

## **DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES (DJS)**

### **16.735 PREA PROGRAM: Demonstration Projects to Establish “Zero Tolerance” Cultures for Sexual Assault in Correctional Facilities**

**Program Description:** To make grants to States and to assist those States in ensuring that budgetary circumstances (such as reduced State and local spending on prisons) do not compromise efforts to protect male and female inmates in adult and juvenile correctional facilities from prison rape as well as safeguarding the communities to which inmates return.

**Program Description:** The overall goal for this grant proposal is to provide a safe environment for youth in regards to sexual victimization. The planned grant activities for DJS will be incorporated at all facilities including Backbone Mountain Youth Center (facility specifically mentioned as having higher than average victimization rates). The planned grant activities for DPSCS will address some of the population housed at BCDC (facility mentioned as having a higher than average victimization rate). The second priority consideration the application addresses is proposing to rigorously examine efforts to eliminate sexual abuse in confinement areas and to share results with the field. Both DJS and DPSCS have an identified and proven research partner they plan to contract with for this examination in Moss. The third priority consideration addressed by this proposal is targeting specific standards with complex implementation requirements. DPSCS’ grant activities will address the sight and sound separation of youth and the complex issues (mental health, programs, etc...) involved specifically with sexual victimization policies and procedures for this population.

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Juvenile justice-involved youth housed in juvenile or adult confinement vulnerable to sexual violence in some form.

### **94.011 FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM**

**Program Description:** The program provides loving and experienced tutors and mentors to children and youth with special needs. Aged 60 and over, the Foster Grandparents typically work one-on-one in schools, hospitals, drug treatment centers, correctional institutions, and child care centers to provide assistance with reading, tutoring and guidance. The Foster Grandparents have the opportunity to participate in seminars, workshops, and in-service trainings relative to their work. Among other activities, they go over school work, reinforce values, teach parenting skills to young mothers, and care for premature infants and children with disabilities. They often maintain an ongoing, intensive relationship with the youth clients for a year or longer.

**Program Supported / Population Served:** The Foster Grandparents working with DJS assist children and youth with special and exceptional needs in a variety of settings across the state including, elementary and middle schools, DJS detention and treatment facilities as well as field offices, and boys and girls clubs. / The population served is youth ages 7- 18 that meet the

enrollment and/or admission criteria for the facility where the foster grandparent is assigned to work.

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