

OJJDP Seeks Young Adults or Family Members with Lived Juvenile Justice Experience to Become Paid Peer Reviewers



The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), promotes a juvenile justice system centered on the strengths, needs, and voices of youth and families with lived experiences. We believe effective decision-making requires the involvement of those who are most impacted.

OJJDP's Youth and Family Partnerships Workgroup has identified your organization as one that works effectively with lived-experience experts. **We invite you to nominate a young person(s) or family member(s) you have worked with who has expressed an interest in helping improve the juvenile justice system, to become an OJJDP peer reviewer.**

Peer reviewers are responsible for evaluating competitive grant applications for funding by OJJDP. By participating, the young people and family members can gain transferable skills to add to their professional resumes and make connections with other juvenile justice or child welfare experts. Because lived experience is a vital and valuable form of expertise, OJJDP compensates youth peer reviewers the same way that we compensate other expert peer reviewers.

We encourage you to discuss these details with anyone you intend to nominate so that they fully understand the opportunity. We also appreciate any support you can provide to nominees that pursue this opportunity. If you have any questions, please email ojjdppta@usdoj.gov. In addition, OJJDP will hold an informational web-based session with interested participants to help explain the details of this opportunity and to answer questions. Details forthcoming.

To qualify to serve as a peer reviewer, the young person or family member must:

- ▶ Be at least 18 years old.
- ▶ Have lived experience with the juvenile justice or child welfare system.
- ▶ Have participated in juvenile justice-related programs (e.g., youth mentoring, juvenile drug court, family treatment court, or arts programs for justice-involved youth).
- ▶ Have a resume.
- ▶ Have access to a computer and the Internet.

Resources:

Visit [OJJDP's homepage](#) to learn about OJJDP's priorities.

Check out [OJJDP's Youth and Family Partnerships webpage](#).

Watch [this webinar](#) to learn more about how OJJDP funding applicants incorporate youth and family partnerships into their funding applications.



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