



## **The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

The federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) established the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention as an independent body within the executive branch of the federal government. Active in some form since 1976, the Council's primary functions are to coordinate federal juvenile delinquency prevention programs, federal programs and activities that detain or care for unaccompanied juveniles, and federal programs relating to missing and exploited children. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Council meets quarterly in public meetings in which members discuss activities to facilitate and support cross-agency coordination.

The Council's chair is the U.S. Attorney General. Its Vice-Chair is the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).

In accordance with the JJDPA, the Council is currently comprised of nine ex officio members and their designees, as well as nine non-federal practitioner members who are named by the President and Congress. The ex officio members are the Attorney General; the Secretaries of Health and Human Services, Interior, Labor, Education, and Housing and Urban Development; the Administrator of OJJDP; the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy; the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service; and the Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security. In addition, four affiliate federal agencies are represented on the Council: the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Interior, through their respective Secretaries and designees, and HHS' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), through its Administrator. The President may also designate other key federal officials with significant decision-making authority to serve on the Council.

For additional information on the Council, including detailed membership information and past meeting agendas and summaries, please refer to the Council's website at <http://juvenilecouncil.gov>.