



GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN SAMOA
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In reply refer to:

May 4, 1977

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1-77

GROWING INCIDENCE OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

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Whereas, the Territorial Criminal Justice Planning Agency was created by Executive Order of August 24, 1972, amended October 5, 1976 for the purpose of operating the Safe Streets Act of 1968 to cope with crimes in all aspects,

Now, therefore, I, Ray Coston, Acting Governor of American Samoa do authorize said agency to operate the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-415), receiving grants under said Act, and administering the provisions thereof as they may be applicable to American Samoa.

In accordance with Section 223(a)(1) of the Act, said Agency will:

- 1) Be the sole agency for the supervision of the preparation and administration of the Juvenile Justice Plan.
- 2) Have the authority to implement the Juvenile Justice Plan.
- 3) To the extent possible cause coordination of human services to youths and their families in order to insure effective delinquency prevention and treatment programs.
- 4) Seek the active consultation and participation of local government in the development of a Juvenile Justice Plan.

In addition the Chief Executive will appoint an advisory group to advise the Territorial Criminal Justice Planning Agency and its Supervisory Board:

- (a) The group will consist of not less than twenty-one and not more than thirty three persons who have the training experience, or special knowledge concerning the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency or the administration of juvenile justice,



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- (b) Which shall include representation of units of Local Government, Law Enforcement and Juvenile Justice Agencies such as Law Enforcement Correction or Probation Personnel, juvenile or Family Court Judges, and Public Agencies concerned with delinquency prevention or treatment such as welfare, social services, mental health, education or youth departments.
- (c) Which shall include representatives of private organizations concerned with neglected or dependent children; concerned with the quality of juvenile justice, education, or social services for children which utilize volunteers to work with delinquents or potential delinquents; community based delinquency prevention or treatment programs; and organizations which represent employees affected by the Act,
- (d) A majority of members (including the Chairman) shall not be full time employees of the Federal, State or Local Government, and
- (e) At least one third of whose members shall be under the age of twenty six at the time of appointment.



RAY COSTON

Acting Governor of American Samoa