Reduction in Access to Pages about Programs and Policy Guidance on the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s Website

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Overview
This report analyzes changes in access to pages about programs and policy guidance on the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s (OJJDP) website between December 2016 and July 2018. Several links corresponding to webpages about OJJDP-specific programs and policy guidance have been removed from or added to the “OJJDP In Focus” and “Programs and Initiatives” pages, both found within the “Programs” subdomain of the website. Many of the pages that correspond to removed links have been completely removed, including a page with a policy guidance titled “Girls and the Juvenile Justice System.” The content of this webpage is no longer available elsewhere on the OJJDP site. These changes occurred in the midst of the Department of Justice (DOJ) rescinding several OJJDP guidance documents in December 2017 and again in July 2018. The “Girls and the Juvenile Justice System” policy guidance is not listed in either set of rescinded documents.

Background
Agency details: According to OJJDP’s “About” page, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act “established OJJDP to support local and state efforts to prevent delinquency and improve the juvenile justice system.” As a component within the U.S. Department of Justice, OJJDP “sponsors research, program, and training initiatives; develops priorities and goals and sets policies to guide federal juvenile justice issues; disseminates information about juvenile justice issues; and awards funds to states to support local programming.”
Communications about changes: The office has not proactively communicated about or explained the changes described within this report.
Known archives: No known archives identified for the OJJDP domain. Public Web archives for a few OJJDP.gov webpages have been collected by the Federal Depository Library Program Web Archive and can be found by going to https://archive-it.org/home/FDLPwebarchive?q=ojjdp&page=1&show=Collections and navigating to “More Results from www.ojjdp.gov” in the entry titled “Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).” There is no single OJJDP archive collection — the snapshots of OJJDP.gov webpages are included in other collections. None of these collections nor any other archive spanning OJJDP.gov are referenced on the OJJDP website. There are no archives for webpages detailed in this report.

Description of Most Notable Changes
1. Links to OJJDP program webpages were removed from or added to the “OJJDP In Focus” page between January 24, 2017 and July 16, 2018 (Webpage 1; Screenshot 1; Table 1), and the “Programs and Initiatives” page between December 23, 2016 and July
In some cases, these changes correspond to the removal or alteration of pages and a reduction in access to resources on other parts of the OJJDP website.

a. Some removed links on the “OJJDP In Focus” and “Programs and Initiatives” webpages correspond to removed pages and lead to “404 - File or directory not found” error messages.
   i. For example, the “Girls and the Juvenile Justice System” page (Webpage 3), which corresponded to a link removed from the “OJJDP In Focus” page (Webpage 1), was removed between June 27, 2017 and May 2, 2018. The page contained policy guidance pertaining to girls and young women and their relationship with the juvenile justice system, including information on OJJDP’s policy statement, commitments, and a call to action to reduce juvenile female arrests.
   ii. Additional removals include a page titled “Eliminating Solitary Confinement for Youth,” and a page titled “Engaging Families and Youth in the Juvenile Justice System Policy Guidance.” Both removed pages corresponded to links removed from the “OJJDP In Focus” page (Webpage 1).
   iii. Content that existed on or was related to the information on some of the removed pages is still available elsewhere on the OJJDP website.

b. Some removed links on the “OJJDP In Focus” and “Programs and Initiatives” webpages correspond to removed pages and redirect to a general “Program Search” page, which does not feature any content related to the removed pages.
   i. For example, the “Juvenile Drug Courts/Reclaiming Futures Program” page, which corresponded to a link removed from the “Programs and Initiatives” page (Webpage 2), was removed between June 28, 2017 and August 20, 2018 and now redirects to the general “Program Search” page.

c. A link that corresponded to the “Faith-Based & Community Initiatives” page, which was removed from both the “OJJDP In Focus” and “Programs and Initiatives” pages, redirects to a page external to the OJJDP website on the website for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP). The OJP page, titled “Center for Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships,” has content partially related to the content that was available on the OJJDP “Faith-Based & Community Initiatives” page.

d. Some removed links on the “OJJDP In Focus” and “Programs and Initiatives” pages correspond to live pages.
   i. For example, links listed under the “Program Summaries from the Office of Justice Programs” section on the “Programs and Initiatives” page (Webpage 2) still lead to live pages, including the “Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program” link. These pages are external to the OJJDP website, hosted on the the website for the Office of Justice Programs.
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Detailed Description of Changes in Access

Note: Throughout the entire report, links to the Internet Archive’s Wayback Machine’s (IAWM) versions of corresponding pages are provided for reference. IAWM displays time in GMT.

Webpage 1: OJJDP In Focus
- URL: https://www.ojjdp.gov/programs/infocus.html
- Changes occurred between January 24, 2017 and July 16, 2018.
- No known archives identified.
- Note: This analysis focuses on the top banner and the content in the main body of the webpage. The sidebar was excluded from the analysis.

Webpage 1 Details:
1. The following content was changed on the “OJJDP In Focus” page between January 24, 2017 and June 27, 2017 (Screenshot 1.1):
   a. Removed the following link, including the text and link URL (Note: See Table 1 for the link URLs that correspond to the links listed below):
      i. “Faith-Based & Community Initiatives”
   b. Added the following links, including the text and link URL (Note: See Table 1 for the link URLs that correspond to the links listed below):
      i. “Engaging Families and Youth in the Juvenile Justice System Policy Guidance”
      ii. “Enhancing Law Enforcement Efforts and Engagement with Youth”
2. The following content was changed between June 27, 2017 and July 16, 2018 (Screenshot 1.2):
   a. Removed the following links, including the text and link URL (Note: See Table 1 for the link URLs that correspond to the links listed below):
      i. “Eliminating Solitary Confinement for Youth”
      ii. “Engaging Families and Youth in the Juvenile Justice System Policy Guidance”
         1. This was the same link that was previously added between January 24, 2017 and June 27, 2017.
      iii. “Girls and the Juvenile Justice System Policy Guidance”
      iv. “Girls at Risk”
      v. “Meeting the Educational Needs of System-Involved Youth”
      vi. “Youth Violence Prevention Initiatives”
Table 1: Links added to or removed from the “OJJDP In Focus” page and corresponding status of linked pages. The following table contains details about the links that were added to or removed from the main body of the “OJJDP In Focus” page during a date range between January 24, 2017 and July 16, 2018. In addition, the associated status of the page corresponding to each link URL is indicated.

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This URL redirects to a page on the website for the Office of Justice Programs titled, "Center for Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships." The link was also removed from Webpage 2.

The "Tribal Youth Programs and Services" Program Summary page was linked from the "Faith Based & Community Initiatives" page, which also contained descriptive text about the Tribal Youth Program. The Program Summary page, which contains a summary of the Tribal Programs and Services as well as funding and contact information for the program, is still live and linked from the "Programs and Initiatives" page (Webpage 2).

Descriptions of and links to the publications listed under page's “Bulletins and Reports” section, as well as the “Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators Toolkit,” are still available on OJJDP’s "Publications" page.

This link was added to the “OJJDP In Focus” page between 1/24/17 and 6/27/17 before it was removed during the date range indicated.

The "Family Engagement in Juvenile Justice" PDF has information about family engagement in the juvenile justice system, but it is a "literature review" and not a "policy guidance."

The “Girls at Risk” page listed descriptions of publications under the sections titled “Girls Study Group Series” and “Related Publications” and linked to their abstracts. These abstracts are still available on OJJDP’s “Publications" page, which also links to PDFs of the complete publications on ncjrs.gov. Some links on the “Girls at Risk” page that led to other OJJDP.gov pages also still lead to live pages.

The content of the policy guidance cannot be found elsewhere, but the E-News section of OJJDP still has press releases and a webinar about the policy guidance. The "OJJDP Releases Policy Guidance on Girls and the Juvenile Justice System at White House Convening" page contains a press release about the guidance and previously linked to the removed "Girls and the Juvenile Justice System" page, but the link has been removed. The "Webinar To Discuss OJJDP's Policy Guidance on Girls and the Juvenile Justice System" page still has an "OJJDP policy guidance" link with the link URL for the removed "Girls and the Juvenile Justice System" page.

Much of the content on the removed “Meeting the Educational Needs of System-Involved Youth” page is still available on the OJJDP website. For instance, the “Correctional Education Guidance Package” PDF, which was linked from the removed page is available at the URL https://www.ojjdp.gov/programs/letter120814.pdf.

Much of the content on the removed “Youth Violence Prevention Initiatives” page is still available on the OJJDP website. For instance, the “National Youth Violence Prevention Update: 2010-2016” page is still available at the URL https://www.ojjdp.gov/pubs/250083.pdf.
**Screenshot 1.1:** A side-by-side comparison of the January 24, 2017 version and the June 27, 2017 version of the “OJJDP In Focus” page, as captured by Internet Archive’s Wayback Machine. Red highlights indicate removed links and green highlights indicate added links.

**Screenshot 1.2:** A side-by-side comparison of the June 27, 2017 version and the July 16, 2018 versions of the “OJJDP In Focus” page, as captured by Internet Archive’s Wayback Machine. Red highlights indicate removed links.
Webpage 2: Programs and Initiatives

- URL: https://www.ojjdp.gov/programs/programsandinitiatives.html
- Changes occurred between December 23, 2016 and July 20, 2018.
- No known archives identified.
- Note: This analysis focuses on the top banner and the content in the main body of the webpage. The sidebar was excluded from the analysis.

Webpage 2 Details:

1. The following content was changed on the “Programs and Initiatives” page between December 23, 2016 and April 26, 2017 (Screenshot 2.1):
   a. Under “Program Summaries” section (Note: See Table 2.1 for the link URLs that correspond to links listed below):
      i. Removed the following links, including the text and link URL:
         1. “Crimes Against Children Research Center”
         2. “Faith-Based & Community Initiatives”

2. The following content was changed between June 27, 2017 and July 20, 2018 (Screenshot 2.2):
   a. Under “Program Summaries” section (Note: See Table 2.1 for the link URLs that correspond to links listed below):
      i. Removed the following links, including the text and link URL:
         1. “Bridging Research and Practice Project to Advance Juvenile Justice and Safety”
         2. “Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program”
         3. “Juvenile Drug Courts/Reclaiming Futures Program”
         4. “Practitioner-Researcher Partnership Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parents Demonstration Program”
         5. “Program of Research on the Causes and Correlates of Delinquency”
      ii. Added the following link, including the text and link URL:
          1. “Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines”
   b. Under “Program Summaries from the Office of Justice Programs” section (Note: See Table 2.2 for the link URLs that correspond to links listed below):
      i. Changed descriptive text about the section:
         From: “Brief Program Summaries are available from the Office of Justice Programs. Each summary includes a short description, authorizing legislation, how funds are distributed, goals, accomplishments, and award history for the past five fiscal years. The following OJJDP programs are included:”
         To: “Brief summaries of programs are available from the Office of Justice Programs.” Each summary includes a short description, authorizing legislation, how funds are distributed, goals, accomplishments, and award history for the past five fiscal years.
1. **Removed** link “Program Summaries” with link URL http://ojp.gov/about/programs.htm from the above text.
   
a. This URL briefly leads to a “Page not found” error message before redirecting to the Office of Justice Program’s homepage.

ii. **Removed** the following links, including the text and link URL *(Note: These links all lead to pages hosted on the OJP.gov domain, the website for the Office of Justice Programs)*:
   1. “Child Abuse Training for Judicial and Court Personnel”
   2. “Children Exposed to Violence (CEV)/Defending Childhood Program”
   3. “Children of Incarcerated Parents Demonstration Grants”
   4. “Community-Based Violence Prevention Grants Program”
   5. “Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program”
   6. “Delinquency Prevention (Formerly Title V) Program”
   7. “Girls in Juvenile Justice Program”
   9. “Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Program”
   10. “Missing and Exploited Children Program”
   11. “National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention Program”
   12. “Part B Formula Grants Program”
   14. “Youth Mentoring Program”

iii. **Added** the following link, including the text and link URL *(Note: This link leads to a page hosted on the OJP.gov domain, the website for the Office of Justice Programs)*:
   1. “FY 2018 Program Summaries”
Table 2.1: Links added to or removed from the “Program Summaries” section on the “Program and Initiatives” page and corresponding page status of linked pages. The following table contains details about the links that were added to or removed from OJJDP’s “Program and Initiatives” page during a date range between December 23, 2016 and July 20, 2018. In addition, the associated status of the page corresponding to each link URL is indicated.

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Table 2.2: Links removed from the “Program Summaries from the Office of Justice Programs” section on the “Program and Initiatives” page and corresponding page status of linked pages. The following table contains details about the links that were removed from OJJDP’s “Program and Initiatives” page. Each link was removed between December 23, 2016 and July 20, 2018. In addition, the associated status of the page corresponding to each link URL is indicated. All but one page is still live - information about whether or not content from the removed page is still available elsewhere can be found in a footnote. (Note: The links listed below correspond to pages on the Office of Justice Programs website, not to OJJDP.gov pages).

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1. The page contained information related to program summaries for fiscal year 2017, some of which is still available on the OJJDP website.
2. A snapshot capturing this redirect cannot be saved in the Internet Archive’s Wayback Machine.
**Screenshot 2.1:** A side-by-side comparison of the December 23, 2016 version and the April 27, 2017 version of the “Programs and Initiatives” page, as captured by Internet Archive’s Wayback Machine. Red highlights indicate removed links.

**Screenshot 2.2:** A side-by-side comparison of the June 27, 2017 version and the July 20, 2018 version of the “Programs and Initiatives” page, as captured by Internet Archive’s Wayback Machine. Red highlights indicate removed links and green highlights indicate added links.
Webpage 3: Girls and the Juvenile Justice System

- URL: https://www.ojjdp.gov/policyguidance/girls-juvenile-justice-system/
- Page removed between June 27, 2017 and May 2, 2018.
- No known archives identified.

Webpage 3 Details:
1. The “Girls and the Juvenile Justice System” page was removed between June 27, 2017 and May 2, 2018.
2. The page’s URL https://www.ojjdp.gov/policyguidance/girls-juvenile-justice-system/ currently leads to a “404 - File or directory not found” error message.
3. A link corresponding to this page was previously listed on the “OJJDP In Focus” page (Table 1, Webpage 1).
4. The page contained policy guidance pertaining to girls and young women and their relationship with the juvenile justice system, including information on OJJDP’s policy statement, commitments, and a call to action to reduce juvenile female arrests. It included the following sections (Note: Each section could be expanded to reveal descriptive or informational text, but only portions of text for select sections have been included below. Much of the content can be viewed in the referenced screenshots. See the last snapshot of the page captured by the Internet Archive’s Wayback Machine to view the entirety of content that was on the removed page):
   a. Introduction (Screenshot 3.1)
   b. OJJDP Policy Statement (Screenshot 3.1):
      i. The “OJJDP Policy Statement” section contained the following text: “Many girls experience violence, trauma, poverty, and racial, ethnic and gender bias that can lead to their involvement in the juvenile justice system. We believe that the needs of girls must be addressed in a developmentally appropriate manner. This means recognizing a young woman’s diverse pathways into and across systems and reducing her involvement so only those who pose a serious threat to public safety enter the juvenile justice system. Then, for those very few girls and young women, it means reducing reliance on secure placement and increasing gender and culturally responsive, trauma-informed, and developmentally appropriate approaches. We recognize that for girls and young women, this requires a national commitment to creating healthy social environments with family, peers, community, social institutions, and society.”
   c. Statement of the Problem (Screenshot 3.2):
      i. The “Statement of the Problem” section had the following text: “Girls and young women have represented a growing proportion of juvenile arrests, court delinquency petitions, detentions, and post-adjudication placements since 1992, when the Juvenile Justice and
Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) first instructed states to provide "gender-specific" treatment and prevention services.

ii. The section had the following subsections that could be expanded:
   1. Intersectional Disparities
   2. Gender Gap
   3. Trauma
   4. Family Violence
   5. Sexual Exploitation
   6. Pregnant and Parenting Girls and Young Women
   7. Health Risks and Needs
   8. School Failure

c. Our Commitment (Screenshot 3.2):
   i. The "Our Commitment" section had the following text:
      “To promote our commitment to girls and young women, consistent with available funding, OJJDP will provide technical assistance, grants, research, and data collection support to states, tribes, and local communities as follows:”
   ii. The section had the following subsections that could be expanded:
      1. Technical Assistance
      2. Grants
      3. Research and Data Collection

e. Call to Action (Screenshot 3.3)

f. Citations (Note: Not included in any screenshot)
Screenshot 3.1: A portion of the June 27, 2017 version of the “Girls and Juvenile Justice System” page showing the “Introduction” and “OJJDP Policy Statement” sections, captured by the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine. The sections have been expanded so that the text they contained is visible.

OJJDP believes that the needs of girls must be addressed in a developmentally appropriate manner.

Introduction

Today, nearly 30 percent of juveniles arrested are girls or young women and their share of arrests, detention, and court cases has steadily increased over the past two decades. Unfortunately their stories remain unchanged. Often girls of color and girls living in poverty, they are victims of violence, including physical and sexual abuse. They are typically nonviolent and pose little or no risk to public safety. And their involvement with the juvenile justice system usually does more harm than good.

When girls are limited in their access to education and treatment, or when their numbers increase in the juvenile justice system relative to boys, particularly for inattentive behavior, status offenses, and technical violations of probation, we are often not supporting them or providing them with the tools they need to become successful adults. We’re not offering them opportunities to learn how to become healthy, safe, and productive.

Find out more about the issues concerning girls and the juvenile justice system and what your state, tribe, or local community, in cooperation with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), can do to improve our responses to girls and young women in—or at risk of entering—the system.

OJJDP Policy Statement

Many girls experience violence, trauma, poverty, and racial, ethnic and gender bias that can lead to their involvement in the juvenile justice system. We believe that the needs of girls must be addressed in a developmentally appropriate manner. This means recognizing a young woman’s diverse pathways into and across systems and reducing her involvement so only those who pose a serious threat to public safety enter the juvenile justice system. Thus, for those very few girls and young women, it means reducing reliance on secure placement and increasing gender and culturally responsive, trauma-informed, and developmentally appropriate approaches. We recognize that for girls and young women, this requires a national commitment to creating healthy social environments with family, peers, community, social institutions, and society.2
**Screenshot 3.2:** A portion of the [June 27, 2017](https://web.archive.org/web/20170627000000/http://www.ojp.gov/policy/guidance/girls-and-juvenile-justice-system) version of the “Girls and Juvenile Justice System” page showing the “Statement of the Problem” and “Our Commitment” sections, captured by the Internet Archive’s Wayback Machine. The “Statement of the Problem” and “Our Commitment” sections have been expanded so that the subsections they contained are visible. The subsections under these sections, such as “Intersectional Disparities,” are not expanded in the screenshot, but did expand to reveal further content.

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**Statement of the Problem**

Girls and young women have represented a growing proportion of juvenile arrests, court delinquency petitions, detentions, and post-adjudication placements since 1992, when the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) first instructed states to provide “gender-specific” treatment and prevention services.  

- Intersectional Disparities
- Gender Gap
- Trauma
- Family Violence
- Sexual Exploitation
- Pregnant and Parenting Girls and Young Women
- Health Risks and Needs
- School Failure

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**Our Commitment**

To promote our commitment to girls and young women, consistent with available funding, OJJDP will provide technical assistance, grants, research, and data collection support to states, tribes, and local communities as follows:

- Technical Assistance
- Grants
- Research and Data Collection
Screenshot 3.3: A portion of the June 27, 2017 version of the “Girls and the Juvenile Justice System” page showing the “Call to Action” section, captured by the Internet Archive’s Wayback Machine. The section has been expanded so that the text it contained is visible.

Call to Action

Improving system and programmatic responses to girls and young women is an urgent need and requires engaging a broad array of stakeholders. These include state juvenile justice specialists, SAOs, girls’ alliances and coalitions, advocates, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, juvenile defenders, judges, probation officers, victim service providers, researchers, and, most importantly, girls, young women, and their families.

Additionally, improving responses to girls and young women throughout the juvenile justice system requires ongoing vigilance and assessment, using data that is analyzed by gender, race, and ethnicity.

OJJDP has identified eight focus areas for states, tribes, and local communities:

1. The practice of placing girls and young women who are status offenders or domestic minor sex trafficking victims in the juvenile justice system should be prohibited.
2. Juvenile justice systems must reduce or eliminate the arrest and detention of girls and young women for status offenses, technical violations of probation, simple assault, family-based offenses, running away, and prostitution-related charges. The use of valid court orders should be phased out.
3. State and national juvenile justice advocates, state and national law enforcement agencies, and state and national domestic violence coalitions should collaborate to amend mandatory arrest policies for domestic violence, increasing discretion, and ensuring those policies focus on intimate partner violence and adults, not on youth and intrafamily conflict.
4. States should fully implement the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and its regulations, including the youthful inmate standard.
5. Alternatives to detention and incarceration for girls are in short supply and must be developed. Girls with complex needs who pose little or no risk to public safety should not be detained or incarcerated. A developmental and trauma-informed approach requires a range of community-based services to promote girls and young women’s capacities while they remain with their families and communities.
6. A developmental approach for girls and young women requires opportunities that are created through healthy social environments across family, peers, community, social institutions, and society. Gender- and culturally responsive, trauma-informed, and developmentally appropriate services must become the norm and not the exception. This will require coordinated responses that address housing, education, health, family, relationships, and safety.
7. Juvenile justice stakeholders should identify and address the needs of girls who have—or have had—contact with both the child welfare and the juvenile justice systems.
8. All programs and services must be competent to serve girls and young women in—or at risk of entering—the juvenile justice system, including:
   • Girls who are the children of incarcerated parents;
   • Young mothers;
   • Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and intersex youth;
   • Survivors of domestic child sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation; and
   • Girls who have experienced significant levels of school suspension, expulsion, or academic failure.