



FY 2023 OJJDP Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Initiative Grantee Profile

National Association of Police Athletic/Activities Leagues, Inc.

Program Overview and Background

The Police Athletic League was created in 1917 in New York City to provide a constructive environment for young people, with the dual goals of preventing juvenile delinquency and building trust between the police force and the community. The early programs included a variety of sports such as baseball, basketball, and boxing, as well as educational and cultural activities.

Now known as National PAL, the organization includes over 300 chapters throughout the United States, serving over 2 million youth annually. It is the premier model for modern community policing and connecting cops to kids.

Program Services

National PAL provides a myriad of services for youth such as education and recreational support. Youth Mentoring, guidance, substance abuse awareness, gang prevention, positive decision-making skills, conflict resolution, job skills, soft skills, STEM, theater, dance, oratory, many others and all sports.

Target Population

We aim to provide mentoring under this grant to young people with any one or more of the following:

- Academically Challenged
- Juvenile Justice Involvement
- Race/Ethnicity
- Rural
- Single Parent Household
- Substance Misuse/Impact
- Victimization
- Youth with Disabilities

Mentor Recruitment & Training

- Peer Mentoring included in programming



National PAL

National Association of Police Athletic/Activities Leagues Inc.

Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Founded in 1935

100 Program Locations

Grant: JJ FY23 Mentoring: National

Award Number: 15PJDP-23-GG-00849-MENT

Award Amount: \$ 3,000,000

Mentoring Model & Structure

- Community-based, Site-based, School-based
- Group, combined (both group and 1:1 mentoring)
- Partnering with Substance Abuse Provider, Juvenile Justice Agency, School, Corporate Sector, Faith-based Organization, Law Enforcement Agency
- Programs focus on College Readiness, Community Service, Credible Messenger Mentoring, Gang Prevention, General, School, Sports, STEM, Substance Misuse/Impact, Youth Victims (Child Abuse or Exploitation), Youth with Disabilities



- For mentor recruitment, we target Peers (Youth), College Students, Adult Volunteers, Athletic Coaches, Law Enforcement Officers
- Duration of program services: 12 months
- Expected intensity of match contact: 4 hours per month
- Expected length of a match: 12 months
- Expected frequency of match contact: Minimum 4 hours per month
- Number of training hours required before a mentor is matched with a youth: 12 hours

Additional Resources

- National PAL Website: www.nationalpal.org

this data is accurate as of June 2024.

For more information on our OJJDP grant:

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