



International Association of Chiefs of Police

2011 Juvenile Justice Training Needs Assessment

Survey Participants: **Highlights**

- 672 law enforcement officers
- 404 law enforcement agencies
- 49 different states and DC
- Agencies of varying sizes and number of sworn officers
- Agencies from rural, suburban, and urban areas
- Over 77% represent police departments

In 2011, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) conducted a juvenile justice training needs assessment survey of law enforcement around the nation to identify challenges and training needs facing law enforcement agencies in addressing juvenile justice and youth issues. The survey questions collected data on agency and jurisdiction information, juvenile operations, training, and training needs.

Top 8 Most Pressing Youth Issues Affecting Agencies

1. Substance Abuse
2. Abuse (physical, sexual and/or emotional)
3. Juvenile Repeat Offenders
4. Bullying/Cyberbullying
5. Gangs
6. Internet Crimes involving juveniles/youth (as perpetrator/victim)
7. Runaways
8. School Safety

Juvenile Operations:

- Almost 1/3 of agencies do not have personnel assigned to juvenile/youth services
- Vast majority of agencies do have written guidelines for responding to incidents involving youth

Training Needs Identified

- Funding and lack of agency resources (manpower) were the primary reasons survey participants were not able to receive training
- Over half of all agencies represented had a decrease in, or abolishment of, training budgets in the last five years.
- Majority of states do not mandate juvenile justice training after basic academy level training
- Majority of survey participants indicated classroom-based training as the preferred method of learning and 8 hours or less as the desired length of training

The full report on the 2011 Juvenile Justice Needs Assessment is available for download at:

<http://www.theiacp.org/juvenilejustice/2011NeedsAssessment>



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