

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS NOTICE OF PROSPECTIVE COMPLIANCE MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT/REDUCING RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITY

In the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) of 2002, Congress required that states participating in the Formula Grants Program, in addition to the three core requirements (1. deinstitutionalization of status offenders, 2. separation, and 3. jail removal), also “address juvenile delinquency prevention efforts and system improvement efforts designed to reduce, without establishing or requiring numerical standards or quotas, the disproportionate number of juvenile members of minority groups, who come into contact with the juvenile justice system” (see JJDPA Section 223 (a) [22]).

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has defined minority populations as American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, and Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islanders. States participating in the Formula Grants Program address Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC), known in California as Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity (R.E.D.), on an ongoing basis and report progress annually. Any state that fails to address the overrepresentation of minority youth in juvenile justice system contact stands to lose federal funds.

For purposes of this requirement, the BSCC has recognized the significance of disparity and disproportionality and its effect on California’s youth and families; and, as a result, has implemented the R.E.D. Initiative. The R.E.D. activities are fluid and consist of an initiative framed by data-driven decision making, trainings, and technical assistance.

In keeping with intent of the JJDPA and the current R.E.D. Initiative, the BSCC anticipates bolstering the current compliance monitoring requirements to include race and gender. Recognizing that this may result in process changes locally, this serves as a notice that the BSCC will be undertaking this process thoughtfully and using a phased approach developed by subject matter experts.

For more information, please contact Shalinee Hunter, Field Representative/R.E.D. and Compliance Monitor Coordinator, at shalinee.hunter@bscc.ca.gov, (916) 322-8081, and/or see the resources below:

- BSCC’s R.E.D. Subcommittee:
[http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_reducingracialandethnicedisparities\(r.e.d.\)subcommittee.php](http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_reducingracialandethnicedisparities(r.e.d.)subcommittee.php)
- OJJDP:
<http://www.ojjdp.gov/dmc/about.html>