



THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE  
AND  
THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION



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## LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSES TO ADOLESCENT GIRLS

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), offers a two day training that will equip law enforcement with effective responses to situations that involve contact with girls 12-17 years old. Through lecture, interactive discussions and exercises, law enforcement officers will learn strategies they can use to increase positive interactions with, and decrease the probability of arrest or incarceration of, adolescent girls who may be at-risk of or involved in delinquent behavior. The following topics will be covered in this training:



- **Girls and Law Enforcement: Introduction and Overview.** Participants are introduced to and examine their issues and concerns about interacting with girls in policing situations.
- **Adolescent Girls and Delinquent Behavior.** In this module, participants learn about current trends in adolescent girls' behavior, examine their pathways to delinquency, and discuss risk factors and gang involvement for girls versus boys.
- **Interpreting and Responding to Adolescent Girls' Behavior.** Participants practice ways to interpret adolescent girls' behavior to assist in assessing and responding effectively.
- **Interacting with Adolescent Girls.** Participants explore communication strategies that aid law enforcement officers in gathering information, de-escalating potential crisis situations, and enhance their decision-making abilities.
- **Next Steps in Your Community.** This module examines the role of law enforcement in delinquency prevention, proactive engagement with at-risk adolescent girls, and effective uses of community resources.

This course is specifically designed for law enforcement officers (e.g., first responders, patrol, youth officers, juvenile detectives) in jurisdictions experiencing an increase in adolescent girl-involved delinquent behavior who have the ability to implement a proactive approach in their policies and practices. While all officers may find value in this training, it is **best suited** for officers with limited experience in interacting with adolescent girls.

### No-Cost Training!

Participants are responsible for travel, lodging and incidentals

### Questions?

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