

Referrals of High Risk Youth

NPJS is working on two federally funded projects targeting high-risk youth and the behaviors that put them at-risk.

The *Mentoring Best Practices Research Project*, funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), is being conducted in collaboration with MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership and Global Youth Justice (GYJ). Research shows the importance of mentoring in a young person's life. The NPJS project is researching the mentoring referral process for youth in the juvenile justice system. Research updates, reports, and training information generated from this project will be posted on this website as the project evolves. In the meantime, please visit MENTOR's website to learn more about the value of mentoring (www.mentoring.org) and current resource information.

The *Survive Outside: Effective HIV Prevention for Juvenile Justice*, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Adolescent and School Health, is conducted in partnership with ETR Associates, an internationally recognized organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities. Survive Outside seeks to reduce HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections (STI) among youth in juvenile justice facilities and alternative schools. The project provides free trainings and capacity building assistance on three different HIV/STI prevention interventions to juvenile justice and alternative school professionals nationwide. The three interventions promoted through Survive Outside are: 1) one-to-one, HIV risk reduction counseling session, 2) HIV video discussion group, and 3) multi-session, evidence-based curriculum. Survive Outside extends its reach to youth by involving parents, guardians and clergy who are involved with youth in the juvenile justice or alternative school setting. To obtain additional information or request training and technical assistance under this grant, please contact Julie Taylor (jtaylor@etr.org) or visit www.etr.org.