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Agency Sponsored Programs - Highlights:

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Community Relations Service. The Community Relations Service (CRS) seeks to prevent or resolve community conflicts and tensions arising from actions, policies, and practices perceived to be discriminatory on the basis of race, color, or national origin. CRS provides conciliation, mediation, and technical assistance directly to individuals and their communities to help resolve local conflicts. Last year CRS worked on 932 cases, a 5 percent increase over 1991. FY 1993 funding for these activities is \$9.1 million.

Congress of National Black Churches Anti-Drug Abuse Program, Office of Justice Programs. This program is designing and testing a community organization strategy to address drug supply and demand reduction among youth and families in high-crime urban areas. The program helps church leaders mobilize community residents to join forces with State and local law enforcement agencies and social service agencies develop plans to rid their communities of illegal drugs. The program is expected to produce a replicable model for community organization against drugs. FY 1993 funding for this program is just under \$1 million.

Formula Grants Program, Office of Justice Programs. This grant program makes funds available to State and local governments to aid in planning, establishing, operating, coordinating, and evaluating juvenile justice projects. Grants are also used to develop more effective education, training, prevention, diversion, treatment, and rehabilitation programs to reduce delinquency and improve the juvenile justice system. Grant recipients often use these funds to support community service and delinquency prevention programs in their jurisdictions. FY 1993 funding for this program is \$50.3 million.

Reaching At Risk Youth in Public Housing II, Office of Justice Programs. This project, administered by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, is designed to reduce juvenile crime and drug activity in public housing. The project focuses on youth age 7 to 18 and has three components: the Smart Moves program; Targeted Outreach; and the core program. The Smart Moves program encourages youth to avoid crime and drugs by teaching them to resist peer pressure. Targeted Outreach offers techniques and strategies to point young people in positive directions through the Boys and Girls core program. The core program provides cultural enrichment, health and physical education, social recreation, citizenship and leadership development, personal and educational development, and outdoor and environmental education. FY 1993 funding for this program is just under \$1 million.

Strategic Intervention for High-Risk Youth, Office of Justice Programs. This demonstration project implements a comprehensive, experimental program that brings together educational, social service, and criminal justice activities for high-risk youth in impoverished neighborhoods. The program will develop and implement strategies to create drug-free zones in the vicinity of schools, recreation facilities, churches, and other community establishments frequented by youths. The strategies will mobilize residents to work with the criminal justice system to identify and remove drug dealers and criminal offenders from their neighborhoods. They will also involve criminal and juvenile justice agencies in providing prevention and intervention services. FY 1993 funding for the program is just under \$1 million.

Volunteer Activities Which Support Agency Mission - Highlights:

National Office of Citizen Participation, Bureau of Prisons. The National Office of Citizen Participation (NOCP) coordinates all volunteer activities for the Bureau of Prisons (BOP). The NOCP has three major goals: developing partnerships with public and community service organizations; expanding volunteerism within BOP facilities, offices, and contract Community Corrections Centers ("halfway houses"); and encouraging voluntary

service among staff. The formalization of BOP volunteer programs has led to an estimated 57 percent increase in citizen participation, now involving more than 7,000 individuals. BOP annually recognizes each of these individuals at local volunteer awards ceremony.

Court Appointed Special Advocates, Office of Justice Programs. The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program provides trained volunteers to serve as advocates for exploited, abused, or neglected children whose home placement is being decided by the courts. The goal of the program is ensure that a child's rights to a safe and permanent home are acted upon by the courts in a sensitive and expedient manner. The CASA volunteer works one-on-one with the child, taking time to determine the best possible home situation for the child. The volunteer also monitors compliance with all court orders and brings to the attention of the court changes in circumstances affecting the child that might require modifications of the court order. There are approximately 30,000 CASA volunteers nationwide. FY 1993 funding for the program is \$2 million.

Crime Victim Assistance, Office of Justice Programs. The Department of Justice awards grants to State and local governments to support community based programs that provide direct services to crime victims and their families, and to 44 State crime victim compensation programs that provide financial assistance to victims of violent crime. By statute, crime victim assistance programs that receive funding from the Department are required to utilize volunteers in providing services to crime victims. There are more than 2,500 crime victim assistance programs utilizing more than 32,000 volunteers nationwide. FY 1993 funding for the program is \$68.6 million.

Employee Voluntary Programs - Highlights:

Legal Advocates in Education. The Legal Advocates in Education (LAE) program recruits employee volunteers to serve as tutors and mentors for at-risk children in local public schools. Employees enrolled in the program work one-on-one with students and agree to meet with them at least once a week. In order to facilitate employee involvement, the Department of Justice will grant employees up to eight hours of administrative leave each month for program activities. More than 400 employees are involved in the program.

Care and Share. The Care and Share program coordinates the collection of canned goods for the needy during the holiday season each December. Last year, more than 3,200 pounds of food items were collected and donated to the Capitol Area Community Food Bank in Washington, D.C.

Total Amount Spent of Service Initiatives:

The Department of Justice estimates that it spent more than \$200 million in FY 1992 on community service related activities.

Ideas for Program Development:

The Department of Justice is considering ways to utilize or facilitate the use of national service volunteers to perform law enforcement-related functions currently performed by sworn officers. The following is a brief sample of the types of work that could be performed within the criminal justice system through the National Service Program:

- Victim/Witness Assistance - Provide counseling services to victims of crime and assist them with practical needs such as accompanying them to court or helping them replace lost or stolen property;
- Drug Abuse Prevention - Provide educational information and presentations to children and adults on the dangers and effects of alcohol and illegal drug use;
- Prevention of Vandalism - Work with students to inform them about the true cost of vandalism and challenge them to keep their school and community as good-looking as possible;
- Escort Service for Senior Citizens - Provide escorts for the elderly to assist them with errands. Also conduct phone surveys at arranged times to make sure that they are safe;
- Conflict Resolution and Mediation - Work with students, citizens, neighbors, and businesses to settle/resolve arguments and disputes in a nonviolent fashion;
- Youth Athletic Leagues and Clubs - Work with established leagues and clubs (e.g., Police Athletic League, Boys and Girls Clubs) to plan constructive programs and activities for youth;
- Neighborhood Watch - Establish Neighborhood Watch programs by organizing citizens and training them to report suspicious persons and activities to the police;
- Prevention and Early Intervention Efforts - Establish programs for youths and adults aimed at productive activities such as sports, cultural events, tutoring, counseling, and job training;

- Late Night Basketball - Serve as coaches and support personnel during odd hours programs such as late night basketball programs that provide activities for older teens and young adults;
- Records Automation - Improve the efficiency of law enforcement agencies by updating and automating criminal justice information records; and
- Offender Screening and Intake - Assist local law enforcement agencies with screening interviews, data collection, drug testing, and other activities for recently arrested individuals.

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Agency Sponsored Year-Round Programs

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Urban Work Camp Program (UWC) AGENCY: Bureau of Prisons (Part of the Community Corrections Center)	Begun in October 1992 Participants in the work camps are low-risk offenders who are selected to spend up to 18 months at a Community Corrections Center.	During their first 12 months in the UWC, offenders provide labor for a sponsoring Federal agency. During the last 6 months, they participate in standard pre-release programming.	Part of the CCC program budget Approximately \$2.9 million	10 UWCs with an inmate population of 205		N/A	N/A	Bureau of Prisons cooperates with the Departments of Defense, Interior, and Veterans Affairs
Works projects for federal agencies AGENCY: Bureau of Prisons (Part of the Community Corrections Center)	Inmates involved in these projects have appropriate custody classifications (i.e., they are nonviolent and pose no risk to public safety) and are approved for employment through the community service program.			528 inmates employed in 42 public works projects		N/A	N/A	Agreements have been signed with the General Services Administration and the Departments of Defense, Interior, Housing and Urban Development, and Veterans Affairs for long-term work projects.

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Drug Demand Reduction Program AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration	The mission of the Drug Demand Reduction Program (DDRP) is to provide leadership, coordination, and facilitation for the involvement of State and local law enforcement agencies in drug prevention and education programs. In each of the agency's field divisions, a designated DDRP Coordinator works with local officials and private organizations to help them establish effective drug-use prevention programs. The DDRP focuses efforts on six priority areas: minority and high-risk youth; community coalition-building; drugs in the workplace; demand reduction training for law enforcement; user accountability; and sports drug awareness.		Just under \$1 million			N/A	N/A	

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Voluntary Community Service Projects AGENCY: Bureau of Prisons	Community-based service projects developed and sponsored by local governments or nonprofit charitable organizations. These projects are designed to involve inmates in providing for the public good by supplementing community resources. Inmates voluntarily participate in Community Service Projects upon approval from the Warden. Community Service Projects are recommended by the Warden and are approved by the appropriate Regional Director.	Policy statement signed January, 1992	No bureau funds are expended			N/A	N/A	

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Summer Law Internship Program CONTACT: Linda Cinciotta (202) 514-8900	The program provides internships to second and third year law students. Interns serve in a variety of capacities throughout the country.		Approximately \$750,000	125	Approximately 21-27	\$421 per week (GS-7 level)	N/A	
Project Team	The five participating agencies work with local students to increase their knowledge of the skills needed to become successful in the workplace and to better understand how school relates to work. Students also spend time visiting the agencies.		\$10,000	50	12-14	N/A	N/A	Departments of Labor, Commerce, Education, and Transportation. D.C. Public Schools

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Voluntary Programs Which Enforce the Department's Mission

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Comprehensive Sanction Centers (CSCs) AGENCY: Bureau of Prisons	Encouraging formal use of volunteers in Community Corrections Center programs.		\$2 million	More than 30,000 CASA volunteers nationwide	Over 18 years old	N/A	N/A	

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Volunteer Today AGENCY: Bureau of Prisons	National newsletter that highlights the contributions of both citizen volunteers in BOP institutions and staff volunteers in the community					N/A	N/A	

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Care and Share	The Care and Share Program coordinates the collection of canned goods for the needy during the holiday season each December. In 1992, more than 3,200 pounds of food items were collected and donated to the Capitol Area Community Food Bank in Washington, D.C.			400	Over 18 years old	N/A	N/A	Capitol Area Community Food Bank