

ICJIA RESEARCH & ANALYSIS UPDATE

The Research & Analysis UPDATE newsletter highlights the work of ICJIA's Research & Analysis Unit. Over 20 dedicated researchers work to improve the administration of justice and inform policy and practice in criminal justice, victim services, and violence prevention.

SPOTLIGHT: INTERNATIONAL DEFLECTION AND PRE-ARREST DIVERSION SUMMIT



This quarter, ICJIA research staff attended the 2025 **Police, Treatment, and Community Collaborative** (PTACC) Summit in New Orleans, La. This year's summit focused on growth of the deflection field over the past decade, including breakthroughs and accomplishments. **Senior Research Scientist Jessica Reichert** co-presented on police stigma toward people with substance use disorders and its impact on deflection's effectiveness. PTACC brings together law enforcement, researchers, practitioners, and advocates to expand community behavioral health across the United States and internationally. Illinois continues to be at the forefront of deflection and ICJIA researchers are engaged in several deflection program evaluations.

Research Publications



Illinois K-12 Public School Personnel Readiness for Supporting Student Mental Health

Researchers surveyed 160 Illinois K-12 public school personnel to assess their knowledge of mental health, preparedness, and use of mental health skills.



Implementation Evaluation of a Program to Assist Victims of Violent Crime: Staff and Stakeholder Feedback

Researchers conducted an implementation evaluation of the East St. Louis Community Engagement Team, a police-led deflection program.



Process Evaluation of a Rural, Police-Initiated Deflection Program in Southern Illinois: Leadership Team Feedback

Researchers conducted a mixed-methods process evaluation of a rural state police-led deflection program, the Southern Illinois Community Engagement Response Team.

Research Presentations and Training

Researchers participated in many events this winter, including:

- Interviewing for the Justice Information Research Network's Series, Justice Insights: Conversations with SACs, on "[School Personnel Readiness for Supporting Student Mental Health](#)," recorded in December 2025 [will be posted on YouTube].
- Presenting at the Police Treatment and Community Collaborative (PTACC) Summit on "[Breaking Down Barriers: Reducing Stigma to Strengthen Deflection's Next Decade](#)."
- Presenting at the 6th Edition of the Global Conference on Addiction Medicine, Behavioral Health and Psychiatry on "[Police Officer Stigma and Discretion in Encounters with People with Opioid Use Disorder: Findings from an Illinois Survey](#)."
- Presenting at the Victim Services Planning Ad Hoc Committee meeting on the "[Victim Services Planning Project](#)."
- Presenting to InfoNet training to Illinois sexual assault providers on "[Data Entry, Reports, and Funding for Staff](#)."
- Training Safe From the Start providers on "[Evaluation Forms, Assessments, Protocol Administration, and Database Use](#)."