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The Honorable Jeff Sessions Chairman, Subcommittee on Youth Violence Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate

Subject: At-Risk and Delinquent Youth: Fiscal Year 1996 Programs

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Poverty, unemployment, teen pregnancy, child abuse, violence, and substance abuse are common among the nation's youths. Many young people are considered at-risk, and many have also had contact with the juvenile justice system.¹ Over the years, the Congress has passed legislation creating numerous federal programs to address the needs of at-risk and delinquent youths. In 1996, we reported that 16 different departments and agencies administered 131 programs that could be used to benefit at-risk or delinquent youths. We also reported that appropriations estimated as used for youth programs in fiscal year 1995 exceeded \$4 billion.²

This correspondence responds to your request that we provide updated information on (1) the number of programs that served at-risk or delinquent youths in fiscal year 1996, (2) the amount of fiscal year 1996 appropriations dedicated toward these youths, and (3) the services these programs provide.

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¹The term "at-risk" can have different meanings in different contexts. We are using the term in a broad sense to refer to youths who, because of certain characteristics or experiences, are in the future statistically more likely than other youths to encounter certain problems—legal, social, financial, educational, emotional, and health.

²See <u>At-Risk and Delinquent Youth: Multiple Federal Programs Raise Efficiency</u> <u>Questions</u> (GAO/HEHS-96-34), Mar. 6, 1996.

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The table enclosed presents information from agency officials on their programs that serve at-risk or delinquent youths. We identified 15 federal departments and agencies that administered 127 at-risk youth programs in fiscal year 1996.³ One hundred ten (110) of these programs received funding in 1996 amounting to in excess of \$4 billion. We could not, however, determine the precise amounts of funds going to youths in 30 of the 110 funded programs.

Of the funded programs, we identified 97 as providing funding for multiple services, ranging from counseling to job training assistance to research and evaluation efforts. Among the 110 funded programs, 66 provided either substance abuse prevention or violence prevention services or both to youths they served.

If you have any questions about this information, please call Eleanor L. Johnson, Assistant Director, at (202) 512-7209.

Sincerely yours,

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³This total includes six programs that existed in fiscal year 1995 but were not included in our previous report. It also includes two programs—Youth Apprenticeship and Youth Development Initiative administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development—that received multi-year appropriations for at-risk or delinquent youths in fiscal year 1994. This single appropriation provided funding for fiscal years 1995, 1996, and beyond.

FEDERAL PROGRAM FUNDING FOR AT-RISK OR DELINQUENT YOUTHS, FISCAL YEARS 1995 AND 1996

The table below provides information on the programs and services provided by the federal departments and agencies. The abbreviations for the types of services are: counseling (C), clearinghouse (CH), capital improvement (CI), job training assistance (JTA), mentoring (M), parental and family intervention (PFI), planning and program development (PPD), research and evaluation (RE), substance abuse prevention (SAP), substance abuse treatment (SAT), support service (SS), self-sufficiency skills (SSS), tutoring (T), training and technical assistance (TTA), and violence prevention (VP). (Violence prevention includes conflict resolution, crime and violence intervention, focused activity, and gang intervention.) (See enclosure II for definitions of program services.)

Agency and program	FY 1995 (\$millions)	FY 1996 (\$millions)					T	ype of	f servic	e fun	ded in	FY 19	996				
	<u></u>	<u></u>	с	сн	ci	јта	м	PFI	PPD	RE	SAP	SAT	88	885	т	тта	VP
Appalachian Regional Commission	on (1 program)						•								,	<u></u>	: :
Area Development Program	0.7	0.3	x			x	x	x	x					X	x	x	x
Subtotal	0.7	0.3															
Corporation for National and Co	mmunity Servi	ce (6 progra	ms)														i
AmeriCorps	'N/Aª	N/A	x			x	x	x			x			X	x		x
Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)	67.6	N/A					X	X						X	x		
Learn and Serve America–Higher Education	N/Aª	N/A	x			X	x				x			x	x	x	x

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Agency and program	FY 1995 (\$millions)	FY 1996 (\$millions)					Tyı	Type of service funded in FY 1996	ervice	funde	l ni be	FY 19	96			Í	
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Learn and Serve America–School and Community Based Programs	N/A ^a	N/A	X								×			×	x		×
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)	36.7	N/N	х			×	×	x			×		×	×	×	x	×
Volunteers in Service to America (Americorps*VISTA)	13.7	11.4	х			×	×	×			×			×	×	x	x
Subtotal	117.0	11.4					\neg			-1							
Department of Agriculture (7 programs)	ograms)						ł	ļ			F	ŀ	ľ		ł	f	
4-H and Youth Development	63.0	63.0		 			×	×	×	×				×		×	Ī
Children, Youth, and Families at Risk Initiative–Cooperative Extension System	10.0	0.6		Х		×	×	×	x	×	×			×	×	×	X
Commencement 2000	0.1	0.1		X	×	×	×		×	×			-†		\neg	×	
Food Stamp Employment and Training Program	N/A	N/A				X								×	-		
Partnerships Against Violence Network (PAVNET)	N/A	N/A	х	х		x	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
Urban Tree House Research Program	0.1	٩								×							

Agency and program	FY 1995 (\$millions)	FY 1996 (\$millions)					1	ype of	servic	e fun	ded in	FY 19	996			<u></u>	
			C	СН	CI	JTA	м	PFi	PPD	RE	SAP	SAT	SS	SSS	Т	тта	VP
Youth Conservation Corps ^c	3.0	3.5															
Subtotal	76.2	75.6															
Department of Education (8 prog	(rams)			· •											L		
Community-Based Organizations	0.0	0.0 ^d															
Education for Homeless Children and Youth	28.8	25.0						X	X	X			X		x	х	
Family and Community Endeavor Schools Grant Program	0.0	0.0 ^d															
Safe and Drug Free Schools, Part A, Subpart 1, State Grants for Drug and Violence Prevention	441.0	441.0	x		x		X	x	x	X	х				x	х	х
Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities–National Programs	25.0	25.0	X								x					х	x
Talent Search	* 78.4	78.4	x				x								х		
Title 1 Program for Neglected and Delinquent Children	39.3	39.3	X			х								х	x		,
Upward Bound	172.0	172.0	x				x							X	x		
Subtotal	784.5	780.7															
Department of Health and Huma	n Services (59	programs)															

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Agency and program	FY 1995 (\$millions)	FY 1996 (\$millions)			, <u>19 - Tanan</u> an]	Гуре о	f servic	e fun	ded in	FY 1	996				
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Adolescent Care Demonstration and Evaluation Projects Initiative	ક્ષુહ	2.6	x				x				x		X				
Adolescent Family Life Demonstration Projects and Research Grants	6.7	15.1	x	X		x	x	x	X	x	x	x	x	х	x	x	x
Center for Substance Abuse Prevention–Public Education/Dissemination	2.3	4.3		Х												x	
Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants	22.9	21.0						X		x						х	
Child Abuse Discretionary Program	15.4	15.4						X		x						X	
Child Welfare Services	292.0	292.0						x					x				
Children's Justice Grant Program	0.0	0.0 ^r							X	Х							
Community Economic Development	N/A	N/A				x							_				
Community Health Centers	N/A	N/A	x		x		x	X					x		I		
Community Partnerships (formerly Community Prevention Coalitions Grant Program)	N/A	N/A									х						X
Community Schools Youth Services and Supervision Program	10.0	0.0															

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Agency and program	FY 1995 (\$millions)	FY 1996 (\$millions)					T	ype of	servic	e fun	ded in	FY 19	996		<u> </u>		
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Community Services Block Grants	N/A	N/A				X							x	x			
Comprehensive Community Treatment Program	0.6	0.3										x					
Cooperative Agreements for Addiction Treatment and Recovery Systems in Target Cities	1.8	1.8			1							x				х	
Demonstration Grant Program for Residential Treatment for Women and Their Children	2.0	17.2						x		x		x					X
Demonstration Partnership Program	0.0	0.0 ^d															
Demonstration Programs for High Risk Youth	65.2	35.7									x	x					
Emergency Community Services Homeless Grant Program	N/A	0.0 ^d															
Family and Community Violence Prevention Program	' 5.9	3.5				X ·	x	X			x				х		X
Family Preservation and Support Services	150.0	150.0	х				x	x	x		х		x	x	x		x
Family Support Center and Gateway Demonstration Programs	7.3	0.0 ^d															

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Agency and program	FY 1995 (\$millions)	FY 1996 (\$millions)					<u>ן</u>	Type of	f servic	e fun	ded in	FY 1	996			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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Family Violence Prevention and Services	N/A	N/A				x		x					x			x	x
Grants for Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents With Serious Emotional Disturbances	30.0	59.9		;				x						x			
Health Care for the Homeless Program	N/A	N/A									x	x	X	•			
Health Care Services Demonstration Models for Youth Infected with HIV Initiative		1.9 ^g											х				
Health Services for Residents of Public Housing	9.5	N/A						х	X		х		x			х	X
HIV Service Delivery Models Cooperative Agreement Initiative	а, е	0.8										x					
Homeless Demonstrations	.00	N/A										x			-		
Independent Living Program	70.0	70.0	x			X	x		x				X	X	x		x
Indian Child and Adolescent Mental Health Prevention and Treatment Services	18.0	18.0	x					X	х		x	х				x	х

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Indian Child Protection and Child Abuse Prevention Demonstration Projects	1.3	1.27	x					X	x		X	x	x			x	x
Indian Health Service-Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Program	66.1	32.0	x			x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Indian Health Service Research Grants	0.0	0.0															
Indian Youth Grant Program	0.5	0.0															
Injury Prevention and Control Research and State Grant Projects	22.2	N/A								x						х	
Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals (JOLI)	N/A	N/A	х			х	х	x					x	x		x	
Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Services Program	N/A	N/A		X					x	x			X			x	
Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Services Program–Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)	' 3.4	15.6		Х					х	X			x		ı	x	
Mental Health Block Grant ^h	N/A	N/A															
Migrant Health Centers	· N/A	N/A	x	х	x	x	x	x			x	x	x				

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National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)–Research Programs	20.3	21.1								x							
National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)-Research Programs	6.0	7.1								x							
National Institute of Mental Health- Research Programs	7.2	7.2								x							
National Youth Sports Program	12.0	12.0	x				x										x
Native American Programs	N/A	N/A		X		x			x							x	X
Pregnant and Postpartum Women and Infants Demonstration Projects	7.2	18.8									x						
Projects for Assistance in Transition From Homelessness	N/A	N/A			х	Х						х	X			х	
Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs–Basic Centers	, 40.5	43.7	x					X		х			X		I	X	х .
Service Grant Program for Residential Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women	1.3	17.1						x			x	х	x				x
Special Projects of National Significance Program	8,0	5.2		х						х							X

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Social Services Block Grant	N/A	N/A				x							x	х			
Starting Early, Starting Smart		0.9						X			Х	х				х	
Street Outreach Program to Prevent Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Runaway, Homeless, and Street Youth		8.0 ⁶	×				x	x			х		x	x		X	Х
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant	N/A	N/A									х	х					
Transitional Living Program for Homeless Youth	13.7	14.9				x								х			
Urban Indian Health Programs	5.8	5.8	Х					Х			Х	Х				Х	x
Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System ¹	1.4	2.1															
Subtotal	918.5	922.3															-
Department of Housing and Urban Development (4 programs)	an Developmen	t (4 program	IS)												-		
4-H After-School Program/Demonstration	3.5	3.5	x			x	x	×	х	X	х		x	x	x	X	х
Youth Apprenticeship	N/A ^J	ln/a ^j	Х			x	×	x			Х		×	x	×	х	x
Youth Development Initiative	N/A ^k	N/A ^k	X		X	X	X	x			X		X	X	X	×	X

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Youthbuild	78.0	20.0	x			X	x						x	x			x
Subtotal	81.5	23.5															
Department of Interior (2 progr	ams)																
Indian Child Welfare Act (Title II Grants)	23.8	N/A	x					x					x				x
Indian Child Welfare Assistance (Foster Care)	105.0	N/A						x					x	·			x
Subtotal	128.8	N/A															
Department of Justice (22 progr	ams)																
Boot Camps, Part H	0.0	0.0															
Children's Justice Act Program Grants for Native American Indian Tribes	0.0	0.0 ^r	х					X	x							x	
Community Outreach Program	0.3	0.2					x		x	x	x			X	х		x
Community Relations Service Initiatives	10.0	2.7														х	X
Crime Victim Assistance/Discretionary Grants	0.0	0.0 ^r	X	х					x	х			х			x	

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Crime Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program	0.0	0.0 ^r	x											х			
Crime Victim Compensation Formula Grant Program	0.0	0.0 ^r	x											x			
Demand Reduction	0.7	0.1					x		x		x					x	
Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Programs–Discretionary Grant	28.8	18.2	х				X	x	х						X	x	х
Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Programs-Formula Grant	48.5	60.8	х	X	x	х	x	x	X	x	х	х	х	x	х	х	х
Gang-Free Schools and Communities-Community-Based Gang Intervention	10.0	10.0	х	.X.		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	х	x	x	x
Justice Research, Development, and Evaluation Project Grants	, 4.8	0.6		X				х	x	x					1	х	Х.
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency PreventionAllocation to States (State Formula Grants) Part B	70.0	70.0	x			x	x	x	X	X	x		x	х	x	х	X

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Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention-Juvenile Mentoring, Part G	4.0	4.0	x			x	x						x	x	x	x	x
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention National Programs- Discretionary Grants, Part C	25.0	25.0	х	Х		x		X	X	x	X		х	x	x	x	X
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention–State Challenge Activities, Part E	10.0	10.0				x			x	x				x		х	
Missing and Exploited Children Program (Title IV)	6.7	6.0		X						x						x	x
Title II: Part A–Concentration of Federal Efforts	0.2	0.2	X	Х		х	x	x	X	X	x		x	x	x	x	X
Title V–Incentive Grants for Local Delinquency Prevention Programs	20.0	20.0	X			х	x	x	x	x	x		x	х	x	х	Х
Treatment for Juvenile Offenders Who Are Victims of Child Abuse or Neglect, Part F	. 0.0	0.0												•	ţ		•
Victims of Child Abuse	11.2	12.1		. <u>.</u> .					x	x						x	
Weed and Seed Program Fund	N/A	8.7	x	X	x	X	x	x	x		X	X	X	X	x	x	X
Subtotal	250.2	248.6															

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Department of Labor (9 programs)													<u></u>				
Employment and Training Research and Development Projects		14.1 ^g	x			x	x		x	x			x	x	x	x	x
Job Training for the Homeless Demonstration Program	0.0	0.0															
Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA)–Job Corps	1,100.0	1,100.0	x		x	x					x		X	х			x
JTPA Title II-B-Summer Youth Employment and Training	0.0	625.0				x							X	x			
JTPA Title II-C–Year-Round Youth Program	126.7	126.7				x	x								x		
Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Programs	N/A	N/A				x							X				
Native American Programs	N/A	N/A				x							x				
School to Work Opportunities	245.0	350.0				·			X						t	x	
Youth Fair Chance	0.0	0.0															
Subtotal	1,471.2	2,215.8															
Department of Transportation (3	programs)			, and a second													

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Agency and program	FY 1995 (\$millions)	FY 1996 (\$millions)															
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Alcohol Traffic Safety and Drunk Driving Prevention Incentive Grants	5.1	5.1		x					x	x	x					x	x
State and Community Highway Safety	15.6	15.6		ж					X	x	x					x	X
Youth Impaired Driving Projects	1.4	1.8					x		x	x	x					x	x
Subtotal	22.1	22.5															
Department of the Treasury (1 p	rogram)															-	
Gang Resistance Education and Training Projects	16.2	8.0														x	x
Subtotal	16.2	8.0															
Environmental Protection Agency (1 program)																	
Environmental Education Grants	2.9	2.2		X			x										
Subtotal	2.9	2.2															
National Endowment for the Arts (4 programs)																	
Promotion of the Arts-Arts Education Initiative		0.3 ^g					X	x	x	X			X	X	x	X	X

Agency and program	FY 1995 (\$millions)	FY 1996 (\$millions)															
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Promotion of the Arts-Arts Education Partnership Grants (formerly Promotion of the Arts- Arts in EducationArts Corps)	5.8	2.8					X	X	X	X			X	X	x	x	X
Promotion of the ArtsLeadership Initiatives		0.8 ^g					x	X	X	x			x	х	x	x	X
Promotion of the ArtsState and Regional Program	2.7	1.8					x	x	X	x	x			х		х	
Subtotal	8.5	5.7															
President's Crime Prevention Council (1 program)																	
Ounce of Prevention Grant Program	1.5	1.1							x	x	x						x
Subtotal	1.5	1.1															
State Justice Institute (1 program)																	
State Justice Institute	[,] 1.5	1.0								x						x	· ·
Subtotal	1.5	1.0															
Grand total	3,881.3 ⁱ	4,318.7															

Note: N/A = Amount not available. Agency officials were unable to determine the portion of funds spent on youths.

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"This program existed in fiscal year 1995 but was not included in our previous report.

^bThis program is funded through the departments of Agriculture, Interior, and Navy and the Environmental Protection Agency. Only two of the four agencies responded to our inquiries; therefore, full fiscal year 1996 funding information was not available. ^cOfficials at the Department of Agriculture said that our service definitions did not fit the objectives of this program. The program provides conservation of public lands and employment services.

^dThe appropriation for this program was rescinded in fiscal year 1996, according to agency officials.

^eFunding level unknown.

'No federal dollars are appropriated; funding is provided by the Department of Justice's Crime Victim's Fund, which is financed through forfeitures.

^gThis program began in fiscal year 1996; therefore, no funds were appropriated in fiscal year 1995.

^hOfficials at the Department of Health and Human Services said that our service definitions did not fit the objectives of the Mental Health Block Grant. The program provides mental health services.

¹Officials at the Department of Health and Human Services said that this program does not provide the services listed. Instead, it conducts surveys and develops a database on youth behavior.

¹Officials at the Department of Housing and Urban Development said that this program received a one-time 6-year \$10 million appropriation in fiscal year 1994, and the program began in fiscal year 1995. The program has not received any additional funding.

^kOfficials at the Department of Housing and Urban Development said that this program received a one-time 3-5-year \$5 million appropriation in fiscal year 1994, and the program began in fiscal year 1995. The program has not received any additional funding.

¹According to agency officials, the following programs, which totaled \$119.5 million in fiscal year 1995, were terminated in fiscal year 1996, and therefore were not included in the table: Children, Youth, and Family Education Research Network (CYFERNET); Child Development and Youth Programs--"At-Risk" Youth Program; Community Outreach Pilot Program; Instruction in Civics, Government, and the Law (formerly Civic Education Program); School Dropout Demonstration Assistance Program; Capacity

Expansion Program; Child and Adolescent Service System Program; Demonstration Grant Program for Model Comprehensive Treatment for Critical Populations; Drug Abuse Prevention for Runaway and Homeless Youth; Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals (JOBS); Model Criminal Justice Drug Abuse Treatment for Incarcerated Populations, Non-Incarcerated Populations, and Juvenile Justice Populations; Youth Initiatives/Youth Grants; Youth Sports/Public and Indian Housing Drug Elimination Program; Targeted Jobs Tax Credit Program; Promotion of the Arts-Arts for Youth; Promotion of the Arts-Expansion Arts-Arts Education Initiative.

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DEFINITIONS OF PROGRAM SERVICES

In our review, we focus on 18 types of services or activities that programs could potentially provide to at-risk or delinquent youths. We used the following definitions for these services:

<u>Capital improvement</u>. Funding for the purchase of property, facilities, and equipment used in helping youths.

<u>Clearinghouse</u>. Gathering and disseminating research and other information on youths.

<u>Conflict resolution</u>. Assisting individuals or groups in learning the principles of nonviolent solutions to disputes or providing trained leaders to work with individuals or groups seeking nonviolent solutions to disputes.

<u>Counseling</u>. Youth counseling services to help resolve problems or difficulties stemming from emotional problems, home or family conflicts, and interpersonal relationships.

<u>Crime and violence intervention</u>. Activities to reduce violence and crime perpetrated by or against youths (except for gang violence).

<u>Focused activity</u>. Activity for preventing juvenile delinquency by offering positive, alternative ways for youths to spend their time, such as in recreation and sports.

<u>Gang intervention</u>. Activities to help individuals, groups, or communities deter youths from joining gangs, encourage them to leave gangs, or reduce gang violence.

<u>Job training assistance</u>. Activities focusing on helping youths prepare for or find jobs. Job search assistance includes providing instructions on job-seeking techniques, preparing a job-search plan, obtaining labor market information, and increasing motivation and selfconfidence. Job placement assistance includes identifying job openings in the public or private sector and referring individuals to employers with such openings. On-the-job training is training provided to an employee in occupational or other skills essential to performing a specific job or group of jobs. Such training is generally used for entry-level employment and skill upgrades.

<u>Mentoring</u>. Using adult role models to assist youths in career or educational planning and to provide encouragement and motivation.

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<u>Parental and family intervention</u>. Improving parenting skills and communication within families or otherwise promoting positive family and home life. Included in this category are programs on youth pregnancy, youth parenting, and child abuse.

<u>Planning and program development</u>. Funding for planning and development activities related to youth programs.

<u>Research and evaluation</u>. Studies relating to innovative approaches for planning and implementing youth programs or evaluation of the effectiveness of such programs.

<u>Self-sufficiency skills</u>. Individual or group training in life skills (such as caring for a home, reading a bus schedule, and using a checking account) and remedial or basic skills training in academic subjects (such as mathematics or English, English as a second language, and literacy training).

Substance abuse prevention. Services to prevent drug and alcohol abuse.

Substance abuse treatment. Services to treat drug and alcohol abuse.

<u>Support service</u>. Assistance to individuals in overcoming barriers to participating in programs for at-risk and delinquent youths. Examples may include subsidizing the cost of child care or transportation or providing financial support or reimbursement for medical expenses incurred by an individual or the individual's family, thereby facilitating program participation.

<u>Training and technical assistance</u>. Training and technical assistance to people responsible for program management or service delivery. This could include information dissemination on youth programs.

<u>Tutoring</u>. Assistance to individuals or groups in mastering academic subjects, such as reading or mathematics, including help with homework or school projects.

<u>Violence prevention</u>. Conflict resolution, crime and violence intervention, focused activities, and gang intervention.

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