

**CORE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT
(1974 / revised 2002)**

Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders

Juveniles charged with offenses that would not be criminal if committed by an adult (such as truancy and running away) should not be placed in secure detention or correctional facilities.

Removal of Juveniles from Adult Jails and Lockups

No juvenile shall be detained or confined in a jail or lockup intended for adult offenders beyond specified time limits and for specific reasons (six hours)

Sight and Sound Separation

During the temporary period that a juvenile may be held in an adult jail and lockup, sight and sound contact is not permitted between the juvenile and adult inmates or trustees.

Disproportionate Minority Contact

States must reduce the proportion of minority juveniles who come into contact with the juvenile justice system if such proportion exceeds the proportion such group represents in the total population (monitor signs of DMC to prevent it if possible).

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE ADVISORY GROUP

Advise the State agency, and report to the Governor and legislature, at least annually, recommendations regarding State compliance with the core requirements of the JJDP Act.

42 U.S.C. 5633 [Sec. 223.]

<http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/about/ojjdpact2002.html>

state authority:

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/sections.cfm?Title=33&Chapter=033>