

## A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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### ***FY2009 Proposed Federal Drug Control Budget Increases Media Campaign Funding by \$40 Million; Decreases Safe and Drug-Free Schools State Grants by Nearly \$195 Million***

The \$14.1 billion proposed federal drug control budget for fiscal year 2009 increases funding for the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, drug treatment courts, and screening, brief intervention, referral, and treatment activities. At the same time, however, federal support for many state and local drug programs are recommended to be reduced, eliminated, or consolidated into a new competitive grant program, the Byrne Public Safety and Protection Program, with a lower funding level.\* It should be noted that this proposed budget is not binding and may differ significantly from the final budget developed by Congress and signed into law by the President. Following are highlights of some of the changes proposed by the FY2009 drug control budget.

#### **Increased Funding**

- ONDCP Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign (+\$40.0 million)
- Adult, Juvenile, & Family Drug Treatment Courts (+\$27.9 million)
- Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral, & Treatment Activities (+\$27.1 million)
- Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grant (+\$20million)
- Research-Based Grants to Local Education Agencies (+\$10 million)
- Access to Recovery (+\$3.2 million)
- Student Drug Testing (+\$1.2 million)

#### **Decreased Funding**

- Safe & Drug-Free Schools and Communities State Grants Program (-\$194.8m)
- Treatment Programs of Regional & National Significance (-\$63.0 million)
- Prevention Programs of Regional & National Significance (\$-36.1million)
- HIDTA (-\$30.0 million)
- Safe & Drug-Free Schools and Communities National Programs (-\$18.7 million),
- Drug-Free Communities Program (-\$10 million)
- Strategic Prevention Framework-State Incentive Grants (-\$9.3 million)

#### **Eliminated**

- Methamphetamine Enforcement & Clean Up\* (-\$61.2 million)
- Weed & Seed\* (-\$32.1 million)
- Alcohol Abuse Reduction (-\$32.4 million)
- Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program (-\$25.0 million)
- Drug Court Program\* (-\$15.2 million)
- Pregnant & Post-Partum Women (-\$11.8 million)
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment\* (-\$9.4 million)
- Prescription Drug Monitoring\* (-\$7.1 million)
- Recovery Community Services Programs (-\$5.2 million)
- Strengthening Treatment, Access & Retention (-\$3.6 million)

\*These grant programs, which collectively received more than \$150 million in FY08, are being consolidated into a new competitive grant program (the Byrne Public Safety and Protection Program) that is proposed to be funded at \$80 million.

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