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MEMORANDUM

TO: Candice M. Kane
Acting Executive Director

FROM: Gerard F. Ramker, Ph.D.
Associate Director

DATE: March 11, 1999

RE: Possible Information for Your Executive Director's Report at the
March 12, 1999 Authority Meeting

Web site

- Staff continue to make significant progress in implementing the Authority's new Web site (www.icjia.state.il.us). We have expanded the amount and type of criminal justice data available on the site and information about current research projects and evaluations. The number of visitors to the site continues to soar – we now average about 500 persons a day. The number of people downloading documents and viewing data continues to increase as well. Requests for information received via the Internet, for the first time in agency history, now outnumber those received via mail and/or phone (and are also increasing).

Publications

- We have published four (4) reports since the last Authority meeting – all in the probation area:
 1. An interim Evaluation Report on the Cook County Adult Sex Offender Probation Program.
 2. A Time Study of Juvenile Probation Services in Illinois.
 3. *On Good Authority* - Probation in Illinois: A Study of Outcomes.
 4. *On Good Authority* – Cook County Sex Offender Probation Program Provides Supervision and Treatment.

- The Winter 1999 issue of *The Compiler* was also published since the last Authority meeting. It focuses on The Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 1998.
- R & A staff are collaborating with TASC (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities) in publishing quarterly reports from the Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring program (replaced Drug Use Forecasting program). These reports will focus on drug use by arrestees in Chicago and suburban areas.
- R & A staff also collaborated with the Illinois State Police in making improvements to the annual report from the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program known as, "Crime in Illinois." The report is expected to be available in April.

Juvenile Justice

Staff continued to provide consultation and technical assistance to the Illinois Youth Network and other entities in various activities around implementation of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act. We helped conduct various statewide training sessions and, most recently, met with McHenry County officials concerning their implementation of a county coordinating council pursuant to the Act.

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