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Conference of District Attorneys:

Juvenile Court Resource Prosecutor

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Funding Goals for Resource Prosecutor

- ▶ One full-time, permanent position
- ▶ Cost of \$125,589 Recurring, and \$3,752 Non-Recurring



Job Description

- ▶ Training statewide on Juvenile Court laws and procedures for ADAs
- ▶ Training VWLA's on Victim Assistance
- ▶ Answering technical support questions from around the state
- ▶ Developing written and online resources
- ▶ Coordinating with the School of Government and IDS on prosecutor training
- ▶ Liaison with JJAC, AOC, NCDPS



Why Do Juvenile Court Prosecutors Need So Much Training?

- ▶ Prosecutor's dual statutory responsibility to protect the safety of the community and to also meet the needs and best interests of the juvenile **7B-2501(c)**
 - Child Development
 - DSS Involvement
 - Special Education Laws
 - Awareness of NCDPS programming
- ▶ Juvenile on Child Sexual Assault 35.6% (OJJDP 2009)



Why Is this Position So Crucial Right Now?

- ▶ Assistant District Attorney turnover (almost 50% of prosecutors have less than 5 years of experience);
- ▶ Technical support will be in high demand;
- ▶ Training on the permissible use of JWISE information
- ▶ Lack of uniformity in procedures and outcomes across NC juvenile courts needs to be addressed through training;
- ▶ AOC and NCDPS need a point person to help disseminate important information to prosecutors about new programs, new forms, new software, etc.; and
- ▶ A point person is needed to gather prosecutor concerns over how the new law is being interpreted in courtrooms

