

Governor's Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Committee

Congress enacted the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act (Pub. L. No. 93-415, 34 U.S.C. §11101 *et seq.*) in 1974. This landmark legislation established the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to support local and state efforts to prevent delinquency and improve the juvenile justice system. In December 2018, the Juvenile Justice Reform Act (JJRA) was signed into law, reauthorizing and substantially amending the JJDP Act.

The JJRA requires a participating state to have a designated State Advisory Group (SAG). In New Jersey, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee serves as the State's SAG. The mission of the New Jersey Governor's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Committee is to prevent or reduce delinquency by improving systems, mobilizing resources, and engaging in advocacy to improve the lives of youth and families in the state. The Committee, whose members are appointed by the governor, is required to advise the Governor, Legislature, and Congress, without lobbying, on juvenile justice issues. The Committee funds state and local-level initiatives, community-based programs, and systems reform efforts. It also oversees compliance with the Act's core protections for youthful offenders.

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Upcoming Meetings

[Tentative JJDP Committee 2010 meeting dates, yet to be confirmed: \(nj.gov\)](#)

Meetings are currently being held remotely. If you would like to participate, please email JJDPCommittee@jjc.nj.gov.