

CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT FUNDING PROCESS

The Department of Justice Crime Victims Fund collects fines and fees charged to person convicted of Federal crimes. \$17 million of the Fund is provided each year to the Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (OCAN) for the Children's Justice Act (CJA).

OCAN calculates the approximate amount of the \$17 million each state may apply for. OCAN issues a yearly invitation to the States to apply for CJA funds using the criteria set forth in the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment

The agency designated by the Governor or Legislature to be the recipient of CJA grant funds completes and submits a grant application detailing the projects that would be developed or continued with the assistance of CJA funding.

OCAN reviews the applications and determines which ones will be funded. States are notified of the awards. When necessary, application budgets are negotiated and State project plans adjusted accordingly.

The agency receiving the CJA award expends the funds in compliance with the grant application. As mandated by OCAN, fiscal reports and grant status reports are submitted to OCAN on a regular basis. A final fiscal and written report is submitted at the completion of each project.