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of Structured Sensory Intervention for Traumatized Children, Adolescents and Parents and is based on structured sensory therapy, integrating sensory-based activities and cognitive-reframing strategies.

- In Colorado, Byrne JAG funds also support the statewide implementation of the MAYSI-2 needs assessment instrument, to identify juvenile mental health and substance use needs. Funds support standardized implementation of the behavioral health screening tool at juvenile justice sites. To date, the project has captured the level of behavioral health needs among youth at pilot sites, developed tools and training to ensure consistent and correct MAYSI-2 administration, and produced strategies and products to address barriers to the statewide implementation.
- In the District of Columbia, Byrne JAG funds support therapeutic family-based interventions through the Parent and Adolescent Support Services (PASS) program in the Family Services Administration of the DC Department of Human Services. PASS provides at-risk youth ages 10-17 with intensive case management, links to external social service providers and therapeutic interventions like Functional Family Therapy.
- In Florida, Byrne JAG funds supported the Hendry County Truancy Court for at-risk youth. The court uses a multi-disciplinary team of school, treatment and community personnel to develop individually tailored approaches to address and reduce excessive unexcused absences. The truancy court is an intermediate intervention used prior to referring students and their parents for further court involvement.
- In Georgia, Byrne JAG funds were blended with RSAT funding to support treatment services in the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Funding supports enhanced treatment capacity at the Eastman Youth Development Center (YDC) and Americus Sumter YDC. DJJ's Eastman and Americus Sumter RSAT programs use the evidence-based Seven Challenges Curriculum for males ages 13-21. The curriculum focuses on trust and relationship building as primary motivators for change. Cognitive and emotional aspects of decision making are used to help adolescents think through their decisions about alcohol and drugs. Recidivism rates for youth enrolled in the agency's substance abuse services are 10 percent lower than for DJJ's general population (26 percent vs 36.5 percent).
- In Idaho, Byrne JAG funds support the Twin Falls Juvenile Probation's Restoratives Alternative Program. The program works with youth at-risk of being committed to the state juvenile justice agency. The intervention helps youth to successfully complete the conditions of their probation. The program uses a restorative justice model to help them understand how their past and future actions impact others. The initiative offers afterschool activities, volunteer opportunities, tutoring and mentoring services.
- In Illinois, Byrne JAG funds support treatment-based after care for justice involved youth in Chicago through the state's Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Funds support 35 aftercare staff positions that are responsible for creating individually tailored community-based treatment plans. The program allows for a 1:24 caseload ratio between aftercare staff and youth, and established special treatment beds, transition centers and regular placement slots. Through this initiative, DJJ realized a



reduction in the overcrowding of its facilities, improved allocation of treatment resources, reduced facility costs and realized positive outcomes for youths.

- In Minnesota, Byrne JAG funds support behavioral health assessment and referral services for juveniles in Hennepin County and the Ninth Judicial District. Funds went to Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, Volunteers of America of Minnesota and Evergreen Youth and Family Services Inc. to help support their efforts to work with at-risk and system involved youth and their families.
- In Michigan, Byrne JAG funds the Straits Area Youth Promotion Academy (SAYPA) in Cheboygan County. SAYPA is a community alternative to out-of-home placement for adjudicated delinquents ages 13-18 years old. The program combines education, nutrition, and treatment services designed to address underlying criminogenic risks and needs.
- In Ohio, Byrne JAG funds support treatment services for youth involved in juvenile diversion and community reintegration court programs in Cincinnati. Funds went to Lighthouse Youth Services to provide prevention, education and treatment services for court-involved youth.
- In Pennsylvania, Byrne JAG funds were used to support equipment purchases necessary to implement the Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (YLS/CMI) in the Carbon County Juvenile Probation Office. The implementation of the YLS/CMI will assist the Juvenile Probation Office with properly identifying the needs of justice involved youth.
- In Rhode Island, Byrne JAG funds are used to support the Rhode Island Family Court Juvenile Mental Health Clinic. This clinic provides assessments and consultations that allow the court to refer juveniles to appropriate evidence-based mental health services to decrease recidivism.
- Finally, SAAs in Indiana, Mississippi, Ohio and Oregon used Byrne JAG funds to support juvenile drug court dockets. While also an alternative to incarceration these dockets help provide screening and treatment services for youth whose interactions with the justice system are driven by substance use disorders.

2013-2014 Byrne JAG Spending Study

Financial estimates and program examples were gathered as part of the 2013-2014 Byrne JAG Spending Study conducted by the NCJA Center for Justice Planning. Financial data was submitted by and qualitative interviews were conducted with all 50 states and the District of Columbia.