Federal Policy Update:
Strengthening Federal Juvenile Justice Funding
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President Obama’s fiscal year 2011 budget request includes major new investments in children, totaling more than $20 billion over last year’s levels.

- **$10 billion increase** over 10 years for child nutrition programs to support their reauthorization
- **$2.055 billion** for Homeless Assistance Grants
- **$1.6 billion increase** for the Child Care and Development Block Grant
- **$989 million increase** for Head Start and Early Head Start
- **$354.4 million increase** for School Turnaround Grants

- **TOTAL SPENDING IS UP 9.9% (8.3% IN REAL TERMS) OVER FY 2010**
Despite President Obama’s proposed spending freeze, the percentage of federal discretionary money spent on children’s programs would increase from 18.96% in fiscal year 2010 to 20.34% in fiscal year 2011.
The real value of federal support for education had declined between 2006 and 2010, but would jump dramatically under the proposed Administration budget.
**Other Categories**

- **Nutrition** is up $7.46 billion (*13.8% increase from 2010*)
- **Income Support** is up $5.05 billion (*8.4% increase from 2010*)
- **Housing** is up $1.12 billion (*6.3% increase from 2010*)
- **Youth Training** is up $100 million (*5.1% increase from 2010*)
- **Child Welfare** is up $70 million (*0.7% increase from 2010*)
- **Child Safety/Juvenile Justice** is down $120 million (*13.1% decrease from 2010*)
Funding for juvenile justice programs has been neglected over the past ten years.
Proposed Cuts to Juvenile Justice Programs

- **JJDPA Part B Formula Grants** are down $3 million (4% decrease from 2010)
- **JJDPA Title V Grants** are down $3 million (5% decrease from 2010)
- **JABG Grants** are down $15 million (27% decrease from 2010)
- **Youth Mentoring Grants** are down $55 million (55% decrease from 2010)
- **Safe Start** has been zeroed out (100% decrease from 2010)

Funding for 3 new programs
The share of GDP spending is estimated to drop from 2.4% to 1.9% of GDP by 2019 – a 20% reduction.
The Road Ahead

• **Increase Knowledge**
  – Share information, data

• **Build Will**
  – Demonstrate support
  – Improve communications
  – Reward champions

• **Take Action**
  – Develop agenda
  – Identify opportunities
  – Advocacy/Elections
No Do-Overs

When we are making decisions that affect children, we have only one chance to get it right – there are no “do-overs” for childhood.
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