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PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY

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Subject: VOJO Funding Cuts
To: VOJO Programs
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On March 8th, Governor Corbett unveiled his budget proposal for fiscal year 2011/2012. Within the proposed budget, the VOJO line item was eliminated. In light of this information, we wanted to take this opportunity to inform VOJO recipients of where we stand as of today:

- Based on our initial analysis of available resources, we have to expect that after the budget is debated and finalized that very little, if any, VOJO funding will be available.
- Effective July 1, 2011, a one million dollar transfer will occur from the Crime Victims Compensation Fund to the Victim Witness Services Fund to support VOJO services.
- Currently, other options are being explored in an attempt to find additional funding or other alternatives to support VOJO efforts.
- In the very near future, the Victims' Services Advisory Committee will be meeting to determine the best approach in distributing the identified available funding for VOJO recipients.
- PCCD will continue to work with all stakeholders to examine alternatives and develop short- and long-term strategies for funding victim services, that is inclusive of services to victims of juvenile offenders.
- We will continue to keep you updated with any new developments as they arise.

If you have any questions, you may contact Vicki McCloskey at 717-265-8746 or vmccloskey@state.pa.us.