Children (Circles of
Care Grants)**

Objective: To support the development of mental health service delivery models that are designed by American Indian and Alaskan Native communities to achieve outcomes for their children that they choose for themselves. Formulation and evaluation of programs that are based directly on the needs, values, and principles of the grantee organizations will provide an information base for other programs interested in structuring culturally relevant children's mental health service systems.

Administering agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services

Legislative authorization: Public Health Service Act, as amended, title V; 42 U.S.C. 290aa(d)

**Runaway and
Homeless Youth**

Objective: To provide grants for (1) establishing and operating local runaway and homeless youth centers that provide services for the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youths and their families, in a manner that is outside the law enforcement system, the child welfare system, the mental health system, and the juvenile justice system; (2) establishing and operating local transitional living centers for homeless youths to provide services that address the longer-term needs of homeless youths aged 16 to 21; (3) developing a national communication system to assist runaway and homeless youths communicate with their families and service providers; (4) providing technical assistance and training; and (5) supporting research, demonstration, and service projects.

Administering agency: Administration for Children and Families

Legislative authorization: Runaway and Homeless Youth Act; P.L. 103-222; 42 U.S.C. 5712d

**Southwest Border
Initiative**

Objective: To strengthen antidrug efforts along the U.S. and Mexico border leading to involvement and participation in prevention and treatment by diverse organizations and individuals in the region, including civic organizations, community coalitions, employers, and the faith community. As part of the initiative, the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention supported grants to the four border states: Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas. These state grants are designed to

improve and increase the delivery of community-based prevention and treatment services and programs to border youths and their parents and families. In fiscal year 1998, the center expanded the initiative to include a regional Center for the Application of Prevention Technology focused on prevention efforts at the U.S. and Mexico border, which will use the knowledge developed from these state grants and other prevention projects to develop technical assistance packages tailored to the needs of the border community.

Administering agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

Legislative authorization: Public Health Service Act, as amended, title V; 42 U.S.C. 290aa(d)

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Youthbuild

Objective: To provide funding assistance for a wide range of multidisciplinary activities and services to assist economically disadvantaged youths.

Administering agency: Community Planning and Development Office

Legislative authorization: National Affordable Housing Act, title IV, subtitle D; P.L. 102-550; 42 U.S.C. 12899-12899i

Department of Justice

Community Outreach Program

Objective: To alert America's youths, communities, organizations, and business leaders to the dangers of drug abuse, crime, and violence and to educate them about the Federal Bureau of Investigation's role in the war against crime, drugs, gangs, and violence. Further, to assist youths, communities, organizations, and business leaders in understanding the dangerous effects of these illegal activities on their health and on society as a whole.

Administering agency: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Investigation Division

Legislative authorization: Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, section 701; added by P.L. 98-473; 42 U.S.C. 3771(a)

**Drug Enforcement
Agency: Demand
Reduction**

Objective: To establish an aggressive program of public awareness education for opinion and community leaders by educating them about the current threat and linkages among drugs, violence, and crime.

Administering agency: Drug Enforcement Agency

Legislative authorization: Controlled Substances Act, as amended; P.L. 91-513; 21 U.S.C. 872

**Edward Byrne
Memorial State and
Local Law
Enforcement
Assistance
Discretionary Grant
Program**

Objective: To provide leadership and direction in controlling the use and availability of illegal drugs, and to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, with emphasis on violent crime and serious offenders.

Administering agency: Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance

Legislative authorization: Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, title I, part B, sections 510-518, as amended; P.L. 100-690; 42 U.S.C. 3760-3764

**Byrne Formula Grant
Program**

Objective: To provide additional funds for personnel, equipment, facilities (including upgraded and additional law enforcement crime laboratories), personnel training, and equipment for more widespread apprehension, prosecution, and adjudication of persons who violate state and local laws relating to the production, possession, and transfer of controlled substances and to improve the criminal justice system.

Administering agency: Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance

Legislative authorization: Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, title I, part A, sections 501-509, as amended; P.L. 100-690; 42 U.S.C. 3751-3759

**Gang-Free Schools
and Communities:
Community-Based
Gang Intervention**

Objective: To prevent and reduce the participation of juveniles in the activities of gangs.

Administering agency: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Legislative authorization: Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, title II, part D, sections 281-283; P.L. 102-586; 42 U.S.C. 5667-5667b

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (State Formula Grants)

Objective: To increase the capacity of state and local governments to support the development of more effective education, training, research, prevention, diversion, treatment, accountability-based sanctions, and rehabilitation programs in the area of juvenile delinquency and programs to improve the juvenile justice system.

Administering agency: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Legislative authorization: Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, sections 221-223; P.L. 93-415, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 5631-5633

Juvenile Mentoring Program

Objective: To reduce juvenile delinquency and gang participation, improve academic performance, and reduce the school dropout rate through the use of mentors for at-risk youths.

Administering agency: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Legislative authorization: Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, title II, part G, section 288, as amended; P.L. 102-586; 42 U.S.C. 5667e-1 – 5667e-8

Title V—Delinquency Prevention Program

Objective: To increase the capacity of state and local governments to support the development of more effective prevention programs to improve the juvenile justice system.

Administering agency: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Legislative authorization: Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, title V as amended; P.L. 102-586; 42 U.S.C. 5781-5785

Weed and Seed Program Fund

Objective: To assist communities in the development and implementation of comprehensive strategies to “weed out” violent crime, illegal drug and gun trafficking, and illegal gang activity and to “seed” their communities with crime prevention programs.

Administering agencies: Office of Justice Programs and the Executive Office of Weed and Seed, in conjunction with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Public and Indian Housing; Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service and

Administration for Children and Families; Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration; Department of Agriculture, Assistant Secretary of Science and Education; and the Corporation for National and Community Service, AmeriCorps

Legislative authorization: P.L. 102-395, title I; 28 U.S.C. 509 note

Department of Labor

Employment and Training Research and Development Projects

Objective: To support employment and training studies for developing policies and programs for achieving the fullest use of the Nation's human resources, improve and strengthen the functioning of the Nation's employment and training systems, develop new approaches to facilitate employment of the difficult to employ, and conduct research and development addressing the employment implications of long-term social and economic trends.

Administering agency: Employment and Training Administration

Legislative authorization: Job Training Partnership Act of 1982, as amended, title IV, part D, section 452; P.L. 97-300; 29 U.S.C. 1732

Job Training Partnership Act Title II-C—Year-Round Youth Program

Objective: To improve the long-term employability of youth; enhance the citizenship and educational and occupational potential of youth; encourage school completion or enrollment in alternative school programs; increase the employment and earnings of youths; reduce welfare dependency; and assist youths in addressing problems that impair their transition from school to work, apprenticeships, the military, or postsecondary education and training.

Administering agency: Employment and Training Administration

Legislative authorization: Job Training Partnership Act, title II, part C, as amended; P.L. 102-367; 29 U.S.C. 1641-1646

Department of Transportation**Youth Impaired
Driving Projects**

Objective: To provide federal discretionary funds for technical assistance and direct project grants to organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Administering agency: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Legislative authorization: Highway Safety Act of 1966, title I, section 101, as amended; P.L. 89-564; 23 U.S.C. 403

National Endowment for the Arts**Promotion of the
Arts Grants to
Organizations and
Individuals**

Objective: To support the visual, literary, media, design, and performing arts to the benefit of all Americans through project grants to organizations in five categories: creation and presentation, planning and stabilization (services to the field), heritage and preservation, access, and education. To provide assistance to published creative writers and literary translators of exceptional talent through individual fellowships.

Administering agency: National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities

Legislative authorization: National Foundation of the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, section 5, as amended; P.L. 89-209; 20 U.S.C. 954; Arts, Humanities, and Museums Amendments of 1990, section 318; P.L. 101-512; 20 U.S.C. 954a

**Promotion of the
Arts Leadership
Initiative**

Objective: To support leadership initiatives identified by the Endowment. Generally, leadership initiatives will be projects that advance the arts significantly, such as projects of national importance and impact and projects that serve as models in one field or across disciplines.

Administering agency: National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities

Legislative authorization: National Foundation of the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, section 5, as amended; P.L. 89-209; 20 U.S.C. 954; Arts, Humanities, and Museums Amendments of 1990, section 318; P.L. 101-512; 20 U.S.C. 954a

**Promotion of the
Arts Partnership
Agreements**

Objective: To assist state and special jurisdictional arts agencies through partnership agreements in three ways: (1) support for the basic state arts plan, (2) support for elements of the state

plan addressing arts education, and (3) support for elements of the state plan fostering arts in underserved communities. Partnership agreements with regional organizations of state arts agencies offer support for a basic regional arts plan and for the Endowment's Regional Performing Arts Touring Initiative, intended to expand Americans' access to performing arts events of high quality.

Administering agency: National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities

Legislative authorization: National Foundation of the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, section 5, as amended; P.L. 89-209; 20 U.S.C. 954; Arts, Humanities, and Museums Amendments of 1990, section 318; P.L. 101-512; 20 U.S.C. 954a

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