



The following message is sent on behalf of Eileen Garry, Acting Administrator for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention:

Dear Colleagues:

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the status of the pending implementation of the partial final rule and the reposting of the *Guidance Manual for Monitoring Facilities under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act*.

Final Rule

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) published the partial final rule in *The Federal Register* on January 17, 2017. The partial rule was initially due to become effective on February 18, 2017. However, the White House issued a Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies on “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review” on January 20, 2017, that delayed the publication or implementation of new federal regulations. The partial rule is currently undergoing internal Department of Justice review and we will notify you when we have additional information.

Guidance Manual

OJJDP updated the guidance manual to reflect the changes in the partial rule and to align the manual with the requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (the Act). Initially, OJJDP had intended to post the updated guidance manual immediately following the effective date of the final rule, but the guidance manual is also undergoing internal departmental review. Once the review is completed, and the partial rule becomes effective, we will post the updated guidance manual, which will provide additional guidance to states for monitoring the deinstitutionalization of status offenders, separation, and jail removal requirements of the Act.

I cannot emphasize enough that our relationship with the states is a priority at OJJDP. We will pass along additional information as it becomes available. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

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