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## Washington's Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention Program: 1997 Evaluations

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) administers the ***Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention Program***. Through a competitive process, the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy within CTED provides federal and state funding to community-based projects focused on preventing youth violence. In Fiscal Year 1997, a total of 20 projects received over \$854,000 for services—18 projects received federal funds, and two projects received state funds.

This report summarizes findings from the 1997 evaluation of these projects. Conducted by a Seattle-based consulting firm, Toucan Research and Computer Solutions, the evaluation concentrated on ten projects—those in their first and second year of funding.

Three projects relied on *Second Step*, a school-based curriculum developed by a Seattle-based group, the Committee for Children.<sup>1</sup> This curriculum is designed for preschool through junior high and concentrates on changing attitudes and behaviors that contribute to violence.

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<sup>1</sup> Committee for Children Web site: <http://www.cfchildren.org/violence.htm>.