

ICJIA RESEARCH & ANALYSIS UPDATE

The Research & Analysis UPDATE newsletter highlights the work of ICJIA's Research & Analysis Unit. Over 30 dedicated researchers work to improve the administration of justice and inform policy and practice in criminal justice, victim services, and violence prevention.

SPOTLIGHT: NEW ILLINOIS STATEWIDE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PLAN



ICJIA recently published its latest [Statewide Violence Prevention Plan for Illinois](#) for 2025-2029. Quarterly meetings and workgroups helped formulate an overarching plan with three distinct goals to address and reduce violence in our state. The goals are to promote health and safety through trauma-informed efforts, advance equity by increasing access to grants or other economic opportunities, and foster collaboration across state and local agencies. This report will inform Illinois' violence prevention efforts over the next four years. Additionally, this report aims to provide a framework for organizations to develop and implement their own violence prevention plans using a public-health approach. The Ad Hoc Violence Prevention Committee will continue to meet to promote coordination, note progress towards these goals, and share lessons learned.

Research Publications



Recidivism Outcomes of Illinois Prison Work Release Program Participants

This study evaluated the impact of work release centers, also known as Adult Transition Centers (ATCs). Researchers examined ATC participants to a matched comparison group of non-ATC participants. They found reduced recidivism for the ATC participant group.



The Evaluation of the Illinois Multi-Site Police-Initiated Deflection Initiative

ICJIA is conducting a large-scale evaluation of multiple Illinois deflection programs. Researchers are examining planning, development, and operations. The evaluation design, data, and challenges faced, as well as future plans, are included in this report.

Task Force Reports



Colton's Task Force: A 2025 Illinois Domestic Violence Task Force Report

This report shares the task force's efforts toward conducting a comprehensive review of the process, operation, and enforcement of current Illinois domestic violence laws. The group identified gaps and developed recommendations.



Firearm Prohibitors and Records Improvement Task Force 2025 Report

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Act created the Firearm Prohibitors and Records Improvement Task Force. This report shares the task force's work toward identifying, reviewing, and addressing gaps in reporting on persons who have firearm restrictions.

Research Presentations

Researchers presented the following this quarter:

- A presentation on **Recidivism Outcomes of Illinois Work Release Programs** at the Illinois Reentry Council meeting.
- Two presentations on **The Illinois Reentry Landscape** at the Illinois Parole District 3 and Parole District 4 Reentry Think Tank meetings.
- A presentation on **The Evaluation of the Illinois Multi-Site Police-Led Deflection Initiative** at the ICJIA Board meeting.
- A presentation on the **Illinois Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative Overview** to the Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council Steering Committee and Council Coordinators.
- An InfoNet training on **Introduction to Human Trafficking Documentation: What Domestic Violence Providers Need to Know** for Illinois domestic violence providers.
- A presentation on **Employment after Prison & Prison Work Release Program Outcomes** at the Illinois Reentry Council's Partnership for Reentry Breakfast.
- A presentation on the **Redeploy Illinois Evaluation: Status Update and Preliminary Findings** to the Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board.



Research Grants

- ICJIA received a **\$2,250,000 award** from the Illinois Department of Human Services for SFY26-SFY28 for Illinois deflection work. Research staff will serve as evaluation partners during the three-year period to build upon work completed during SFY23-25.



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