

**EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)
DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN (DEC) PROJECT SUMMARY**

DEC PROGRAM - \$360,000

Congress established the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program in the 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Package (H.R. 3036). JAG combined the Edward Byrne Memorial Formula Block Grant Program and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program into a single program in an effort to streamline justice funding and grant administration. The JAG funds are authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. § 3751(a), and are used to support the Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Training Program.

The first DEC Training Program in the nation was started in 1993 in Butte County. The program coordinates the efforts of law enforcement, child protective services, and the district attorney ensuring that children found in homes (or other environments), where drugs and/or alcohol are produced or being used, receive the appropriate care and attention.

The DEC Training Program allows for DEC experts to train all BSCC-funded drug task forces on how to handle children found in drug environments. The DEC Training Program also provides staffing for a DEC Resource, Training and Technical Assistance Center for additional technical assistance for funded drug task forces and other first responders.