

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Administrators Past and Present

BIOGRAPHIES

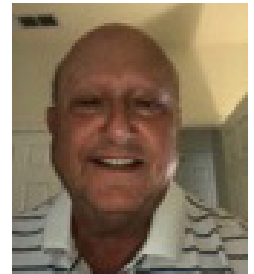
JOHN RECTOR

John Rector was appointed OJJDP Administrator by President Jimmy Carter and served from 1977 until 1979. He was one of the contributors of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, the law that established OJJDP and set the first federal standards for the safe and equitable treatment of young people in the juvenile justice system. Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan and Clinton have commended Mr. Rector's legislative work. His distinguished career includes serving as Chief Counsel on the Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee to Investigate Juvenile Delinquency from 1971 to 1973. He also served as a trial attorney and legislative specialist in the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division.



IRA M. SCHWARTZ

Ira M. Schwartz was appointed OJJDP Administrator by President Jimmy Carter and served from 1979 until 1981. A leading advocate for youth justice and child welfare, he directed several nonprofit agencies before becoming OJJDP Administrator. His rich academic career includes appointments at four universities, including serving as Dean of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Work and as Provost at Temple University. Mr. Schwartz also served as CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. He has conducted extensive research in youth justice and child welfare, and has authored, co-authored, edited, and co-edited six books, as well as special issues of professional journals and more than 65 articles, book chapters, and other publications. He currently works as a consultant to social welfare and human service organizations.



JOHN J. WILSON

John J. Wilson served as Acting Administrator of OJJDP from January 1993 until April 1994 and again from February 2000 until August 2001. He served as OJJDP's Senior Legal Advisor from 1974 to 1992, then became OJJDP's full-time Legal Counsel. After more than 30 years of service, Mr. Wilson retired from the Justice Department in 2005. He subsequently was a Partner in Comprehensive Strategies for Juvenile Justice, a private consulting firm, and became a Senior Research Associate for the Institute for Intergovernmental Research. He has lectured, taught, and written extensively about the legal rights of children and issues related to youth justice and family law.



SHAY BILCHIK

Shay Bilchik was appointed OJJDP Administrator by President William J. Clinton and served from April 1994 until February 2000. While Administrator, Mr. Bilchik expanded OJJDP's role in strengthening families and in addressing violence and substance use by youth; the abuse and neglect of children and their exposure to violence; and the rights and welfare of missing and exploited children. He served as President and CEO of the Child Welfare League of America from 2000 until 2007, when he founded the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy. He currently serves as the center's Director Emeritus. J.



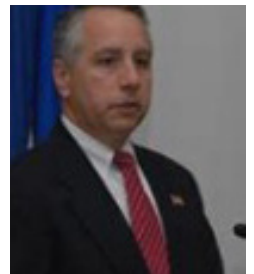
J. ROBERT FLORES

J. Robert Flores was appointed OJJDP Administrator by President George W. Bush and served from April 2002 until January 2009. During his tenure, OJJDP developed an innovative mapping tool to help members of the public identify and locate resources to address youth justice issues. Under Mr. Flores' leadership, OJJDP convened the Girls Study Group; its findings challenged existing approaches to the incarceration of young women. OJJDP also launched Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task forces in more than 45 jurisdictions, substantially increasing efforts to combat child exploitation and prostitution. Mr. Flores now serves as Of Counsel at Gammon & Grange, P.C.



JEFF SLOWIKOWSKI

Jeff Slowikowski served as Acting Administrator of OJJDP from January 2009 until January 2012. A 34-year veteran of the Justice Department, Mr. Slowikowski first joined OJJDP in August 1990 through the Presidential Management Intern Program, when he worked as a grant manager in the Research and Program Development Division. He subsequently held numerous other positions, including Associate Administrator for the Youth Development, Prevention and Safety Division, and he managed the Demonstration Program Division. Mr. Slowikowski worked on many projects while at OJJDP, including the Causes and Correlates for Delinquency program; the Comprehensive Strategy for Serious, Violent, and Chronic Juvenile Offenders program; and the Youth Mentoring program. He currently serves as Deputy Director in the Office of Justice Programs' Office of Audit, Assessment, and Management.



ROBERT L. LISTENBEE

Robert L. Listenbee was appointed OJJDP Administrator by President Barack Obama and served as Administrator from March 2013 until January 2017. While Administrator, Mr. Listenbee focused on three overarching priorities: addressing the core requirements outlined in the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act; reducing the number of out-of-home placements for youth; and implementing evidence-based, youth-focused practices and programs targeting the “school-to-prison pipeline.” Mr. Listenbee’s work also focused on reducing violence by youth, sustaining congressional funding for youth defenders, and reducing the involvement of several youth populations—including Black, Hispanic, LGBTQ+, and female youth—in the juvenile justice system. He currently serves as First Assistant District Attorney in the Philadelphia Office of the District Attorney.



CHYRL JONES

Chyrl Jones served as Acting Administrator of OJJDP from January 2021 until Administrator Ryan’s appointment in May 2022. She now serves OJJDP as Deputy Administrator and oversees the Delinquency Prevention and Child Protection Division and the Youth Justice and Systems Innovation Division. Ms. Jones administers multiple programs, including the Reentry, Drug Courts, Mentoring, Violence Prevention, and Missing and Exploited Children programs. She previously served as Deputy in OJJDP’s former State Relations and Assistance Division. Before joining OJJDP, Ms. Jones’ work in the private sector focused on child development, violence prevention, and environmental justice.



LIZ RYAN

Liz Ryan was appointed OJJDP Administrator by President Joseph R. Biden on May 16, 2022. Over the last 2 1/2 years, Administrator Ryan’s work has emphasized three priorities: treating children as children; serving children at home, with their families and in their communities; and opening up opportunities for system-involved youth. As Administrator, her work has emphasized OJJDP’s Continuum of Care framework for serving youth and communities, supporting community-based alternatives to youth incarceration, and reducing racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system. Administrator Ryan began working in legislative and justice-related issues more than 30 years ago and has advocated for youth justice reform for nearly 25 years. In 2014, she founded the Youth First Initiative, a national campaign for community-based alternatives to youth incarceration. As the President and CEO of Youth First, she spearheaded efforts that led to the closure of youth prisons in six states and redirected more than \$50 million to community-based alternatives to incarceration.

