

LANGUAGE GUIDANCE

LANGUAGE TO AVOID	LANGUAGE OPTIONS TO USE INSTEAD
System-involved or justice-involved youth	Youth in the system (or be specific) Offender or at-risk youth (as appropriate)
Smart on Juvenile Justice Initiative (program name)	Rest of program title following colon Reference generally as system improvement work
Defending Childhood Initiative (program name)	Reference work generally as children exposed to violence
Underserved youth	All youth
Reform (in the context of juvenile justice)	Improvement (or similar rewording)
Summit	Conference, meeting, etc.
Discussing the criminal and juvenile justice system WITHOUT adding public safety aspect.	Example: Establish culturally specific, trauma-informed juvenile justice systems and <i>ensure public safety.</i>
Substance use disorder	Substance abuse issue (unless research/context specifically calls for substance use disorder as in JDTC Guidelines, e.g.)
Referring to the Obama White House or AG Holder initiatives.	Previous administration and former Attorney General (do not use names)
Residential placement	“Out-of-home placement” or “in-home placement”
Overrepresentation of minorities (in the juvenile justice system)	Disproportionate minority contact Minorities are disproportionately represented
Public health issue; public health concern	Public issue; public concern

Administration Priorities

- Reducing crime, particularly violent crime
- Combatting gangs
- Reducing drug use, particularly the opioid epidemic
- Protecting and supporting law enforcement
- Ensuring public safety
- Combatting victimization (especially with respect to human trafficking)
- Supporting prosecutors