

ADVISORY GROUP ON Elimination of Duplicative and Non-Essential Services

PROPOSAL #: AGDNES #27 - A

SUBJECT: DSS/OJJ - Families in Need of Services (FINS)

DATE ADOPTED BY ADVISORY GROUP: November 9 2009; Amended November 16, 2009

COMMISSION ACTION: _____ **DATE:** _____

RECOMMENDATION: Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ) partner with Department of Social Services (DSS) and other stakeholders to better implement the Families in Need of Services (FINS) Program with a goal of preventing youth from entering the costly juvenile justice system.

Summary Description/Nature of Change	Key/Implementation Responsibilities	Need	Action Needed	Benefit/Saving	Done/ Study
OJJ partner with DSS and other stakeholders to better implement the Families in Need of Services (FINS) Program with a goal of preventing youth from entering the costly juvenile justice system.	DSS, OJJ, and other stakeholders including the military department.	OJJ is working with DSS to determine the best manner in which to serve this population of youth. Many stakeholders are involved including the Supreme Court, District Attorney's, and Judges.	Legislation may be required. Intervention should occur at the earliest possible time.	This is an efficiency measure. Cost shifting to DSS where more federal funding can be leveraged.	Youth Challenge, Job Challenge and similar programs should be considered.