

JJDP Act SAG Membership Requirements

• The SAG shall consist of not less than 15 and not more than 33 members appointed by the chief executive officer of the state; • A majority of SAG members (including the chairperson) shall not be full-time employees of the federal, state, or local government; • At least one-fifth of the members shall be under the age of 28 at the time of initial appointment; and • At least three members have been or currently are under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system, or if not feasible and in appropriate circumstances, the parent or guardian of someone who has been or is currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system. It is not necessary to identify the specific individuals with this experience on the roster; however, the state must affirm that the SAG meets this requirement.

Membership Composition:

- A. Locally elected official representing general purpose local government;
- B. Representative of law enforcement and juvenile justice agencies, including juvenile and family court judges, prosecutors, counsel for children and youth, and probation workers;
- C. Representatives of public agencies concerned with delinquency prevention or treatment, such as welfare, social services, child and adolescent mental health, education, child and adolescent substance abuse, special education, services for youth with disabilities, recreation, and youth services;
- D. Representatives of private nonprofit organizations, including persons concerned with family preservation and strengthening, parent groups and parent self-help groups, youth development, delinquency prevention and treatment, neglected or dependent children, quality of youth justice, education, and social services for children;
- E. Volunteers who work with delinquent youth or youth at risk of delinquency;
- F. Representatives of programs that are alternatives to confinement, including organized recreation activities;
- G. Persons with special experience and competence in addressing problems related to school violence and vandalism and alternatives to suspension and expulsion;
- H. Persons, licensed or certified by the applicable state, with expertise and competence in preventing and addressing mental health and substance abuse needs in delinquent youth and youth at risk of delinquency;
- I. Representatives of victim or witness advocacy groups, including at least one individual with expertise in addressing the challenges of sexual abuse and exploitation and trauma, particularly the needs of youth who experience disproportionate levels of sexual abuse, exploitation, and trauma before entering the juvenile justice system;

J. For a state in which one or more Native American tribes are located, a Native American tribal representative (if such representative is available) or other individual with significant expertise in tribal law enforcement and juvenile justice in Native American tribal communities.

“#” Indicates the SAG member is either a youth or a parent of a youth who has been involved in the juvenile justice system.