

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: JUVENILE JUSTICE TRENDS IN ILLINOIS



Over the last quarter, ICJIA published research and data on juvenile justice trends in Illinois. [*Racial and Ethnic Disparity in the Illinois Juvenile Justice System: A Research Brief*](#) features data from Illinois state agencies to create a disproportionality index. Findings indicated overrepresentation of Black youth at various points in the youth justice system. ICJIA also published an [*accompanying dashboard*](#) that visualizes Illinois juvenile justice data from 2017 to 2022. Users can filter the dashboard by five criminal justice points: arrest, detention, informal probation, transfer to adult court, and confinement. These data can be used to inform policymaking and service design. The dashboard will be annually updated.

Research Publications



Mental Health Professionals' Experiences of Burnout and Vicarious Traumatization: Illinois HEALS Evaluation Study Findings

Researchers sought to better understand mental health professionals' experiences with burnout and vicarious traumatization. We interviewed five staff members serving child and youth victims in Southern Illinois for insight.



A Content Analysis of Illinois School Bullying Policies

Researchers examined bullying policies from a stratified random sample of 400 middle and high schools representing Illinois' Northern, Southern, and Central regions, and Chicago.

Data Collection and Task Force Reports



2024-2025 Illinois Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Data Use and Collection Task Force Findings

The ICJIA convened a task force comprised of members who discussed the collection and analysis of Illinois traffic and pedestrian stop data. Researchers compiled this report on the findings of the task force.



Criminal History Record Checks in Federally Assisted Housing Applications: 2024 Report

The Housing Authorities Act requires all Illinois public housing programs to collect and annually report criminal history check data. Researchers compiled this report covering the 2024 calendar year.

Research Presentations

Researchers presented the following this quarter:

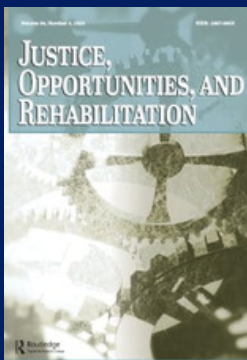
- “Using Data to Inform Policy and Practice through Evaluation: A State-Level Perspective” at the 2025 Annual Midwestern Psychological Association Conference.
- “IFVCC Local Council Review: FY 2023 & 2024” to the Statewide Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council and to Local Council Coordinators.
- “The Imperfect Road to Data Collection: Centering Survivors” at the National Network to End Domestic Violence, Safety Net Project’s 2025 Virtual Tech Summit.
- “Illinois Reentry after Prison Implications for People with Behavioral Health Concerns” at the Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) Consortium Meeting.
- “Illinois Juvenile Justice System Data Trends Pre- and Post-COVID-19” to the Illinois Juvenile Justice Leadership Council.
- “Illinois Reentry after Prison Data and Initiatives” at the ICJIA Reentry Think Tank meeting.



Research Grants

- ICJIA received a **\$375,000 award** from the Illinois Department of Human Services Bureau of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking for SFY26 to support the InfoNet system.

New Journal Publication



RECIDIVISM OUTCOMES OF ILLINOIS PRISON WORK RELEASE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

ICJIA research staff [published an article](#) in the journal *Justice, Opportunities, and Rehabilitation* discussing outcomes for individuals who have participated in Illinois Adult Transition Centers (ATC). A survival analysis revealed that ATC participation was associated with a 15.5% lower probability of rearrest and a 36.9% lower probability of reincarceration.