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PREFACE

The purpose of this text is to provide the reader with an introduction to and a balance between juvenile justice theory and practice. Not only will we examine how the system began, but also its current state and the direction it appears to be heading.

In our exploration of juvenile justice, we will examine the history of juvenile justice, philosophy of the system, police involvement, detention, diversion, and the processes involved. Included are chapters on causation, drugs, and gangs. An attempt has been made to present the material in a context that is content balanced and value free. In a few places, however, it has been necessary to interject value elements.

To paraphrase and misquote the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendal Homes' definition of "due process" — the development of the juvenile justice system is based more on life experiences than on logic.

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

(COMMONLY USED IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM)

ABA	American Bar Association
ACA	American Correctional Association
APA	American Psychological Association
BJS	Bureau of Justice Statistics
CHINS	Children in need of supervision
CHIPS	Children in need of protection or services
CIC	Children in custody
DARE	Drug Abuse Resistance Education
DSO	Deinstitutionalization of status offenders
DUF	Drug Use Forecasting Program
EBD	Emotionally and behaviorally disturbed
FAS	Fetal alcohol syndrome
FINS	Families in need of supervision
IACP	International Association of Chiefs of Police
MINS	Minors in need of supervision
NAC	National Advisory Committee
NCCD	National Council on Crime and Delinquency
NCJRS	National Criminal Justice Reference Service
NCPCA	National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse
NCS	National Crime Survey
NCVS	National Crime Victim's Survey
NIBRS	National Incident-Based Reporting System
NIC	National Institute of Corrections
NIJ	National Institute of Justice
NJDA	National Juvenile Detention Association
OJJDP	Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
PINS	Persons in need of supervision
POST	Peace Officer Standards and Training
PSI	Pre-sentence investigation
RICO	Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act
UCR	Uniform Crime Reports

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OVERVIEW

