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Re: Research and Analysis Unit Report for the September 2010 Authority Meeting

This memorandum highlights some of the work performed by staff of the Research and Analysis Unit since the Authority's last quarterly meeting.

I. NEW PROJECTS

A. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Victimization among Adult Female Inmates in the Illinois Department of Corrections

In 2009, ICJIA interviewed 163 female inmates housed in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Researchers gathered information on prior help seeking strategies, substance use, and physical and sexual abuse during the course of the person's life history. The findings in a report, *Victimization and Help Seeking Behaviors Among Incarcerated Women*, released April 2010. Study participants were also administered the PTSD Symptoms Checklist (PCL) to gauge PTSD symptoms. A second report will share the level and correlates of PTSD symptomology of female inmates. The report will help inform prisons and parole agents on the level and correlates of PTSD symptomology to better assist women housed in prisons and those released from prison deal with this problematic mental illness which can impact basic functioning including the ability to hold a job, have healthy relationships, and avoid the abuse of drugs and alcohol. The IRB approved the research as exempt as it uses existing data. The report is slated for completion in late 2010.

B. Anne's House Program Evaluation

ICJIA staff will complete a process evaluation of Anne's House during year one of program operations. The home, operated by the Salvation Army, is a long-term residential facility serving sexually exploited/ trafficked girls and young women. The study will measure implementation milestones in relation to the program's logic model, provide a review of literature, create a full program description of Anne's House, describe program participants, and conduct interviews with staff at the end of year one. The interviews will document successes, barriers to success, and

suggested changes to improve the program. The anticipated start date of the evaluation is September 2010.

C. Illinois' Metropolitan Enforcement Groups and Task Forces Profiles

In 2009, the Authority funded 19 Metropolitan Enforcement Groups (MEG) and Task Forces which pooling resources, knowledge and personnel to more efficiently and effectively fight the proliferation of illicit drugs. All MEGs and task forces are staffed by officers representing federal, state, county, and local police agencies. Periodically, the Authority creates profiles of each MEG and task force in order to provide a general overview of the drug and violent crime problem in their jurisdictions and share their response to these problems. Updated profiles will be published in late 2010.

D. Illinois Criminal Justice System Walkthrough

Staff have begun work on a step-by-step walkthrough of the general practices, processes, and procedures of the Illinois criminal justice system, from arrest through community supervision. The report is intended to mirror the juvenile walkthrough and will include detailed information on assessments, diversion, and special issues. The report will be provided to an advisory committee of experts including judges, police, attorneys, and professionals in the field to review for accuracy.

E. Sheridan Correctional Center National Drug Prison and Re-entry Therapeutic Community Recidivism Study

Opened in January 2004, Sheridan Correctional Center is a medium security prison operated by the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC), which uses a Therapeutic Community model. Every inmate at Sheridan participates in substance abuse treatment. Before enrolling in the program, inmates agree to participate in the in-prison therapeutic community and 90 days of community substance abuse treatment (aftercare) as a condition of their parole. A successful Sheridan graduate includes anyone who completes the in-prison portion of the Sheridan program and is released from Sheridan Correctional Center on Mandatory Supervised Release.

Since 2004, Dr. David Olson, Chair of the Criminal Justice Department at Loyola University Chicago, has been conducting an on-going evaluation of the Sheridan Correctional Center. Our proposed study will enhance prior research on Sheridan by providing quantitative and qualitative information from former participants themselves. This information could then be used to enhance programming both internally at Sheridan Correctional Center and externally with partner agencies and parole in order to improve a Sheridan graduate's re-entry experience.

The goal is to evaluate the post-prison outcomes for graduates of Sheridan by interviewing re-incarcerated graduates of the Sheridan program and learning the factors that contribute to a Sheridan program graduate's failure at re-entry. Failure includes a return to drug use or other technical violations, or committing a new crime. Data will be collected through fifty face to face interviews with successful graduates of the Sheridan who have been re-incarcerated since their release from

Sheridan. The information will allow for a better understanding of what happens with Sheridan graduates after release in order to offer recommendations to improve the effectiveness of the Sheridan program. Data collection will begin Summer 2010 and a final report will be completed Winter 2011.

F. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)/Chicago Police Department (CPD) Juvenile Crisis Intervention Training Fidelity Assessment

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) established its Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) in 2004 to address the high prevalence of mental illness among incarcerated adults. All CIT members volunteered to attend a 40-hour training to become certified. The purpose of the CIT-training is to teach law enforcement officers how to (a) identify signs and symptoms of mental illnesses and (b) exercise skills to defuse crisis situations. In May 2009, the Chicago Police Department (CPD) and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) held its first advanced CIT training on addressing mental health issues among the youth population. ICJIA research and analysis staff is currently evaluating the extent to which the training curriculum is helpful for officers, as they respond to situations involving mentally ill youth. The evaluation project has the following objectives: (1) measure officer pre-and post-training knowledge; (2) measure officer retention of the training material; (3) measure officer satisfaction with the training; (4) measure officer intention to use the training material; and (5) measure officer use of the training curriculum in the field. The evaluation project was approved by the Authority's Institutional Review Board (IRB) in June 2010; data collection began shortly after. The evaluation project will be completed by June 2013. The findings will be conveyed to the Juvenile—CIT, training staff in a way that allows them to improve and enhance their training practices.

G. River Valley Juvenile Detention Center (RVJDC) Mental Health Program Evaluation

River Valley Juvenile Detention Center (RVJDC) is a Nationally Accredited facility located in Joliet, Illinois. It serves both Will and Kankakee Counties and includes 102 beds, as well as a 24-hour on-site medical unit. RVJDC is a temporary placement center for juveniles, between the ages of ten and seventeen, awaiting court decisions on their cases. Only minors who have allegedly committed a delinquent offense and are determined to be a danger to the community or themselves may be detained. In 2008, a total of 911 juveniles were admitted and received medical and mental health care. In addition, the mental health department staff provided Will and Kankakee Counties juvenile justice courts with psychological reports on approximately 40 percent of the youth detained, as ordered by the judges. RVJDC mental health department staff plans to expand their program by providing Will and Kankakee Counties' juvenile-court judges with psychological reports on all detained youth. The psychological reports provide the juvenile-court judges with an extensive amount of information on youth backgrounds.

ICJIA research and analysis staff partnered with RVJDC administrative staff in March 2010 for the purpose of evaluating the facility's mental health program. An evaluation plan was finalized in July 2010 and has the following objectives: (1) measure youth satisfaction with the conditions and treatment provided by RVJDC staff, (2) measure the use of court-ordered psychological reports, and

(3) measure the influence psychological reports have on juvenile justice system outcomes. ICJIA research and analysis staff is seeking approval for the evaluation project from the Authority's Institutional Review Board (IRB). Data collection is anticipated to begin in September 2010 and the evaluation project will be completed by September 2013.

H. Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) 2010 Audit

The unit's Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) Audit Center is a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funded in-house effort to continuously examine the accuracy, completeness and timeliness of the criminal history record information reported to the state repository maintained by the Illinois State Police, and to recommend strategies for improvement.

Preparations for the 2010 CHRI audit have begun. The focus of the audit will be on court disposition reporting, since accurate and complete conviction information is a key component of decisions within the criminal justice system and an increasing number of decisions outside of criminal justice (employment, housing, student loans, and so on).

During this quarter, staff conducted preliminary analyses of CHRI data for the years 2005-2009, to identify potential counties of interest for the 2010 audit, particularly those found to have higher-than-average numbers of missing court dispositions. Ten counties consistently ranked as those with the highest proportion of missing court dispositions. Analyses of these missing dispositions by court charge class of offense were also conducted, to further refine the extent of missing dispositions for felony cases. Discussions were also held with Illinois State Police Staff as to the availability of court disposition data before it is processed by the CHRI system, which looks like a highly promising approach. It is anticipated that the audit proposal will be finalized and submitted to the State Police during the next quarter, with actual data collection and analysis to begin shortly afterwards.

I. Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice Recidivism Study

Staff are conducting a research study on recidivism for juveniles admitted to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice which was funded for \$19,575 by the American Statistical Association/Bureau of Justice Statistics Small Grants program. This study will employ various statistical techniques including multilevel modeling, survival analysis, and markov modeling to examine recidivism in-depth. Further, recidivism will be measured through readmission to either juvenile or adult correctional custody (derived from IDJJ and IDOC admissions data) and through re-arrest (derived from criminal history record information). Recidivism will be compared across various demographic and offense-type subgroups, with special attention paid to neighborhood of release indicators using U.S. Bureau of the Census data. The study was approved by the IRB. The study period and funding award will be finished in July 2011. Staff has cleaned the data and is working on geocoding the sample.

J. Juvenile Justice System and Risk Factor Data: 2008 Annual Report

Supported by a grant from the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, the 2008 Annual Report, a compilation of county-level juvenile justice system and risk factor data, is now amassing the 2008 data sets. Similar to previous editions, this report summarizes recent trends in these data over time and discusses emerging juvenile justice system issues in Illinois, including Balanced and Restorative Justice, the Illinois Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, Disproportionate Minority Contact, and Redeploy Illinois.

K. Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice and Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Merger Committees

Staff from ICJIA have been participating in and providing assistance to different subcommittees created by the Office of the Governor to facilitate the merger of the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. Staff participate on subcommittees including: assessment tools; reports and best practices; data collection; aftercare; programs and internal services; and steering committee.

II. CURRENT PROJECTS

A. Program evaluation and research projects/ internally funded

The R&A Unit pursues a program evaluation and research agenda through an in-house Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)-funded grant program. Evaluation and research efforts conducted, supported, or monitored by R&A staff include:

1. Smarter Solutions for Crime Reduction: The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Strategic Planning Initiative

In November 2009, ICJIA initiated plans to convene a large group of criminal justice professionals, lawmakers, and policymakers from across Illinois on September 22-23, 2010 Criminal Justice Planning Summit. At this two-day event, ICJIA will review current challenges in the adult justice system based on the experiences of policymakers, practitioners, and others in the field, and on the latest research. Participants will then identify priorities for a statewide strategy for criminal justice policy, funding initiatives, and justice research in the coming years. This effort is the first since 2001 to create and implement a strategic criminal justice plan for the state of Illinois.

ICJIA is partnering with several key state and national criminal justice and human services agencies to gather information and guide planning for the summit, including the Illinois Department of Corrections, Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice, Illinois Department of Human Services, Illinois State Police, Illinois Department of Child and Family Services, and the National Criminal Justice Association, Justice and Research Statistics Association, and Pew Research Center. Other partners include representatives of the state's mental health, law enforcement, judicial and court services, and criminal justice associations.

ICJIA completed several fact-finding strategies to pinpoint critical criminal justice issues and the most effective and efficient evidence-based policies, practices, and programs in Illinois and across the nation. These include reviewing existing statewide strategic plans from around the country to identify areas for potential replication and lessons-learned, interviews with state justice and human service association leaders to solicit information about critical issues facing their communities, and workgroups with representatives of the academic and policy advocacy communities. ICJIA also collected existing needs assessment data, reports, survey findings, and other information reflective of current justice trends in Illinois that could be used to support the development of the summit agenda and the strategic plan.

The invitations have gone out, and a catalogue of evidence-based practices related to smarter and more efficient utilization of criminal justice resources was developed on the Summit website. To date, there are over 100 registrants. Overall response to the event and the strategic planning process has been very positive.

The summit, and subsequent working sessions, will energize the justice community to contribute innovative ideas and partnership and planning principles that will reduce crime and improve public health and safety in urban, rural, and suburban jurisdictions across Illinois. It is hoped that this effort will increase the investment all facets of the justice system have in planning for a more organized and strategic effort to reduce crime and increase public health and safety. In the end, this important initiative will result in a coordinated statewide, data-driven strategic approach to crime reduction and justice system investment.

2. Sentencing Policy Advisory Council (SPAC) Technical Assistance

SPAC, which was created by Public Act 96-0711, will draw on criminal justice information collected by state and local justice agencies and use that information to explore sentencing issues and how these practices impact the criminal justice system as a whole. The Council consists of a nonpartisan group of 18 key stakeholders from across the state and local criminal justice systems, including members from all three branches of government: legislators (from both political parties and houses), retired judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, corrections and administrators of the court officials, law enforcement, victim's rights advocates and academics. There are also ex-officio members from the agencies providing data to SPAC (Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, and Illinois Department of Corrections).

ICJIA Research & Analysis Staff began assisting the SPAC in reviewing Illinois criminal justice data availability for sentencing policy research. A presentation was made to the Council regarding these issues, and a larger report that documents current data collection practices and examine information gaps at each stage of the system was completed in July. This document was produced in partnership with the Illinois State Police, the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, and the Illinois Department of Corrections. The report is currently being updated by staff to include information on potential local-level data sources for use by SPAC. It will be made available on the ICJIA's website www.icjia.state.il.us.

3. Adult Redeploy Illinois Utilization-Focused Evaluation

The Crime Reduction Act (Public Act 96-0761 effective on January 1, 2010) establishes the Adult Redeploy Illinois program, which provides financial incentives to local jurisdictions for designing community-based programs to treat offenders in the community instead of sending them to state prisons. Under the Act, financial incentives will be offered to counties/groups of counties/judicial circuits to increase programming in their areas, in exchange for reducing the number of people they send to the Illinois Department of Corrections (with penalties if they do not meet the reduction goal).

The goal of Adult Redeploy is to establish pilot sites to increase access to community-based services and decrease commitments to the Illinois Department of Corrections. In Phase I, counties or judicial circuits will craft local program plans that specify how to reduce commitments of non-violent offenders to prison and implement these plans in Phase II. The counties or judicial circuits must negotiate an agreement with the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board (AROIB) to limit the number of Adult Redeploy Illinois eligible commitments from that area to 75% of the average number of commitments of the three previous calendar years.

ICJIA Research and Analysis Staff are working closely with the AROIB and IDOC and IDHS staff to track the policy implementation process, to guide the development of performance and outcome measures, and to provide relevant technical assistance toward insuring the program model aligns with the language describing the initiative in the Crime Reduction Act. The implementation evaluation will commence in October 2010.

Additionally, ICJIA staff are working with the AROIB to provide technical assistance related to data needs for the required standard planning document and ensuring the incorporation of existing legislated alternatives to incarceration programs in Illinois.

ICJIA staff are participating in and providing assistance to some of the AROIB subcommittees, including the Performance Measures and Outcome Indicators subcommittee and the Site Selection subcommittee.

4. Adult Redeploy Illinois Website Data

As technical support for the Adult Redeploy Illinois program planning grants issued by the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board (AROIB), staff has developed a new website to simplify and standardize access to county-level data required for the planning process. The counties and judicial circuit (encompassing 12 counties) currently accepting planning grants can access the county census and criminal justice system data available through the Authority's website. This information is to be used to guide their identification of target populations eligible for the program, and serve as a starting point for the community corrections and service gap analysis to be conducted in the planning process. Data for all 102 counties are also available as print-friendly PDF documents as well.

During the last quarter, staff have provided technical support regarding data interpretation and identification of target populations for participating counties. Staff also worked with IDOC staff to verify the methodology used to determine the corrections information available on the website, so

that counties would obtain the same numbers regarding potentially eligible Adult Redeploy participants from either IDOC or the Adult Redeploy website.

5. Hate Crime in Illinois and across the United States Report

Staff completed a report that compares incidences of reported hate crime throughout Illinois and the United States over an 11-year period, 1997-2007. Using ISP-UCR supplemental case level data as well as FBI-UCR data, staff is analyzing data to determine trends in the number of reported hate crimes within Illinois and throughout the United States from 1997 to 2007. The report involves analysis and evaluation of regional and county-level reporting of hate crime throughout Illinois, as well as the specific hate related offenses (i.e., against persons / property) committed and explicit locations where such crimes are occurring. Also, victim and offender characteristics (e.g., bias motivation, race, gender, religious affiliation, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical/mental handicap, victim type, etc.) are being compared in an effort to identify relationships between victims and offenders of hate related offenses. The report is under review and is slated for publication in September.

Staff also prepared a Power point presentation focusing on hate crime trends in Cook and surrounding counties, to be presented to the Cook County Hate Crimes Prosecution Council.

6. Illinois College Campus Crime and Safety Issues Series

Staff is working on a series of reports on the issues of emergency preparedness on college campuses, and general crime as reported through various sources of data. The first report, *Issues on Illinois College Campus –History of College Campus Emergency Preparedness and Safety Planning* was published on the Authority's website in March, on the new *College Campus Resource Center* web page. Two other reports, *Trends in Illinois Campus Crime at Four Year Colleges, 2005-2008*, and *A Comparison of Campus Crime Trends at Illinois Four Year and Two Year Colleges, 2003-2007* are under review and are slated for publication in September. Staff has been requested to participate in a roundtable discussion on campus crime data quality and usefulness at the Justice Research and Statistics Association annual conference in October.

Other reports in the series include: arrests and referrals for school disciplinary action for weapons, drugs and alcohol offenses, the prevalence of sexual assault on campus, and hate crimes reported on college campuses compared to the state in general.

7. Get the Facts

Staff are working to update existing and create new "Get the Facts" publications. These popular publications explain processes and components of the Illinois criminal and juvenile justice systems, and have not been updated since 2000. Topic areas of the publications include: victims' rights; the court system; criminal sentencing; juvenile sentencing; the juvenile court system; juvenile pre-trial; juvenile corrections; adult pre-trial; adults arrests; juvenile arrests; criminal records; and adult corrections.

The juvenile justice series of the publication has been completed: juvenile arrests (December 2009), juvenile pre-trial (January 2010), juvenile court system (March 2010), juvenile sentencing (June 2010), and juvenile corrections and parole (June 2010). The get the facts on expungements, adult arrests, and adult pre-trial are expected by October 2010.

8. Juvenile Justice Data Coordination Partnership

Staff participate on several working groups related to effective juvenile justice data collection, including DMC, Juvenile Redeploy Illinois, IJDAI, and Models for Change. During the last quarter, staff have also been requested to participate on various workgroups initiated by the Governor's Office related to the merger of the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ) with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Service (DCFS).

Juvenile Redeploy Illinois data reporting templates. Juvenile Redeploy Illinois data reporting templates. Staff has been asked to develop new data reporting forms for the Juvenile Redeploy Illinois Program. Staff will also develop the policy around submission of the report. The data reports will be submitted to the Authority on a monthly basis and quarterly reports will be developed and sent to each Redeploy Illinois site to provide information to participants/staff of the programs.

Data repository template. During discussions at meetings, it was determined that a data template, or a standardized local criminal justice data and risk factor analysis and graphical presentation tool, is needed in order to help local practitioners better understand the communities in which they work in and the people with whom they work. As a result of numerous calls for technical assistance regarding proper data analysis as well as discussions within the various initiatives, it was determined that a uniform data template was something those participating in initiatives would benefit from. Work on this data template is ongoing.

9. Juvenile Justice Information Request database

Staff completed a database to track juvenile justice system information requests from agencies, legislators, and the public. This database will help the Authority determine what information is requested, what it is used for, and how it can be made more available through our website. During the last quarter, 30 substantial requests for juvenile justice data and information were received and processed.

10. Safety Net Works – Implementation Evaluation

Authority staff is concluding its evaluation of the implementation of the Safety Net Works Initiative, a violence prevention and youth development program currently taking place across 14 community areas in Illinois. The primary purpose of this implementation evaluation is to assess the extent to which project implementation is conducted in accordance with pre-operational expectations; to document the progress and limitations of the program's implementation; to provide recommendations and guide refinement of the project; and to inform and guide similar undertakings. Sources of data for the evaluation include surveys, interviews, meeting observations, and implementation and progress reports submitted by the sites.

During the last quarter, staff participated in the Year-Three application solicitation rating process for SNW funding, conducted by the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority. This included reading the proposals, and participating in several meetings to determine which sites should be offered continued funding. A final project report on the implementation process of the SNW programs will be completed and presented to the Steering Committee scheduled the first week of October.

11. Evaluation of IDOC's Sheridan Correctional Center Therapeutic Community Program

Research & Analysis staff is continuing to support the operation of the Sheridan Correctional Center through a process and impact evaluation. Sheridan is currently the largest correctional facility in the country that is entirely committed to substance abuse treatment. The prison, designed as a therapeutic community for substance abuse users, reopened at the beginning of 2004 and had an additional methamphetamine treatment unit built on in FY08. Drug offenders released from IDOC have relatively high recidivism rates if they are released without any form of treatment in prison or in their communities upon release. The Sheridan treatment plan is designed to treat offenders while incarcerated and while they are released to their communities under supervision to reduce recidivism rates across Illinois.

The evaluation of Sheridan is a collaborative effort between the Authority, Loyola University, and the Illinois Department of Corrections and is under the direction of Dr. David Olson of Loyola. The evaluation uses a combination of quantitative and qualitative data to gage the process and impact of operations at Sheridan and the aftercare component required for inmates under mandatory supervised release. Authority staff contributed to analyses of program completion and recidivism of Sheridan participants compared to a matched sample of inmates released from other prisons in Illinois, including the compiling and organization of criminal history and arrest data on subjects in the research.

The 2007 report has been updated with 2008 data and will be released in June of 2010 pending DOC's approval. Findings indicate that as a result of the treatment services and aftercare received, those inmates released from Sheridan had a 20 percent lower likelihood of being returned to prison after three years in the community than a statistically similar comparison group released from Illinois' prisons during the same time period. The largest reductions in recidivism – both in terms of rearrest and return to prison—were evident among those Sheridan releasees who successfully completed aftercare treatment. Dr. Olson is continuing the evaluation of the Sheridan program, as well as assessing the drug treatment therapeutic community operating at the Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center. This continued research began in October 2008 and will continue through August 2010 so that 2009 data may be included.

12. Lake County Transitional Services for Female Offenders (PTSD)

Loyola University, under the direction of Dr. Loretta Stalans, was awarded a grant to evaluate the Lake County probation program that provides specialized services to women probationers who exhibit post-traumatic stress disorder. The report outlines the development and adjustments that were made to the program to better accommodate and serve the female probationers' needs in an effort to prevent recidivism and improve their lives. The final report is available on our website and a summary is forthcoming.

A one-year follow-up study to further assess the impact of the program began in January 2008. The report addresses whether the program reduced recidivism, and assisted the women in obtaining employment, housing, food and childcare. The study also focused on the third service provider that the program enlisted. Findings show that those in the program are more likely to receive services and referrals, including mental health services and employment services. While there were little differences in some outcome aspects between the women in the program and a control group, those in the program were less likely to have had a violation of probation filed or have their probation revoked. The final report is available on our website.

13. Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee

Loyola University Chicago was selected to continue research and conduct a survey regarding capital punishment in Illinois for the Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee. Work on this project began in October 2008 and a renewal to continue work was signed in October 2009. A final report is under review.

14. Mental Health Courts in Illinois

Loyola University Chicago was selected to conduct the assessment and evaluation of mental health courts in Illinois. The project will inventory the operating courts in Illinois and assess what barriers were in place for those courts that did not materialize. A more thorough evaluation will be conducted on specific courts in an effort to gauge their operations, effectiveness and outcomes. Loyola's methodology and study design includes a mixed methods approach, including quantitative data from program operations and client outcomes, as well as qualitative data stemming from interviews and focus groups with the court stakeholders. A component of the study that includes client surveys will assess the perceptions of those that participate in the courts. Loyola will collect data and assess the implementation and operation of each court in Illinois, including those that are in the planning stages. Factors that contributed to the failure of some jurisdictions to implement a court will also be outlined. A more detailed in-depth analysis of three (3) courts will be conducted. This analysis will involve a thorough assessment as to the operation, impact and outcomes of the courts. Special attention will be paid to the multi-disciplinary roles of the MHC teams and the "boundary-spanning" that they are required to do. A final report will be due in September 2010.

15. Investigator Initiated Research

Projects funded under an Investigator-initiated RFP address research in our priority areas of interest. A number of projects have been completed and final reports are available on our website. The following projects are in progress or near completion.

- *Assessing the Risk of Sexual and Violent Recidivism and Identifying Differences in Risk Factor.* This study is under the direction of Loyola University and will seek to inform the criminal justice system's probation and parole officers, treatment professionals, and judges as to the accuracy of assessment tools for predicting the risk of sexual or violent reoffending. Comparisons between offenders from the prison system and those on probation will be conducted. The project has concluded and edits have been sent on the final report.

- *A Study of Co-occurring Conditions and Treatment Coordination of Jail Detainees.* Conducted by the University of Illinois at Chicago, this study will select and interview 300 adult male and 150 adult female detainees in the psychiatric residential treatment units at the Cook County Department of Corrections jail facility. The project will seek to better understand the needs of this high-risk and resource-intensive population and provide a basis for developing better coordinated systems of care within the jail, community and transition to prison for those sentenced detainees. The final report has been reviewed and final edits will be completed in August 2010.
- *Analysis of Shelter Utilization by Victims of Domestic Violence* – Conducted by Loyola University School of Social Work, Loyola researchers in collaboration with the City of Chicago Mayor’s Office will conduct a study of the dynamics of shelter utilization and how it relates to the process of, and readiness for, change among women who are victims of domestic violence. The project will aim to better identify the housing and service needs and utilization patterns, as well as the outcomes of women who are in the domestic violence shelter system in Chicago. The project will also identify stages in the help seeking process, including the characteristics of readiness for change that lead women to shelter and/or to end the abusive situation. The report was revised in 2010 and the final version is available on our website.
- *Safer Return Demonstration: A Research-Based Community Reentry Initiative – An Examination of the Family-Inclusive Case Management Service Component* - Conducted by the Urban Institute this project will provide an implementation and impact evaluation of the family-inclusive case management component of the Safer Return offender reentry initiative. Stemming from a larger evaluation of the reentry initiative, this study will focus on whether and to what extent the family-inclusive case management benefits offenders returning back to the community and their family and social support networks. Individual and family-level outcomes will be assessed. Due to delays in obtaining DOC parole data, the project was extended through May 2011. Urban Institute staff received data on May 7 but the project is experiencing delays in enrollment. A further extension into early 2012 may be necessary.
- *Assessing Views of Critical Incident Prevention and Response* – Conducted by Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, this project will determine the attitudes and perceptions of students regarding campus safety initiatives and campus preparedness for critical incidents. The study will conduct surveys of students in six Illinois campuses regarding the perceived likelihood of an incident occurring, fear of incidents and past exposure to types of incidents or offenses. Staff from SIUC presented the findings to Authority staff on April 20 and the final report is now available on our website.

An additional Investigator Initiated Research RFP in the amount of \$150,000 was issued in September 2009. Two projects were selected and began in December 2009.

- *Systematic Evaluation of the Peoria Drug Market Intervention* - Conducted by Southern Illinois University, this project seeks to assess the approach and effectiveness of a strategy to combat open air drug markets in the City of Peoria. The Peoria Police Department (PPD) is in

the process of implementing a proactive policing strategy in response to open-air drug markets in a high crime neighborhood. The PPD more specifically is implementing a “pulling levers” intervention that relies on a combination of incapacitation for serious, chronic and violent offenders as well as a deterrent-based message combined with increased social support mechanisms for less serious offender who have been deemed suitable for diversion and have the potential to be diverted from a lifestyle of offending. The pulling levers framework is implemented at the local level and is designed to strengthen relationships and communication between criminal and social justice agencies. The evaluation will assess the implementation and preliminary impact of the effort. A report is due September 30, 2010

- *Growth of Illinois Prison Population and Assessment of Risk and Recidivism Among Prison Releasees* - Conducted by Loyola University, this multi-tiered project will examine trends in prison admissions, end of year populations, and prison exits. Using existing data available from IDOC and CHRI system, the proposed research will examine, in detail: 1) trends in admissions, exits and the end-of-year populations within prison and 2) the post-release recidivism of those released from prison. For both of these research activities, there will be a specific emphasis on the similarities and differences between female versus male inmates and releasees. The proposed research seeks to further the understanding within Illinois regarding the risk and recidivism of those released from prison, and assess the utility if existing information collected by DOC for determining post-release risk. It extends the potential predictive validity of risk assessment by examining community-level risk factors such as indicators of social disadvantage, social cohesion, and police surveillance as well as individual level characteristics, such as age, criminal history, substance abuse, and other factors. The goal of the research is to examine post-prison recidivism of offenders using the most current and appropriate statistical techniques, while ensuring that the findings and results useful to practitioners and policy makers. A number of presentations have been given on findings to date, most recently a presentation on April 16 detailing differences in female and male admissions and releases. The project will be available in the Fall of 2010.

B. Program evaluation and research projects/ externally funded

R&A staff has been successful in the pursuit of external discretionary grants to support research and evaluation efforts. Several current projects are or were supported by such grants:

1. Redesign of Criminal Justice DataNet

The Authority received \$58,000 in funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) to enhance web access and on-line presentation formats of the Authority’s holdings of criminal justice and social risk factor data. An added feature of the project is enhancements to the Federal Deaths in Custody Reporting process conducted by the Authority on behalf of Illinois law enforcement agencies. The grant is scheduled to end on September 30, 2010.

An Instant Atlas application has been designed for the Strategic Planning Initiative. This application will be used as a prototype for upcoming applications to be included in the SAC website. An HTML-based alternative to this application has also been created to allow users who cannot use Adobe Flash

to access the same data, regardless of accessibility issues. On-line users (and Authority staff) will be able to access the Authority's holdings of criminal justice data to create maps and explore relationships among the various data sets across time and counties. Usability testing will be conducted on a sample of ICJIA staff and likely website users to obtain feedback and refine the application.

Staff is also developing a SQL database that will allow on-line users to generate answers to more specific questions, such as, "which county has the highest violent crime rate?" Additionally, the database will provide a means to ensure integrity and consistency of the data for all staff members. Most data holdings have been converted into spreadsheets for the public to download for a newer data download page to be deployed that includes links to actual data sets and detailed meta data describing the data. Data has also been reorganized for inclusion into the larger SQL database. Staff will be working with an intern to update Fact Sheets currently available and linked to from the main State of Illinois website.

A second SJS grant in the amount of \$68,000 was submitted to BJS on March 15, 2010. Approval of this grant by BJS is still pending. Included in this project is a redesign of the Authority's current website, particularly with respect to the publications and data offerings. A web page specifically dedicated to the Research & Analysis Unit in its role as a State Statistical Center (SAC) will also be developed with the assistance of the Authority's webmaster and public information officer. It is anticipated that work on this grant will begin in September.

2. Illinois Juvenile Justice System Walkthrough

Supported by a grant from the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, staff developed a step-by-step walkthrough of the general practices, processes, and procedures of the Illinois juvenile justice system, from arrest through community supervision. The report was sent to an advisory committee around the state including juvenile court judges, attorneys (both private defense attorneys and state's attorneys), police officials, probation officers, and other juvenile justice system experts to review for accuracy. The report has been edited and reviewed by experts in the field numerous times and is in the final review stage. The final report is expected in August 2010.

3. Elder Abuse Collaboration Technical Assistance

Supported by a grant from the federal government, staff is conducting a process evaluation of this project aimed at coordinating responses to elder abuse among service providers, law enforcement and the courts. Participants include Metropolitan Family Service (an elder abuse service provider), the Chicago Police Department, and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, among others. The goal of the program is to provide a coordinated response ensuring that victims receive needed services while abusers are held accountable in the criminal justice system. ICJIA staff is in the process of reviewing all the grant materials for the program over the past two years, in order to determine interview questions for the Policy team members and Practice (elder abuse case review) team members. A final report will be completed by the end of the year.

In preparation for the evaluation, staff attended the Lake County Elder Abuse Conference at the College of Lake County on June 25th, to learn about successful multidisciplinary team models for

dealing with elder abuse, particularly those involving partnerships between police and social service agencies.

4. Evaluation of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts Evidence-Based Practices

In March of 2005, ICJIA research staff entered into a three-year cooperative agreement with the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) in the amount of \$194,232 to evaluate Illinois' Evidenced-Based Practices (EBP) Initiative. This project will assist local probation departments participating in the EBP Initiative by providing them with data and analysis that gauges performance before and during the implementation of evidence-based practices, and will establish a process and protocol for ongoing assessment of probation performance through an effective state and local partnership. All three waves of data collection (years 2002, 2005 and 2006) have been completed in all six participating counties: Lake, DuPage, Adams, Cook, Sangamon and the 2nd Judicial Circuit. Data analysis is currently being conducted and work on a draft final report is nearing completion. The final report will be completed and available in Fall 2010.

C. Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) Ad Hoc Data Connection Partnership

The Authority has entered into a data sharing partnership with the Illinois State Police, whereby CHRI data is made available to staff via a permanent on-line connection. All data entered on state "rap sheets", as housed on the State Police Computerized Criminal History system, are accessible to staff in electronic format. These data provide a unique resource for answering information requests from legislators, the media, and other interested parties, in-house research projects and studies being conducted by others around the country. A CHRI Ad Hoc Data Archive of all criminal history records from 1990-2009 has been created in formats that can be readily shared with researchers. This Archive currently holds close to a million records for each year of data.

The CHRI Ad Hoc data partnership with the State Police has progressed to the point where the Authority is now considered the sole source for electronic CHRI data for research purposes. (The State Police still generate paper versions for a fee.) Outside researchers can enter into a User Agreement to gain access to CHRI data which is distributed through the Authority. The process incorporates verification of bona fide research and appropriate protection of confidential data. The unified user agreement facilitates accountability for the research use of criminal history data records.

During the last quarter, several new CHRI User Agreement were processed, including those received from the Center for Prevention Research and Development at the University of Illinois, and the University of Chicago. Since the inception of the CHRI Ad Hoc Connection Partnership, a total of at least 43 outside research projects have received CHRI data from the Authority.

Staff is also working with several university-based researchers to develop appropriate methodologies for their research using CHRI Ad Hoc data, and is reviewing drafts of completed research projects for appropriate interpretation of the CHRI data used. Technical assistance on CHRI data interpretation and data manipulation was also provided to several researchers who received data in previously, including those from the Disproportionate Justice Impact Study (DJIS) Commission, Urban Institute, University of Chicago, and DuPage County Probation.

Information requests answered using CHRI data. During the last quarter, updating of all non-expunged arrests and associated arrest charges and court dispositions from 1999-2009 continued for loading into a new SQL Server database to provide an immediate querying capability for these arrests, dispositions, and charges covering the entire ten year period. In combination with CHRI data already stored in SPSS files, these data were used to answer several media requests for criminal justice statistics. During this quarter, CHRI data regarding public corruption arrests in Illinois requested from the Virginia Sentencing Commission for state comparison purposes.

D. Chicago Homicide Dataset Update Project

The Chicago Homicide Dataset (CHD) has been collected and maintained for many years in close cooperation with the Crime Analysis Unit, Detective Division, of the Chicago Police Department. The CHD is a comprehensive database containing information on every homicide that occurred in Chicago between 1965 and 2000. CHD data from 1965 to 1995, with all victim identifiers and addresses removed, is archived with the Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Staff is currently cleaning the entire dataset from 1965 to 2000, and creating three linked CHD datasets – victim-level, incident-level and offender-level.

During this quarter, staff continued to collaborate with selected researchers on projects involving use of the Chicago Homicide Dataset. A copy of the dataset stripped of identifiers was made available to Dr. Gipsy Escobar of Loyola University. She is conducting an international comparison of homicide trends.

E. Chicago Women's Health Risk Study

The Chicago Women's Health Risk Project is a continuing collaboration of medical, public health, and criminal justice agencies, and domestic violence experts to identify factors that indicate a significant danger of life-threatening injury or death in situations of intimate partner violence. Collaborating agencies include the Chicago Department of Public Health, Erie Family Health Center, Cook County Hospital, Chicago Mayor's Office on Domestic Violence, Cook County Medical Examiner's Office, Chicago Police Department and the Authority.

The current goal of the CWHRS project is to "get the word out" about important and potentially life-saving results, to the public and to practitioners and legislators who can use those results to help save lives. The CWHRS Forum, housed on the Authority's web site, currently has 209 members, most of them practitioners or researchers in the field. The CWHRS Forum also welcomes visits from people seeking information. A number of reports, journal articles and other publications have been developed from the research, most of them collaborations. Staff is frequently solicited for presentations and briefings on the research and project tools, and data continue to be requested for use by other researchers.

III. ONGOING ACTIVITIES

A. Briefings/Presentations

Since the last Authority update for the June 2010 meeting, R&A staff made presentations at, and/or attended the following professional meetings:

- On May 18, staff attended a potential research collaboration meeting with the Sociology Department at DePaul University
- On May 18, staff attended a meeting of the LEADS Advisory Board meeting in Joliet.
- On May 20, staff attended the Assessment Tools Workgroup for the DJJ/DCFS merger
- On May 21, staff attended a juvenile Redeploy Illinois Board meeting. The data report was presented and the board provided feedback
- On May 25, staff attended a research meeting on the Sheridan evaluation project with Westcare, Inc. staff.
- On May 26, staff attended a presentation from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency on their Juvenile Assessment and Intervention System via conference call for the Assessment Tools workgroup of the DJJ/DCFS merger.
- On May 26, staff attended a meeting of the Adult Redeploy Oversight Board.
- On May 26, staff, the Research Director, the Director of the Office of General Counsel, and the Executive Director met with and were interviewed by Hon. Judge George Timberlake on behalf of the McArthur Foundation's Models for Change Initiative to discuss the juvenile justice system in Illinois
- On May 27, staff attended a presentation from ORBIS Partners, Inc, on the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) for the Assessment Tools workgroup of the DJJ/DCFS merger committee.
- On May 27, staff participated in a juvenile Redeploy Illinois conference call to discuss issues in Madison County and how to address their high numbers of commitments to IDJJ.
- On June 1, staff participated in a DJJ/DCFS merger meeting to discuss programming and internal services.
- On June 1, staff attended the Risk, Assets, and Needs Assessment Task Force meeting.
- On June 2, staff attended the AfterCare workgroup for the IDJJ/IDCFS merger.
- On June 3, staff held a training of researchers who will be interviewing research subjects for the Sheridan evaluation project.
- On June 3, staff attended the Assessment Tools workgroup meeting for the DJJ/DCFS merger committee
- On June 4, staff attended a Pathways Group meeting in Paxton, Illinois to discuss how the group can compliment/assist the work of the Juvenile Justice Commission.
- On June 4, staff attended the quarterly meeting of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.
- On June 4, staff assisted during Chicago Public School's Peer Jury Recognition Day.
- On June 4, staff attended a site visit of the McHenry County Mental Health Court for the Illinois Mental Health Court Evaluation project that Loyola is conducting. This evaluation is supported by DIAC funds.

- On June 7, staff participated in a special juvenile Redeploy Illinois meeting to further discuss the issues in Madison County.
- On June 8, staff attended a meeting about a project completed with data assistance from ICJIA with a researcher at Harvard University.
- On June 8, staff attended a meeting of the Criminal History Records Check Taskforce in Joliet.
- Staff will attend the Illinois Mental Health Court Association conference on June 8 at College of DuPage.
- Staff met on June 9 with officials from the Cook County Juvenile Probation and Court Services Department to discuss a proposed evaluation of the six evening reporting centers that are components of the county's juvenile detention alternatives initiative (JDAI), and their impact on disproportionate minority confinement. An evaluation proposal will then be prepared for submission to the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.
- Staff attended a meeting on June 9 in Chicago on the coordinated response to elder abuse program with the Chicago Police Department officials and local service providers.
- On June 10, staff attended a meeting with statewide juvenile justice professionals to discuss juvenile re-entry from IDJJ.
- Staff attended a meeting of the Illinois Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency on June 10 in Springfield.
- On June 11, staff met with Kankakee County probation department staff to discuss the data collection process for the River Valley Juvenile Detention Center Mental Health Program Evaluation.
- On June 11, staff participated in a meeting with the communications sub-committee of the Juvenile Justice Commission.
- On June 15, staff attended an Assessment Tools workgroup meeting for the DJJ/DCFS merger committee.
- Staff observed a Coordinated Response Initiative Practice Team meeting being held jointly by Metropolitan Family Services and the Chicago Police Department, on June 16 (via phone conference call), as part of the Elder Abuse Pilot Program evaluation project.
- On June 17, staff convened a conference call with Aunt Martha's agency to discuss the possible evaluation of the Evening Reporting Centers for the OJJDP proposal
- On June 21, staff administered pre-tests and distributed course evaluation surveys to police officers to obtain data for the NAMI/ CPD Juvenile, Mental Health Crisis Intervention Team Training Evaluation. On those days, the Chicago Police Department (CPD) held their first of twelve Juvenile- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training provided the ARRA/JAG grant recently awarded to them. All 12 of the CIT trainings will be evaluated to measure the extent to which the trainings increased officer knowledge of juvenile mental health issues, as well as the practicality of using such information to respond appropriately to juveniles experiencing a mental health crisis.
- On June 21, the Chicago Project for Violence Prevention (Ceasefire) coordinated a workshop for the British Council's Transatlantic Network 2020 - a network for action which brings together young influencers from business, civil society, the arts, science and media to revitalize transatlantic and global links for the future. As part of a session on violence at this event, the Authority's research director participated as an expert on juvenile justice, and discussed which programs and reforms have worked or showed promise in addressing juvenile violence.

- On June 23, staff attended a meeting with IDOC staff regarding IDOC data systems and technology needs in preparation for the SPAC report.
- On June 24, staff participated in a DJJ/DCFS merger meeting to discuss aftercare/release.
- On June 24, staff attended a symposium titled, “What happens to people with mental illness when they encounter the criminal justice system? Innovations in Illinois,” hosted by Alder School of Professional Psychology’s Institute on Public Safety and Social Justice
- On June 25, staff met with Will County’s juvenile probation department. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the data collection process for the River Valley Juvenile Detention Center’s mental health program evaluation.
- On June 25, staff attended the Lake County Elder Abuse Conference at the College of Lake County.
- On June 28, staff presented at the juvenile Redeploy Illinois all-sites meeting. The discussion focused on the new monthly data report and feedback was provided by participants.
- On June 28, staff attended a meeting on the creation of a Cook County Prostitution Court.
- On June 28, the research director attended the RANA Advisory Group meeting. Although the entire task force had had several meetings, this was the first meeting of the advisory group. They were briefed on the work of the task force to date.
- On July 1, staff attended the Interagency Process Review hosted by the Office of the Governor to discuss the DJJ/DCFS merger process
- On July 1 staff had a conference call regarding assistance in developing a methodology to do a pre/post test with the Rockford schools district. All teachers will be participating in BARJ training and there’s interest in determining what changes, if any, occur after the training.
- On July 6, staff attended the Assessment Tools committee meeting for the DJJ/DCFS merger.
- On July 7, staff attended the Risk, Assets, and Needs Assessment Task Force meeting.
- On July 7, staff met with Kankakee County probation department staff to gain a better understanding of how data can be collected for the River Valley Juvenile Detention Center Mental Health Program Evaluation.
- On July 7, staff met with Will County probation department staff to gain a better understanding of how data can be collected for the River Valley Juvenile Detention Center Mental Health Program Evaluation.
- On July 8, the Research Director presented the findings of the report completed on the current status of Illinois criminal justice system databases for use in analyzing sentencing policies to the Sentencing Policy Advisory Council
- On July 8, staff attended a joint meeting of the Disproportionate Minority Impact Study (DJIS) Policy & Research Advisory Groups.
- On July 9, staff attended a PROMISE (Partnership to Rescue Our Minors from Sexual Exploitation) meeting.
- On July 12, staff administered pre-tests and distributed course evaluation surveys to police officers to obtain data for the NAMI/ CPD Juvenile, Mental Health Crisis Intervention Team Training Evaluation.
- On July 13, staff attended a meeting with the Office of Violent Crime (OVC) federal grant monitor, to discuss the VOCA and S.T.O.P VAWA grants data reports.
- On July 13 staff attended a meeting of the Criminal History Records Checks Task Force in Joliet.
- On July 14, staff attended a meeting of the Sentencing Policy Advisory Commission IT Project in Springfield (and via teleconference).

- On July 15, staff attended the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board meeting
- On July 15, staff met with Alliance of Local Service Organizations staff at the Authority's offices to discuss the Illinois ARRA site visit.
- Staff attended an Elder Abuse Conference in Schaumburg on July 16.
- On July 16, 19 and 23, staff administered post-tests to police officers, as well as collected completed course evaluation surveys for the NAMI/ CPD Juvenile, Mental Health Crisis Intervention Team Training Evaluation.
- On July 20, staff met with Will County probation department staff and administrative personnel from the River Valley Juvenile Detention Center to discuss the data collection process for the River Valley Juvenile Detention Center Mental Health Program Evaluation.
- Staff met with IDOC officials on July 22 regarding the Sentencing Policy Advisory Council.
- On July 27, staff attended a meeting of the Criminal History Records Check Taskforce at District 15 State Police headquarters.
- On July 27, staff held a meeting with the Salvation Army on the evaluation of Anne's House.
- On July 29, staff met with Kankakee County probation department staff to continue discussing the data collection process for the River Valley Juvenile Detention Center Mental Health Program Evaluation.
- On August 2, staff attended the Assessment Tools committee meeting for the DJJ/DCFS merger.
- On August 3, staff attended and provided technical assistance to the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board subcommittee meeting on Site Selection.
- On August 3, staff met with Will County probation department staff to continue discussing the data collection process for the River Valley Juvenile Detention Center Mental Health Program Evaluation.
- On August 9, staff attended a teleconference meeting to propose expansions to CLARIS to connect the system to a software tracking system used by ISP to generate leads regarding meth lab activity.
- Staff attended the Authority's Legislation and Regulations Committee meeting on August 9 to prepare for a possible role in preparing future legislative analyses.
- Staff met with the Federal and State Grants Unit staff on August 12 to review the role of the upcoming Criminal Justice Planning Summit in impacting future program funding priorities.

B. Criminal Justice Information Clearinghouse

The Authority serves as a statewide clearinghouse for statistics and other information about crime and the criminal justice system. The Clearinghouse Center within R&A maintains and regularly updates many county-level datasets related to crime and the criminal justice system, as well as social risk factor data. These datasets are used for in-house research projects and publications, such as *Trends and Issues* and *County Profiles of the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems*. The Clearinghouse is also responsible for answering requests for criminal justice data and information, as well as maintaining the publications on the Authority's website: www.icjia.il.state.us .

Information Requests

Many requests continue to come from government agencies (21 percent) and private citizens (56 percent). Other requests come from private agencies, researchers, students, news media representatives, legislators and prison inmates. Fifteen percent of the requests originate in the

Chicago metropolitan area, and another 35 percent originate in other parts of the state. All other requests for information were received from other states, outside the United States, or unknown origin (*Appendix B*).

New Publications

R&A published two research reports and two fact sheet during the period May 1 through July 31, 2010. The titles are listed in Appendix A.

Website

The volume of web users has remained at high levels. Using a new website analytics tool (Google Analytics), it was determined that the website had 8,408 new visitors, and that all new and returning visitors viewed 22,156 pages of content on the site (*Appendix C*). The website continues to be a valuable resource for our constituents.

The following Table shows the publications that were downloaded most often from the Authority’s website from February 2010 through April 2010.

**Table 1
Top Downloaded Publications
May 2010 through July 2010**

Publication	Total Downloaded
Juvenile Justice System and Risk Factor Data 2007 Annual Report (December, 2009)	10,075
Mental health screening and assessment in the Illinois juvenile justice system (March, 2010)	8,024
An Evaluation of the Moral Reconciliation Therapy of the Franklin/Jefferson County Evening Reporting Center Program (April 2005)	5,797
Implementing Restorative Justice: A Guide for Schools (October 2009)	4,883
The commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth in Illinois (January, 2008)	2,903
Trends & Issues 2008 Chapter – Juvenile justice (May 2008)	2,497
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Annual Report FY 2008 (March, 2009)	2,457
Issues in Illinois College Campus Safety: History and Development of Campus Safety Planning (March, 2010)	2,381
GET THE FACTS: Juvenile Court (March 2010)	1,551
Juvenile Justice System and Risk Factor Data: 2007 Annual Report Appendix H: Data Tables (December, 2009)	1,385
Implementing restorative justice: A guide of juvenile probation (May, 2006)	1,314
GET THE FACTS: Juvenile corrections (June,	1,256

2010)	
Examining At-Risk and Delinquent Girls in Illinois (June 2009)	1,215
GET THE FACTS: Juvenile sentencing (June, 2010)	1,124

Acquiring/updating/documenting dataset holdings

During the last quarter, staff continued to inventory and update core datasets data on all criminal justice and risk factor topics. Staff also began work on a comprehensive inventory and examination of sources of drug statistics and information, at the state, national, and international levels. This will result in several publications, including a *Trends & Issues Update*, and a report on drug data availability from various perspectives, spanning from surveys of drug usage in the general population to federal prosecution in Illinois of high level drug traffickers. Gaps in knowledge will be highlighted, to inform future funding for data collection systems. Staff is also working with research staff within the Illinois Department of Corrections to document updated juvenile and adult admissions, release and parole data that were received earlier this year.

C. FSGU Support Efforts

Several R&A staff work in a partnership with the Authority’s Federal and State Grants Unit (FSGU) to provide statistical technical assistance. Currently, R&A staff are working with FSGU to draft a protocol outlining staff roles. The protocol outlines the following purposes of the partnership:

- Help FSGU report statistical information to ICJIA boards and the public.
- Help guide decisions to best spend limited federal funding.
- Help ensure ICJIA collects and reports reliable statistics on grantees.
- Help hold grantees accountable for ICJIA administered federal funds.
- Help ensure ICJIA meets federal and auditor requirements.

Upon request, R&A staff review grant data reports, grant proposals, and data report forms; create grantee program profiles; report at FSGU grant meetings; participate in conferences; offer statistical information through presentations; attends relevant trainings; and create and update grant-related databases. R&A staff continued to work with FSGU staff responsible for the VAWA, VOCA, JABG, MVTPC, and MEG/TF funds. In addition, R&A staff assumes responsibility for the computerization of some program performance for many grants.

During the last quarter, staff assisted extensively on the development of materials for the Victim Services Ad Hoc Committee meeting being held August 18th and 19th. This involved data analysis related to both the S.T.O.P VAWA and VOCA grant programs. Activities included:

- Pulling crime data to determine trends/location/severity of violent crime in Illinois (focus on domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, and violent crime)
- Determining the location of service providers statewide which, in conjunction with the crime data, helps determine needs and gaps in services.

- Analyzing program data to show who VOCA/VAWA programs serve and the services they receive.
- Comparing funding trends with crime trends to determine gaps and the need for services statewide.
- Preparing presentations for the 2-day meetings.

D. Technical Assistance

- On June 17-18, staff provided 100 CDs with information/data on disproportionate minority contact for a DMC/Models for Change conference held in Oak Brook, Illinois.
- As planning an implementation for Adult Redeploy Illinois sites have progressed, staff have provided technical support to participating counties to assist with target population identification.
- Staff continues to analyze and provide data to various State juvenile justice initiatives.
- Staff participated in extensive technical assistance to the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board and staff of IDOC, DHS, and Metropolis 2020 regarding implementation issues with this new program to be initiated as part of the Crime Reduction Act of 2009.
- Staff provided research support for the Sentencing Policy Advisory Council.
- Staff released a CLARIS update that allows the tracking of ISP use of NPLEX (meth purchase tracking software) in their meth lab reduction efforts. The release also makes some technical changes to the method of reporting incidents to EPIC. Another release is in progress to make repository lab bust entry easier for the officers.

E. Deaths in Custody Reporting

The Deaths in Custody Reporting Act (DICRA) (P.L. 106-297, effective Oct. 13, 2000) requires states to compile and report quarterly to the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) the number of deaths, and the circumstances surrounding the deaths, of people in local jails, state prisons, juvenile correctional facilities, and law enforcement custody. Until recently, the information requested by BJS was limited to deaths in local jails, state prisons, and state juvenile facilities. Collection of DICRA information has been expanded to include deaths that occur while a person is in police custody or in the process of arrest. Information on deaths that occur while a person is in police custody will supplement the annual data on prison inmate deaths that BJS already receives from the Illinois Department of Corrections as part of the National Prisoners Statistics Program and the National Corrections Reporting Program. R&A staff began in July 2004 collecting specific information requested by BJS for all deaths in Illinois that occur while the person is in police custody or in the process of arrest by local, county, and state law enforcement agencies regardless of cause of death. For reporting purposes, the data include the following:

- Deaths occurring when an individual is in the physical custody, or under the physical restraint, of law enforcement officers, even if the person was not formally under arrest.
- Deaths that occur by natural causes, while in the physical custody, or under the physical restraint, of law enforcement officers, even if the person was not formally under arrest.
- Those killed by any use of force by law enforcement officers prior to booking

- People who died at a crime/arrest scene or medical facility prior to booking.
- Deaths occurring in transit to or from law enforcement facilities.
- Deaths of those confined in lockups or booking centers (facilities from which arrestees are usually transferred within 72 hours and not held beyond arraignment).

Cases occurring in 2010 are in the process of being identified and assessed for eligibility, which will continue throughout the year. Forms for the first six months of 2010 will be sent to law enforcement agencies in August. Completed 2009 records have been sent to BJS, and BJS has officially closed all cases in Illinois for 2007 and 2008. 2010 records are being collected throughout the year. BJS utilizes the data to produce reports of arrest fatalities in the United States, with updates planned as states submit data. The last report, Arrest-Related Deaths in the United States, 2003-2006, was released in July 2009.

As part of the SJS grant received from the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics, a new DICRA web page was designed to facilitate reporting from law enforcement agencies. A permanent graphical link has been added to the ICJIA homepage sidebar that allows users easier access to a new web page regarding how to report a death that would be eligible for reporting. The page consists of three main sections (general information, information for law enforcement agencies, information for coroners/medical examiners) that each contain more detailed information. Forms provided by the Department of Justice are available for users to fill out and return to the Authority. The website can be accessed here: www.icjia.state.il.us. A short survey targeting coroners and their knowledge and willingness to participate in the reporting process is being developed for deployment in September.

F. Web-based applications

1. Nefsis Video Conferencing

Nefsis is an internet based video conferencing service that is used to create information and general presentations, online training materials, web conferencing, learning modules, and user desktop sharing applications.

Staff is currently developing other INFONET User Training using this software.

Staff is currently developing other Research and Analysis Unit and other agency on-line applications.

2. SurveyGizmo

SurveyGizmo is an online survey software solution that provides a variety of features to help in conducting a multitude of tasks including advanced market research, quick polling and quizzing, embedding forms into websites.

3. Website Enhancements

Staff is currently working on updating various sections and pages of the ICJIA Public Website.

Staff has created and launched the *Smarter Solutions for Crime Reduction: The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Strategic Planning Initiative Summit Website*. This website provides details about the ICJIA September 22-23, 2010 Summit an invitation-only, two-day summit in Schiller Park, IL to share local-level strategies with justice and human services professionals for possible replication in Illinois jurisdictions and to identify strategies to inform ICJIAs research, policy, and funding agenda. Visit the Smarter Solutions for Crime Reduction Initiative website <http://www.icjia.org/strategy2010>.

Staff also created and launched the following interactive data website, *Overview Achieving Maximum Impact: County Prevalence of Justice and Health and Human Services Involvement* for the *Smarter Solutions for Crime Reduction: The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Strategic Planning Initiative Summit* website.

The Authority recognizes that the drain on resources is experienced most heavily on counties, and maximum impact across the State can only be achieved by addressing local health and justice challenges. To this end, the Authority identified the top quarter (27 counties) of counties with the highest "prevalence" of justice and health and human services involvement. Using available data, the Authority examined nine core indicators in each of the 102 Illinois counties, including:

- Violent Crime Offenses
- Property Crime Offenses
- Drug Crime Arrests
- Percent Indicating Poor Health
- Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health State Hospital Admissions for "Unfit to Stand Trial"
- Domestic Crime Offenses
- Felony Crime Filing
- Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions
- Illinois Department of Corrections Court Commitments

Based on an aggregate score of all nine indicators, twenty-seven counties emerged as being most impacted by crime and related health and human services involvement. View full table for all 27 High Impact Counties and Statewide county comparisons visit the following website at: <http://www.icjia.org/public/strategy2010/countymap.cfm>

Staff has created and launched the *Adult Redeployed Illinois Website*. The purpose of the Adult Redeploy website is to provide applicants preparing an Adult Redeploy Illinois Local Plan access to county-level criminal justice data relevant to their planning process. A county profile of demographic factors, criminal justice system indicators, and information on program eligible populations. Staff also created an easy access to county-level data elements that will be useful for preparing the Standard Plan for the Adult Redeploy Illinois Program. There is an interactive County map that displays data which includes county demographics, criminal justice system indicators, and a detailed breakdown of Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) admissions information for suggested "program eligible" individuals, as interpreted by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. It should be noted that these data are provided for planning

purposes only. Visit the Adult Redeployed Illinois data website at: website
<http://www.icjia.org/redeploy>

Staff has created and launched the *Sentencing Policy Advisory Council Website*. The Sentencing Policy Advisory Council (SPAC), created by Illinois Public Act 96-0711, draws on criminal justice information collected by other agencies to explore sentencing issues and practices and how they impact the criminal justice system as a whole. SPAC is charged with objectively informing sentencing and corrections policy decisions. To perform this function, the SPAC is responsible for collecting and analyzing data, conducting correctional population projections based on simulation models, and producing fiscal impact statements for the legislature. In addition, SPAC is charged with ensuring that effective evidence-based practices are used in policy decisions and within the criminal justice system. SPAC will report in writing annually to the General Assembly, the Governor and the Supreme Court. Visit the Sentencing Policy Advisory Council website at <http://www.icjia.state.il.us/public/index.cfm?metasection=spac>.

Staff has created and launched the *College Campus Safety Resource Center Website*. The purpose of this website is to showcase the availability of the first in a series of reports on college crime and safety issues, *Issues in Illinois College Campus Safety: History and Development of Campus Safety Planning*. Other reports on the topic of college crime and safety issues are also highlighted. Visit the College Campus Safety Resource website at <http://www.icjia.state.il.us/public/index.cfm?metaSection=Publications&metapage=campuscrimehome>.

Staff is currently developing the *Illinois Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) Website*. The Illinois Statistical Analysis Center will serve as criminal justice data collection and analysis center for the Research and Analysis Unit the research arm of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA). The website is currently under development/construction at <http://www.icjia.org/sac>.

Staff has also created and launched the *Illinois County Queries Website*. The Illinois County Queries Data Center is an interactive enabled website clearinghouse of criminal justice statistics about Illinois counties. These statistics can be used to go research broad issues facing the criminal justice system or to simply examine crime problems in the 102 county regional areas of Illinois. This webpage will be an upgrade to the CJ DataNet and will be the part of the Illinois Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) Website. Visit the website at: http://www.icjia.org/public/sac/cq_test2.cfm

Staff is currently developing a new redesign of the Illinois Integrated Justice Information System (IIJIS) Website to enhance web access to further the mission of the IIJIS Implementation Board. IIJIS is an intergovernmental effort dedicated to improving the administration of justice in Illinois by facilitating the electronic sharing of justice information throughout the state. It is a collaborative effort charged with enhancing public safety by making complete, accurate, and timely offender-based information available to all justice decision makers.

Staff also will be developing a new redesign of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority main public website and associate websites (Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council website, and InFoNet website)

G. Authority's Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Staff have been working during the last quarter to review and revise the current forms used for the Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval for research involving human subjects. The purpose of these revisions and modifications is to provide a clearer and more streamlined process for IRB review. The proposed revised forms include the initial IRB application and renewal application. A new form for amendments also was created. A subcommittee of the IRB members has been created to review and provide feedback on the proposed revisions. The forms will be presented to IRB members for their approval on August 25, 2010.

IV. GRANT PROPOSALS

R&A staff routinely pursues discretionary grants to support data collection, research, and evaluation activities:

- A proposal to BJS regarding an SJS grant to further enhance the Authority's website, in the amount of \$68,000, was submitted in March.
- Staff submitted a research proposal on recidivism for juveniles admitted to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice to the American Statistical Association/Bureau of Justice Statistics Small Grants program. Staff received notification in April that funding was awarded, with a start date of June 1st.
- Staff submitted a proposal to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice in response to an RFP from the Field Initiated Research and Evaluation Program. Staff worked with the Cook County Juvenile Division of Probation and Court Services to develop the application. The proposed study would be conducted over the course of two years and would evaluate the effectiveness of Evening Reporting Centers, a community-based alternative to detention, in terms of violations or new offenses while awaiting disposition on a warrant or probation violation. The proposal requested \$193,462 over a two-year period. Funding determinations will be made in September, 2010.

V. CONTINUING STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

- Staff attended free on-line training sessions to learn ARC-GIS software for the creation of statistical maps.
- Staff conducted an in-house training on the statistical technique of Markov processing and formalized declarations of isomorphism.

VI. INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Under the direct supervision of a senior staff member in the Research and Analysis Unit, interns are hired to perform a variety of information functions relating to critical issues facing the Illinois

criminal justice system. There is no compensation for these positions, but interns may be able to use the experience as course credit. During the last quarter, Intern Ronald Farag, an undergraduate in the criminal justice program at Loyola University, assisted the unit in many data entry and report writing projects, including the River Valley Juvenile Detention Evaluation project, CLARIS technical assistance, preparing evidence-based practices reports for the Summit, and authoring a “Get the Fact” factsheet on the adult arrest process.

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Appendix A – Most recent publications

RESEARCH REPORTS

Research Report: Student Perceptions of Campus Safety Initiatives: Assessing Views of Critical Incident Prevention & Response (June 2010)

Research Report: Short-Term Impact Evaluation of the Lake County Adult Probation Women's Specialized Services Program (May 2010)

GET THE FACTS

Juvenile corrections and parole (June 2010)

Juvenile sentencing (June 2010)

Appendix B – Information Request Handling Statistics

April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010

ITEM	REQUESTS/Pct
Number of information requests handled:	63
Monthly average number of requests:	21
Geographic origin of requesters:	
Chicago metropolitan area	15%
Other region of Illinois	35%
U.S. other than Illinois	10%
Outside the U.S.	3%
Unknown	35%
Type of requester:	
Government agency	21%
Private agency	8%
Researcher	0%
Student	11%
Citizen	56%
Media	0%
Legislators	2%
Inmates	2%
Method of request:	
Telephone/fax	42%
Mail	2%
Email/Internet	0%
In-person	0%
ICJIA Website	56%

Appendix C
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January 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010
Google Analytics

Months	Visitors			Page Views			
	Total Visits	New Visitors	Returning Visitors	All Visit Page Views	Page Views New Visits	Page Views Return Visits	Average Page Views
Jan-10	10,620	8,673	1,947	22,668	17,746	4,922	2.13
Feb-10	11,063	8,996	2,067	23,872	18,402	5,470	2.16
Mar-10	12,488	10,092	2,356	26,358	20,378	5,980	2.12
Apr-10	10,577	8,622	1,935	22,576	17,467	5,109	2.03
May-10	9,111	7,546	1,565	19,194	15,002	4,192	2.11
Jun-10	9,096	7,295	1,082	19,201	14,952	4,613	2.11
Jul-10	9,741	7,635	2,106	21,226	15,599	5,627	2.18
TOTAL	72,696	58,859	1,852	155,095	119,546	35,913	2.12
MONTHLY AVERAGE	10,385	8,408	1,865	22,156	17,078	5,130	2.12