

CALIFORNIA'S CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT EVALUATOR PROGRAM
Component: 40.20.902

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The primary purpose of the California's Children's Justice Act Evaluator (CJ) Program is to create a process and template of evaluation for Children's Justice Act (CJA)-funded programs and, in particular, the Cal OES Children Exposed to Domestic Violence Specialized Response (EV) Program.

The CJ Program is supported with federal CJA funds (42 USC 5101 *et seq.*; 42 USC 5116 *et seq.*) The CJA Task Force and Cal OES manage the administration and allocation of CJA funds. These funds support programs that reduce systemic trauma to children who are victims of child abuse, sexual abuse, and exploitation, and preserve the rights of all parties involved in the investigation of such cases.

CJA grants are awarded by the Administration of Children, Youth, and Families, United States Department of Health and Human Services, as authorized by §107 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), as amended, December 20, 2010. CJA funds come from the federal Crime Victim's Fund, an amalgamation of fines and fees collected from defendants convicted of federal crimes. Recipient states must be eligible for the CAPTA Basic State Grant and establish and maintain a multidisciplinary task force on children's justice issues.

FUNDS AWARDED

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Types of Funding</u>	<u>Total Funding</u>
FY 2014/15	Children's Justice Act (CJA) FFY13	\$ 50,000
	CJA FFY14	\$ 12,500
FY 2015/16	CJA FFY14	\$ 50,564
	CJA FFY15	\$ 62,500
FY 2016/17	Unknown	

2014/15 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

After gathering information on the performance of each of the previous Children Exposed to Domestic Violence Specialized Response (EV) Program grant recipients, Northwest Professional Consortium (NPC) Research, Inc., created a written evaluation of the Program as a whole. NPC, Inc. is now developing a robust, shared database, with an outside contract company to collect standardized data points in order for outcomes to be evaluated. They plan to have the database open for the EV recipients June 2016 for a pilot program.

2015/16 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available

2016/17 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Applicable