**Opportunity to Partner with National Experts on Application for**

**Federal Funding to Juvenile Facilities to Reduce the Use of Isolation**

**The funding opportunity:**

* OJJDP will fund up to 5 sites to reduce isolation in juvenile justice facilities, regardless of the age of youth who are held.[Access the Grant Application: OJJDP FY 2020 Reducing the Use of Isolation in Juvenile Facilities](https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/ojjdp-2020-18133).
* Up to $600,000 per site, with no matching requirement.
* The grant period is 36 months beginning October 1, 2020.
* Applications are due by April 27, 2020.
* Eligible entities include states and territories; cities, counties, towns, and units of local government; and federally recognized tribal governments.

**Requirements for each site:**

* Adopt a mission statement and philosophy that reflect rehabilitative goals;
* Develop policies and procedures for the use and monitoring of isolation;
* Identify data to manage, monitor, and be accountable for the use of isolation;
* Develop alternative behavior management options and responses; and
* Train and develop staff.

**Key role of technical assistance:**

* **OJJDP strongly encourages applicants to identify training and technical assistance (TTA) needs associated with their proposed projects and build required experts directly into their program narrative and their budget.**
* **Stop Solitary for Kids** is a partnership of national organizations with extensive experience in this area: the Center for Children’s Law and Policy (CCLP); Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University (CJJR); Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators (CJJA, formerly CJCA); and Justice Policy Institute (JPI). [Learn more about Stop Solitary for Kids](http://www.stopsolitaryforkids.org).
* **Stop Solitary for Kids is uniquely positioned to work with sites on this project.**

**Why partner with Stop Solitary for Kids?:**

* Strengthen your application with assistance from experienced national experts in drafting portions of the application, including the project design;
* Receive comprehensive technical assistance and training in critical domains, including:
* Conducting assessments to identify specific strategies to reduce isolation through data analysis, policy review, and staff feedback;
* Revising and implementing policies related to isolation, behavior management, programming, and use of force;
* Developing project design strategies consistent with best practices and current research;
* Refining and operationalizing behavior management systems to promote positive youth behavior, including individual behavior plan guidelines and robust systems of earned opportunities for positive behavior and responses for negative behavior;
* Collecting, monitoring, and analyzing data on the use of isolation, consistent with federal requirements;
* Planning and managing sustainable institutional culture change, including messaging to staff and structuring staff feedback through working groups and climate surveys;
* Creating training curricula for staff on de-escalation techniques, adolescent development, and how to work with youth with mental illness and complex trauma; and
* Benefit from the partner organizations’ collective expert networks, connections to jurisdictions across the U.S. that have addressed this issue, and extensive body of resources.

**Application requirements:**

* Statement of the problem; program abstract, narrative, and timeline; budget documentation; and additional forms and requirements. (Checklist of application materials in Appendix A)

**Compliance with federal immigration access and information conditions:**

* OJJDP will prioritize applicants that comply with certain conditions regarding cooperation, non-interference, and non-disclosure with federal law enforcement of immigration policies (see Appendices B, C, and D).

**Stop Solitary for Kids partner organizations:**

* The **Center for Children’s Law and Policy** (CCLP) is a public interest law and policy organization that reforms juvenile justice and other systems that affect troubled and at-risk children, and protection of the rights of children in those systems. In 2019, as part of Stop Solitary for Kids, CCLP published “[Not in Isolation: How to Reduce Room Confinement While Increasing Safety in Youth Justice Facilities](https://www.stopsolitaryforkids.org/not-in-isolation/),” containing detailed case studies from four jurisdictions that successfully reduced the use of isolation, including sample policies and data.
* The **Center for Juvenile Justice Reform** at Georgetown University (CJJR) partners with jurisdictions nationwide to help them translate knowledge on “what works” into practice and policy. CJJR provides on-and off-site training and networking opportunities to help state and local agencies and partners develop and implement system improvement efforts. This includes initiatives to improve outcomes for youth in facilities, such as the [Youth in Custody Practice Model](https://cjjr.georgetown.edu/our-work/yicpm/) and Youth in Custody Certificate Program.
* The **Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators** (CJJA; formerly Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators) is a national non-profit that works to improve local juvenile correctional systems, programs, and practices so that youth successfully return to the community and to provide national leadership and development for the individuals responsible for these systems. In 2015, CJJA co-published the “[Toolkit: Reducing the Use of Isolation](http://cjca.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/CJCA-Toolkit-Reducing-the-Use-of-Isolation-1.pdf),” including steps for reducing isolation in juvenile facilities. Through OJJDP, CJJA then provided TTA to states and localities to implement strategies to reduce isolation.
* The **Justice Policy Institute** (JPI) is a national nonprofit that changes the conversation around justice reform and advances policies that promote well-being and justice for all people and communities. JPI’s research and analyses identify effective programs and policies, which JPI disseminates to the media, policymakers, and advocates. JPI also provides training and technical assistance supports to people working for justice reform.

**If you are interested in partnering with the Stop Solitary for Kids partner organizations as technical assistance providers in this grant application, please contact:**

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