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Re: Research and Analysis Unit Report for the December 2008 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. Safety Net Works – Implementation Evaluation

The first phase in evaluating the Safety Net Works Initiative will focus on program implementation in each of the 17 sites. This implementation evaluation will place emphasis on project planning, design, implementation and operation, and span all stages of project evolution. The primary purpose of this implementation evaluation will be 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; to prepare for a future impact assessment and build evaluation capacity; and to inform and guide similar undertakings.

The implementation evaluation will pay special attention to practical, management-oriented issues, as well as interpersonal and group dynamics. The methodology will include assessments of program set-up and development, the nature and extent of collaboration among participating agencies and organizations, program operations and service delivery. Sources of data will include implementation reporting forms, interviews, focus groups, and surveys. Specifically, instruments such as the Wilder Collaboration Factors Inventory and Collaborative Effectiveness Worksheet may be useful in assessing individual and group perceptions of needs as it pertains to continued successful implementation. Additionally, program documentation, as well as program and baseline data, may be used. Each of the 17 sites will be evaluated on their program setup, collaboration, and service delivery to the target population. A smaller subset of sites will be selected for a more thorough evaluation through the use of multiple interviews and site visits over the span of the evaluation period.

Authority staff have contributed community area profiles for each of the 17 community areas that the sites are located in. These community profiles provide data on demographic, economic, housing, substance abuse, health, child assistance, and crime indicators collected from several state, non-profit, and academic organizations. Safety Net Works sites will be able to use the profiles to assist in strategic planning and program implementation. Drafts of profiles for the Chicago community areas have been completed and are undergoing constant updating as more data are included. Authority staff have begun developing survey and interview forms, as well as a database to house baseline data and information gathered from implementation reports.

B. Go To 2040 Regional Comprehensive Planning Initiative

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) initiated a comprehensive, long-range planning project for the Chicago region (Cook, DuPage, Kane Will, Kendall, Lake and McHenry counties) entitled *Go To 2040*. With resources made available by the Chicago Community Trust, this planning process was enlarged to include multiple domains related to quality of life in the region, including education, health, workforce development, arts and culture, food security, human relations and public safety. The Authority, in partnership with the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) Criminal Justice Department, was selected to provide leadership in the area of crime and justice within the public safety sphere. As lead agency, Authority staff is expected to identify indicators, report on existing conditions, make recommendations for action in the area of crime and justice, and with guidance from an Advisory Committee, produce a report that will:

- a) state the present condition of the issue examined;
- b) identify challenges and opportunities;
- c) set targets for 2040;
- d) identify strategies and their impact for the region;
- e) identify federal, state and local policies and resources critical to the success of the region; and
- f) identify all organizations working on the issue and other resources relevant to the issue.

During the last quarter, the Crime and Justice Advisory Group was formed with thirty leaders in the criminal justice field. These include both academics from several universities in the area, as well as the heads of criminal justice agencies. This group met on October 3rd at the Authority to begin discussions on the future of public safety and the criminal justice system in the next thirty years. The issues that emerged from the meeting will be used as a starting point for developing strategies toward ensuring safer and more equitable communities in the decades ahead. Advisors will be invited to participate in a web-enabled discussion forum to continue the planning process. A second meeting will be scheduled in December to gain the group's consensus on recommended strategies. A final report is due in the Spring of 2009 to the CMAP Board of Directors to be used in their overarching planning process for the region.

C. Redesign of Criminal Justice DataNet

Staff 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 project is slated to begin in the next few months, once a staff person can be hired.

D. Campus Crime Report

Data collected from the US Department of Education, Office of Post-Secondary Education was downloaded via their website and cleaned for purposes of analysis of crime on Illinois' college campuses. The data include arrests, offenses, and incidents that go through a school disciplinary process for violent, property, alcohol/drug related and gun related crimes. Data for 399 schools in Illinois was downloaded for the years 2001-2006. Staff are in the process of writing a research report on the nature and extent of crime on Illinois college campuses, as well as information on changes being made in policy and practice regarding campus crime. Publication is expected by the end of the year.

- Staff attended one Redeploy Oversight Board meeting on September 19 and one phone-in Redeploy Oversight Board meeting on October 17
- Staff attended the JCEC meeting on October 7
- Staff attended an Abuse Later in Life work group meeting on October 29

E. Employment Trends of Felony Probationers in collaboration with Harvard University

The purpose of this joint research project is to promote research on the employment participation and performance of those sentenced to terms of felony probation and imprisonment in Illinois. By combining labor market information derived from the unemployment insurance (UI) system of Illinois with criminal history record information (CHRI) for Illinois, the project will allow for detailed analysis of the relationship between criminal justice sanctions, labor market performance, and criminal recidivism.

ICJIA and Harvard are in the process of signing a data use agreement with the IDES. ICJIA will match and disseminate the data to Harvard University for analysis.

F. Prescription Drug Research Bulletin

Staff has been working on a research bulletin that will provide information on illegal use of prescription drugs in Illinois. Due to increased abuse and potential for abuse and death, there is a growing law enforcement and public health concern about prescription drugs. The bulletin will provide statewide data on the problem and efforts to combat the problem in Illinois. The bulletin will be published by the Authority in November.

G. Juvenile Female Offenders Research Bulletin

Staff are beginning work on a research bulletin on girls in the juvenile justice system. It will update a 2002 Authority research report, *Understanding and Addressing Female Delinquency in Illinois*. It

will summarize data on females in the juvenile justice system including arrests, probation, detention, corrections, as well as risk factor data. A draft should be completed by December 2008.

H. Partnership with the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) – Multi-City Study of Workplace Violence among Pharmacists and Health Care Workers

In response to news reports across the country of robberies of pharmacies for prescription drugs instead of money, NIOSH is partnering with five Statistical Analysis Centers, including Illinois, to study the magnitude of the problem and assess the risk to health care worker safety. Research and Analysis Unit staff has agreed to participate in a six-month project involving the analysis of Chicago Police Department incident reports for cases involving robberies and other violent crimes at pharmacies, hospitals and clinics, and doctors' offices in 2006. NIOSH will combine these data with results from Milwaukee, Ohio, Tennessee and South Carolina to determine initial frequencies, rates and circumstances of crimes that threaten the safety of pharmacists and other health care workers. The Authority participated in a similar study of risks to convenience store workers conducted by NIOSH in the 1990s.

NIOSH has approved the Authority's request for \$14,000 to complete this project. Research staff is preparing information for a Data Sharing Agreement with the Chicago Police Department, in order to receive the requested redacted police incident reports. The process for requesting additional supplemental reports on those incidents requiring more detailed information is being negotiated also. The data coding process will begin in January, or as soon as the data are received from the Chicago Police Department's Records Division.

II. CURRENT PROJECTS

A. Program evaluation and research projects/ internally funded

The R&A Unit pursues an aggressive program evaluation and research agenda through an in-house ADAA-funded grant program. Evaluation and research efforts conducted, supported, or monitored by R&A staff include:

1. Trends and Issues 2008

Trends and Issues 2008 is a report about crime and justice in Illinois. This report is an update to previous *Trends and Issues 1997* and is the sixth such publication. It describes the organization and operation of the state's justice system, tracks statewide and regional trends in crime and the processing of offenders, and presents important criminal and justice issues that have emerged this decade. The report derived data from numerous criminal justice sources. Data is presented in several ways in the document through data summaries and descriptions, data tables and trend graphs, and state maps. The graphs depict state data trends over 10 years from 1995 to 2005.

There are five sections: law enforcement, courts, corrections, victims, and juvenile justice. In addition, each section highlights special issues of significance facing the criminal justice system today, including identity theft, gangs, DNA, specialized courts, substance abuse

treatment in prison, human trafficking, and juvenile justice reform initiatives. The report provides valuable crime and justice information to inform the general public, criminal justice professionals, and policy makers.

A final draft of the report was presented at the March 2008 Authority meeting. The report is now available on the Authority's website.

The primary distribution format for the *Trends and Issues 2008* report is via the Authority's website. Table 1 below shows the total number of downloads for the full report or individual chapters from August through October 2008., as well as the cumulative total since the report's publication in May, 2008. Close to 16,000 copies of the full report or individual chapters have been downloaded during this six-month period.

Table 1. *Trends and Issues 2008* Report Downloads from the Authority Website, August through October, 2008

| CHAPTER SECTIONS | Total Downloads, Sept-Oct, 2008 | Cumulative Downloads since publication in May, 2008 |
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| <i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Full Report | 1,463 | 3,098 |
| <i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Chapter - Foreword | 92 | 261 |
| <i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Chapter - Executive summary | 114 | 256 |
| <i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Chapter - Overview | 116 | 187 |
| <i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Chapter - Introduction | 120 | 339 |
| <i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Chapter - Law Enforcement | 967 | 2,603 |
| <i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Chapter - The courts | 307 | 652 |
| <i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Chapter - Corrections | 1,126 | 3,010 |
| <i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Chapter - Juvenile justice | 1,667 | 3,515 |
| <i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Chapter - Crime victims | 670 | 1,532 |
| <i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Chapter - Conclusion | 127 | 306 |

2. Trends and Issues Updates

As referenced in the last section, *Trends and Issues* is a report about crime and justice in Illinois, which describes the organization and operation of the state's justice system, tracks statewide and regional trends in crime and the processing of offenders, and presents important criminal and justice issues that have emerged this decade. Data is presented in several ways in the document through data summaries and descriptions, data tables and trend graphs, and state maps. The graphs depict state data trends over 10 years from 1995 to 2005.

As follow-up to that report, four *Trends and Issues Updates* are being written to highlight specific topics that were introduced in the main document. A draft report on "Drug Crime in Illinois" was completed and is in review. Other reports, such as Offenses Against School

Personnel, and System-Wide Trends in Violent Crime are scheduled for publication early 2009.

3. Reports on the analysis of datasets maintained/available through the Authority

In addition to collaborative research projects using the Chicago Homicide Dataset or the Chicago Women's Health Risk Study, R&A staff has also collaborated with external researchers on projects that focus on the analysis of our in-house data.

This data includes InfoNet, which is a database that maintains information from victim service providers and agencies, and data from the Illinois Crime Victimization Survey and the 2000 Probation Outcome Study.

- *Comparing Risk Factors Associated with Violent and General Recidivism while on Probation and After Discharge – Implications for Risk Management* under the direction of Dr. Loretta Stalans and Dr. Paul Yarnold. This study addressed several issues in the identification of risk factors that contribute to violent and non-violent recidivism after discharge from probation. In addition, the study addressed what types of offenders show evidence of refraining from new crimes for a longer-term period after they have successful treatment completion. The study tested whether family only and generalized aggressors have unique risk factors associated with recidivism. The report will be available December 2008.

4. Illinois Going Home Program Evaluation

The University of Chicago has completed an implementation and preliminary impact evaluation of the Illinois Going Home Program. The program is a major offender reentry effort funded through a partnership of contributing federal agencies and in concert with a number of Chicago-area government, community and faith-based organizations. The evaluation report addresses how the program was implemented, how it worked in the field and the effectiveness of the program. The full report is currently available on our website and a summary is in development.

5. 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 gauge 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 final report detailing the progress and outcomes of the program from inception through 2007 has been reviewed by Authority staff. Two past Program Evaluation Summaries have been completed on Sheridan indicating benefits from reduced recidivism and increased employment for participants. The most recent report also indicated benefits due to the program. Additional publications intended for scholarly journals have also been produced. These reports address the long-term impact of the program and the characteristics of participants that influence success in the program. The final report and summary will undergo final revisions and review by DOC and will be available on our website in December 2008.

Dr. Olson will continue the evaluation of the Sheridan program, as well as assess the drug treatment therapeutic community operating at the Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center. This continued research began in October 2008.

6. 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. This follow-up study will address whether the program reduced recidivism, and assisted the women in obtaining employment, housing, food and childcare. Now in progress, the study is also focusing on the third service provider that the program enlisted.

7. Jail Data Link

In May 2007, evaluators at the University of Illinois – Springfield began an evaluation of the Jail Data Link project. Implemented in three sites in Illinois, the Jail Data Link project identifies jail detainees who are recipients of Department of Human Services mental health services and links them up with continued services and treatment while they are incarcerated in the jail. This identification and continuation of treatment assists jails in the care of inmates who are in need of mental health services and / or medication. Currently, site visits are being conducted and a data file of criminal histories has been produced. The final report is due in January 2009.

8. 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.

9. Investigator Initiated Research

Projects funded under an Investigator-initiated RFP address research in our priority areas of interest. The following two proposals were selected for funding in late 2006:

- *Corrections to Community: The collective reentry experience of juvenile offenders.* This study, under the direction of the University of Chicago, examined a number of factors that play into the reentry experience of juveniles released from Illinois correctional facilities between 1996 and 2002. The final report and summary are available on our website.
- *Analysis of Domestic Violence Service Data.* Under the direction of Loyola University, this study examines InfoNet service data to describe victim service use patterns over time and describe the characteristics of victims and their service needs. The report was received and is available on our website. In addition to the full analysis report, an appendix, full executive summary and Research at a Glance are also available on our website.

An additional Investigator-initiated RFP was issued in July 2006 and we received a number of well-qualified proposals. Reviewers elected to fund the following projects in early 2007:

- *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 a final report is under review.
- *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 will be submitted for review in early 2009.

An additional Investigator-initiated RFP was issued in June 2007, and four new projects were selected for funding in October 2007:

- *Critical Incident Preparedness and Response on Campus* – Conducted by Southern

Illinois University at Carbondale, this study will examine the current state of critical incident preparedness, planning and response activities on a census of Illinois colleges and university campuses and a sample of campuses nationwide. This study will also look at reported campus crime rates from the Cleary Act. The proposed research will be valuable for state and national policymakers and the findings will provide information on current practices as they relate to campus security and how they differ from a national perspective. A final report was received in October and is under review.

- *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. A report is due in March 2009.
- *Methamphetamine and Violence* – Conducted by Illinois State University, this study will conduct in-depth interviews with 30 methamphetamine user from downstate Illinois to determine the extent to which methamphetamine and violence are associated, and to better understand the nature of that association. The research will provide a clearer picture of the epidemiology of methamphetamine and related violence in Illinois across communities of varying size and rural characteristics. The findings will inform law enforcement and social service providers regarding factors associated with an increased likelihood of violence by those who use and manufacture the drug. A report will be submitted for review in December 2008.
- *The Impact of Illinois’ Truth-in-Sentencing Legislation* – Conducted by Loyola University Department of Criminal Justice, this project will examine the impact that Illinois’ Truth-in-Sentencing (TIS) legislation has had on sentences imposed, projected lengths of time served in prison, and inmate behavior. The findings will allow policy makers to more accurately assess the impact the law has had on sentencing practices and on how inmates have adjusted to their incarceration. It will also inform practitioners of the implications of TIS on issues related to inmate reentry and the aging of the prison population, given the potential increased length of stay and release from prison at older ages of those sentenced under the law. A final report was submitted in November and is under review.

Staff are currently preparing an RFP to support additional research under the Investigator-Initiated theme. Research priorities are being identified and applicants will be directed to submit proposals that focus on these priority areas of interest. Projects are planned for early spring 2009.

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. Juvenile justice system and risk factor data: 2006 Annual Report

Supported by a grant from the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, work is underway on the 2006 Annual Report, a compilation of county-level juvenile justice system and risk factor data. Like the 2005 report, this version also 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.

A draft of the report is expected to be completed in Winter of 2008-2009 and the final report should be available in early Spring 2009.

2. Mental health screening and assessment practices in the Illinois juvenile justice system

Supported by a grant from the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, R&A staff is currently working on a survey of the mental health screening and assessment practices in the Illinois juvenile justice system. The goal of the project is to determine what screening and assessment tools are being used by whom, and at what point in the system. These data will be gathered through a survey of all juvenile detention centers, juvenile probation and court service offices, juvenile correctional facilities, and the Juvenile Officers Association. This research will prove useful to juvenile justice practitioners, community-based mental health providers, and researchers who want to explore further the issue of screening and assessment in Illinois. In addition, it will guide them in the selection of the most current and appropriate tools for their facilities. Furthermore, the results of the study will inform future research in the area of mental health and juvenile justice.

The survey has been approved by IRB and is being mailed. Surveys are expected to be returned by the end of December 2008, and the results should be available by February 2009.

3. Gender discrepancies in sentencing in the Illinois juvenile justice system

Supported by a grant from the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, R&A staff is currently working on developing a research study that would examine gender discrepancies in sentencing in Illinois. The project will explore an entire year of juvenile arrests, admissions to detention, and admissions to corrections to determine any discrepancies. This research will contribute to the growing field of research on gender issues in the juvenile justice system. A proposal and methodology for the research are being developed.

4. Redeploy Illinois County Profiles

The Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board requested county profiles providing detention and corrections information for sites that are operational, as well as 15 additional potential sites. These profiles were presented at the September Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board meeting and distributed to the counties.

They will be available on the Authority website in Winter, 2008.

5. 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 will soon begin. An additional six-month no-cost extension through June 2009 has been obtained from NIC to complete data analysis.

6. Assessment of prior victimization and access to services among adult female inmates in the Illinois Department of Corrections

This project is designed as an assessment of the prevalence of prior victimization, primarily domestic violence and sexual assault/abuse, among adult female inmates within the Illinois Department of Corrections. The research study will collect information on the extent and nature of victimization and treatment episodes of female prison inmates in Illinois. The research involves detailed face-to-face interviews with current female prisoners. The questions will explore prior help seeking strategies, substance use, and physical and sexual abuse during the course of the person's life history. The data will provide information to criminal justice and social service agencies, funding entities, policy makers, and the general public. The research will be able to offer treatment recommendations to IDOC to further help women in corrections.

Staff will interview 200 women located in three IDOC institutions—Dwight, Decatur, and Lincoln. Staff will obtain a random sample of female inmates (stratified by the facility). We will pay a \$10 stipend to respondents. Each interview will last approximately 60-90 minutes. We will obtain participants' criminal histories and examine their prison case files after they agree to participation in the interview. We have created a data collection form.

The IRB approved the initial application in June, but there are continuing negotiations with Authority legal counsel, IDOC legal counsel, and the IRB on the language in the consent form.

7. Domestic Sex Trafficking of Chicago Women and Girls

The DePaul College of Law Schiller Du Canto & Fleck Law Center collaborated with Authority to conduct data entry and analysis for a research project on sex trafficking. Ms. Jody Raphael, Senior Research Fellow, received a grant from the Chicago Foundation on Women for this research. The project administered questionnaires to 100 girls and women currently in the sex trade industry to gain information about recruitment and violence by pimps in local sex trafficking. Data is being collected and entered, and will be analyzed in early 2008. The Authority co-authored the final report which was released at an event at DePaul Law School on May 7, 2008. The final report has been posted on the IJICA Website. A presentation was given at the June 2008 Authority Board meeting. A research bulletin, [*Prostitution Study Finds Chicago Girls Trafficked Through Coercion, Violence*](#), was published on the Authority's website in September 2008. The authors are also writing several article based on the study. The first article, *The Escalation of Pimp Control and Violence of Prostituted Women*, will be submitted to the academic journal, *Violence and Victims* in November 2008.

C. Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) Audit

The unit's Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) Audit Center is a 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.

The 2008 CHRI Audit methodology development is progressing slowly. Due to staffing constraints, the audit function consists of smaller-scale examinations of State Police CHRI data that do not require collecting corroborating data from local agency contributors. For example, lists of incompletely processed records were identified in the CHRI AdHoc datasets. These were forwarded to the Bureau of Identification for correction. Investigations into the stability over many arrests of an individual's gender and race designations in CHRI were also conducted. This analysis revealed that increasing proportions for persons have more than one gender designation and more than one race designation. One explanation is the tendency for the first option in a livescan drop-down menu to be chosen unintentionally. That is, a new type of data entry error may be responsible for more males to be designated as female in recent arrests, and more whites to be designated as black in recent arrests, simply because those options are encountered first on a drop-down menu. This training issue has also been brought to the attention of State Police staff. This issue has ramifications for research, in that some increased error is being introduced into important identifying characteristics. For example, some small portion of arrestees designated as female in a given year may actually be male. Depending on the research, this error may have an impact on findings. A publication series that would alert CHRI data users to such data quality issues is planned for the future.

Another major methodological advance concerning statistical uses of CHRI data was completed this quarter. This concerns the issue of categorizing multiple charges within a single arrests event, and developing a hierarchy of crime severity for research purposes. A coding syntax was successfully developed and tested that will create such a hierarchy of crime severity, based on the class of offense and offense type. It is now possible to classify arrestees into groups by their most serious offense charge, regardless of how many charges are recorded in an incident. Utilizing the Uniform Crime Reporting Program offense codes and statute citation information, missing class of offense information can also be assigned a minimum value, thus increasing the usefulness of the CHRI data. This hierarchy scheme is flexible enough to be adapted for any research purpose, and was used in a demonstration project to compare controlled substances arrests at the county level in the CHRI Ad Hoc datasets to the totals reported through the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

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 us 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 1990-2007 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, CHRI data was produced for the Illinois Department of Human Services on behalf of researchers at the University of Illinois at Springfield who are conducting the Jail Data Link evaluation project, the Urban Institute, and the National Bureau of Economic Research. Since the inception of the CHRI Ad Hoc Connection Partnership, a total of thirty-four 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.

D. Chicago Homicide Dataset Update Project

The Chicago Homicide Dataset 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. The updated dataset is currently being archived with the Interuniversity

Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, to allow wider access to the data for research.

During this quarter, discussions were continued with Chicago Police Department's Research and Development Division to resume the process of obtaining homicide records for the years since 2000. On behalf of the Authority, CPD research staff held a meeting with their Detective's Division to discuss the utility and logistics of continuing the project.

Staff continues to collaborate with selected researchers on projects involving use of the Chicago Homicide Dataset. Using the newly-updated CHD data from 1965 to 2000, staff presented at the Justice Research and Statistics Association in October, and the American Society of Criminology in November. These presentations dealt with "connected" homicides, such as serial murders and retribution murders. In addition, staff presented the keynote address on femicide at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, and will present the keynote address at the International Conference on Homicide, sponsored by the Australian Institute of Criminology, which will be held in December.

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 goal of the CWHRS project is now 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 90 members, most of them practitioners or researchers in the field, plus 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.

During the last quarter, staff presented the keynote address at a conference in November for professionals and practitioners, co-sponsored by John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the largest provider of DV support in New York City, on femicide and the role that CJ and other agencies play in prevention. In addition, staff have been asked to present the keynote address at the International Conference on Homicide, sponsored by the Australian Institute of Criminology in December, on key risk factors for death in intimate partner violence.

The following articles using CWHRS data have been recently published:

- Glass, Nancy, Kathryn Laughon, Jacquelyn C. Campbell, Carolyn Rebecca Block, Ginger Hanson, Phyllis W. Sharps & Ellen Taliaferro (2007). Non-fatal strangulation is an important risk factor for homicide of women. *Journal of Emergency Medicine* 25 (Oct): .

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III. ONGOING ACTIVITIES

A. Briefings/Presentations

Since the last Authority update for the September 2008 meeting, R&A staff made presentations at, and/or attended the following professional meetings:

- Staff attended a PROMISE (Partnership to Rescue our Minors from Sexual Exploitation) meeting on August 22 in Chicago.
- Staff attended a Pathways Partners group meeting on September 4 in Bloomington.
- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale presented findings from their *Critical Incident Preparedness on Campuses* study on September 4 at the Authority.
- Staff delivered a presentation on campus crime at the Authority Board meeting on September 5.

- Staff attended the IDHS's *Safety and Sobriety: Real Tools for Working with Women in Multiple Abuse* training on September 9.
- The Research Director attended a Safety Net Works Steering Committee meeting on behalf of the Executive Director on September 9 in Chicago.
- Staff attended the Domestic Violence Advisory Coordinating Council on September 11 at the Mayor's Office on Domestic Violence. They distributed data to a committee looking at the effect of new legislation on detention rates.
- Staff attended a PROMISE (Partnership to Rescue Our Minors from Sexual Assault) meeting on September 12.
- Staff attended a Chicago Public Schools Peer Jury Advisory Board meeting on September 15.
- The Executive Director, Research Director and staff met with Dr. Arthur Lurigio of Loyola University to discuss evaluation of the Cook County mental health court on September 16.
- Staff participated in a conference call on September 17 with a group of juvenile justice specialists (including Juvenile Justice Initiative participants) to review detention data that was provided to the Domestic Violence Advisory Coordinating Council.
- Staff participated in a conference call with DHS-Division of Mental Health and evaluators from the University of Illinois-Springfield regarding the Jail Data Link evaluation on September 18.
- Staff attended the Citywide BARJ meeting and IBARJ meeting, both at the Cook County Juvenile Court on September 18.
- Staff participated in a conference call with DHS-Division of Mental Health and evaluators from the University of Illinois-Springfield regarding the Jail Data Link evaluation on September 18.
- Staff attended the Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board meeting on September 19, in Chicago and presented data on 32 county profiles to the on September 19, in Chicago.
- Staff met with Xavier Williams of DHS and Sherrell Hibbler of DCFS on September 19 at the Authority's office to discuss coordination of efforts to collect community-level data for the Safety Net Works Program.
- Staff met with Steve Karr of IDOC on September 24 at the Authority's office to discuss accessing IDOC data for several research projects.
- Staff participated on October 1 in a conference call with Liz Kooy, Mary Reynolds, and Betsey Clark (Juvenile Justice Initiative), Lisa Jacobs (Models for Change project coordinator), Diane Geraghty (Loyola University), and staff from Northwestern to discuss how we can measure what effect having counsel at detention hearings may have on detention rates. The law was recently passed and the Juvenile Justice Initiative was interested in determining if having counsel present helps get kids into alternatives. Staff is helping to develop a list of counties where there are high rates of detaining youth for relatively minor offenses so this data can be used for the baseline.
- On October 2 staff met with the Office of the Illinois Attorney General's Illinois Youth Court Association Advisory Board meeting to plan strategies to assist the state's youth court (peer jury) programs.
- Staff coordinated and attended the Goto2040 inaugural meeting on October 3rd, at the Authority offices.
- On October 6 the research director and staff attended a meeting of GoTo 2040 lead agencies in Chicago.

- On October 7, staff participated in the Economic Impact of Meth Use conference at the Attorney General's office in Springfield. The conference is being held by the Illinois Meth Project.
- On October 7, staff attended the Mental Health Court Association meeting at the Kendall County Health Department. The Mental Health Court Association is a new association in the process of being developed to standardize the mental health court practices in the state. Mental health courts aim to address the involvement of mental ill individuals in the criminal justice system by linking the offender up with mental health services and monitoring their progress as an alternative to traditional system involvement.
- On October 10, staff attended a day-long training on human trafficking provided by the Salvation Army's Partnership to Rescue our Minors from Sexual Exploitation (PROMISE). PROMISE is an organization that launched in Chicago to combat sex trafficking of children. The model, developed by The Salvation Army, includes the formation of a task force which engages in initiatives that address the PROMISE provisions of awareness, prevention, intervention, and service delivery. Strategies for implementing the provisions are developed by members who represent the social service, education, legal, judicial, healthcare, law enforcement and other government sectors thus ensuring a comprehensive and holistic approach.
- Staff participated in the Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA) annual conference the week of October 13. Staff gave presentations on the Evidence Based Practices project, homicide research, and use of Criminal History Record Information for arrest statistics.
- Staff participated in a Redeploy Oversight Board conference call on October 17 to discuss the redeploy sites and data.
- Staff attended a "Children and Trauma" seminar on October 17 at Dominican University.
- Staff attended a seminar on "The Real Costs of Teen Motherhood" sponsored by Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago and the Urban Institute on October 23.
- Staff presented juvenile data and conduct a workshop on using and interpreting data at the annual Illinois Probation and Court Services meeting on October 23 in DuPage County.
- Staff attended a Pathways Partners Group meeting on October 28 in Bloomington.
- Staff met with the Cook County Adult Probation department on October 29 regarding possible uses for Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) data in their research and management reports.
- Staff met at Chicago Police Department (CPD) headquarters regarding the National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety (NIOSH) study on pharmacy robberies November 3. Staff set the groundwork for the types of incident report data we need from CPD and their confidentiality requirements, plus study timetable discussions.
- Staff delivered the keynote address on the topic of femicide at John Jay College of Criminal Justice on November 7th in New York City.
- On November 7, 2008, staff attended a Partnership to Rescue Our Minors from Sexual Exploitation (PROMISE) subcommittee meeting.
- Staff attended a Models for Change / Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) committee meeting on November 12.
- Staff attended a JDAI Partners meeting on November 17, 2008 in Bloomington.
- Staff attended an Urban Institute webcast, "The children's policy agenda in a time of transition and turmoil" at the Authority's office on November 13.

- Staff attended a Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board meeting on November 14 in Chicago.
- Staff attended a Chicago Public Schools Peer Jury Advisory Board meeting on November 17 in Chicago.
- Staff attended a meeting on November 17 at the Illinois Attorney General’s Office regarding inappropriate content and illegal activities on Craigslist.
- Staff presented on the topic of homicide at the American Society of Criminology on November 14th in St. Louis, MO.
- The research director attended a table discussion of the Chicago Community Trust’s African American Male Initiative on November 14 in Chicago.
- Staff met with Dr. Michelle Bentley, site coordinator for the Safety Net Works Grand Boulevard program, on November 20 at the Authority’s office to discuss performance indicators.
- Staff attended a Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board meeting on November 21.

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.

Many requests continue to come from government agencies (24 percent) and private agencies (17 percent). Other requests come from private citizens, researchers, students news media representatives, legislators and prison inmates. Seventeen 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.

R&A distributed 7 Authority publications during the first quarter of SFY 09 (July-Sept, 2008), not including those downloaded from our website (220,187) (*Table 1*). The volume of web users has remained at high levels. During this time period, there were 1,978,181 “hits” on our website and more than 110,796 visitors that remained on the site for a period of time. There were 220,194 downloads of information or publications (*Table 2*). The website continues to be a valuable resource for our constituents.

Acquiring/updating/documenting dataset holdings

During the last quarter, an additional section was added to the Risk Factor data set. Unemployment figures can now be calculated by the eligible workforce (as defined by the U.S. Department of Labor) as well as overall population. Staff continue to painstakingly check the quality of the core datasets, and establish contacts for new data sources, including the Illinois Department on Aging, Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA), and the Chicago Police Department. Staff is also assessing the most appropriate geographic breakdowns for presenting statewide data. Our traditional county categories based on population (urban, rural, collar, Chicago)

fluctuate too much for long-term data trends. More consistent categories based on fixed geographic regions (southern, central, northern) may be more appropriate in these situations, but will require staff work to change our data files to reflect new geographic breakdowns.

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, JAIBG, MVTPC, and MEG/TF funds. In addition, R&A staff assume responsibility for the computerization of some program performance for many grants. Specifically, during the reporting period:

- R&A staff provided training for the S.T.O.P. VAWA Multi-disciplinary teams regarding data report collection and reporting data on August 7.
- R&A staff completed a training with FSGU staff on goals, objectives, and performance measures on November 13.
- R&A staff completed one program profile in November and will complete three more by December on Juvenile Accountability Block Grant-funded programs.
- R&A staff are redesigning the (20) Metropolitan Enforcement Group (MEG) and drug task force profiles. The profiles provide an overview of the drug crime problem and the response to those problems in the jurisdictions covered by federal grant-funded Illinois' MEGs and task forces. In addition, a new survey will be distributed to all task forces to gather information. The last profiles were published in 2004.
- R&A staff developed a template for staff to use when completing program profiles. This will be shared with FSGU staff in December.
- The R&A/ FSGU partnership agreement is near completion. It outlines the roles of R&A in the support efforts of FSGU. It will be also shared with FSGU staff in December.

D. Technical Assistance

- Staff gathered and distributed juvenile data for Kankakee, Iroquois, Whiteside, LaSalle, Grundy, Bureau, JoDaviess, Carroll, Stephenson and Ogle counties for their participation in the Pathways Regional Conference on September 18.
- Staff assisted as a facilitator at the Chicago Public Schools Peer Jury Training on October 1.
- Staff developed a list of counties where there are high rates of detaining youth for relatively minor offenses so this data can be used for the baseline. In list was presented on October 1 in

a conference call with Liz Kooy, Mary Reynolds, and Betsey Clark (Juvenile Justice Initiative), Lisa Jacobs (Models for Change project coordinator), Diane Geraghty (Loyola University), and staff from Northwestern. The purpose was to discuss how to measure the effect of having counsel at detention hearings on detention rates.

- Staff presented juvenile data and conduct a workshop on using and interpreting data at the annual Illinois Probation and Court Services meeting on October 23 in DuPage County.
- Staff met with Dr. Michelle Bentley, site coordinator for the Safety Net Works Grand Boulevard program, on November 20 at the Authority's office to assist in the development of performance indicators.

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:

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

Summary data on death in law enforcement custody for the year of 2007 was submitted to BJS in October of 2008, and data for 2008 is continuously being collected. BJS utilized the data to produce a three-year (2003-2005) study of arrest fatalities in the United States, with updates planned as states submit data. The report, Arrest-Related Deaths in the United States, 2003-2005, was released in October 2007.

F. Web-based applications

1. Webboard

Webboard is an integrated discussion boards, online conferencing, It is also for online classes, providing threaded discussions, chat and the ability to post and download data, this message board tool allows valuable ideas and comments to be shared and stored.

During the last quarter, staff designed the new WebBoard Chicago Women's Health Risk Study (CWHRS) Forum. The CWHRS Forum is a discussion and information-sharing site for people interested in reducing levels of death and serious injury from intimate partner violence. Forum members are trying to apply findings from the Chicago Women's Health Risk Study (CWHRS) and similar research to practical situations in the field. 173 Members are subscribed. View the WebBoard Chicago Women's Health Risk Study (CWHRS) Forum at <http://webboard.icjia.org/WB/?boardID=CWHRS> (this is a software upgrade for the CWHRS Forum). The following 12 Conferences were added to the Chicago Women's Health Risk Study (CWHRS) Forum: General Discussion; Introductions; News; African American women; Children; Collaboration; Danger Assessment; Death Review Teams; Help Seeking: Agencies, Counselors; Help Seeking: Criminal Justice; Help Seeking: Medical; Homicide; and Professional, Practice Issues.

Staff is currently developing the WebBoard INFONET Forum. The InfoNet (information network) is a web-based data collection system used by victim service providers in Illinois. The development and implementation of the system was a collaborative effort between the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA) and the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV).

Staff is also developing the WebBoard CJ ACADEMIC Forum. The CJ ACADEMIC Forum will be a discussion and information-sharing site which will enable the Research and Analysis Unit to communicate with the academic community on criminal justice research issues and topics that practitioners and others can use in their work within Illinois and from the national perspective.

2. Adobe Acrobat Connect

Adobe Acrobat Connect is software used to create information and general presentations, online training materials, web conferencing, learning modules, and user desktop sharing applications.

Staff is currently developing INFONET User Training using this software, as well as developing other Research and Analysis Unit and other agency on-line applications.

IV. GRANT PROPOSALS

R&A staff routinely pursues discretionary grants to support data collection, research, and evaluation activities. Frequently these projects involve collaborations with universities and/or other criminal justice agencies.

Research on Human Trafficking

Staff applied for a national Institute of Justice Grant on human trafficking. Staff is proposing to complete an evaluation of a pilot sex trafficking program for women arrested in the 8th police district in Chicago for prostitution. Grant was submitted on February 12, 2008. Grant awards were expected to be announced in September 2008 but have not yet taken place.

V. CONTINUING STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

Staff continues to conduct and/or take part in a variety of staff development and training programs and projects. These include: (a) observations/site visits to several key criminal justice agencies; (b) peer review process for project development and pre-publication; (c) partnerships with the academic community; (d) training classes in various software tools.

- On August 27 and September 11 staff conducted training for the Research and Analysis Unit on the use of SPSS software.
- On September 24 staff conducted training for the Research and Analysis Unit on the use of Adobe Connect software.
- On October 6 staff conducted training for the Research and Analysis Unit on the use of the Ad Hoc Criminal History Record Database.
- On October 7 staff attended a Management Training: Ten Behaviors of Managers Who Excel by HSC Workshops.
- On October 8 staff conducted training for the Research and Analysis Unit entitled "Effective Writing".
- Staff attended training on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children on October 10.
- Staff attended a Chapin Hall/Urban Institute seminar on teen pregnancy on October 23.

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.

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Appendix A – Most recent publications

RESEARCH BULLETINS / BRIEFS / TECHNICAL MANUALS

Prostitution study finds Chicago girls trafficked through coercion, violence (September 2008)

THE COMPILER

Communities take on youth violence (Summer 2008)

PROGRAM EVALUATION SUMMARY

Lake County probation program addresses women – specific needs (July, 2008)

Appendix B – Information Request Handling Statistics

July 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008

| ITEM | REQUESTS/Pct |
|--|--------------|
| Information requests handled: | 71 |
| Monthly average number of requests: | 23.6 |
| Geographic Origin of requesters: | |
| Chicago metropolitan area | 17% |
| Other region of Illinois | 35% |
| U.S. other than Illinois | 15% |
| Outside the U.S. | 3% |
| Unknown | 30% |
| Type of requester: | |
| Government agency | 24% |
| Private agency | 17% |
| Researcher | 6% |
| Student | 7% |
| Citizen | 42% |
| Media | 1% |
| Legislators | 0% |
| Inmates | 3% |
| Method of request: | |
| Telephone/fax | 44% |
| Mail | 3% |
| Email/Internet | 0% |
| In-person | 1% |
| ICJIA Website | 52% |
| Publications disseminated: | |
| Mailed in response to requests | 7 |
| Downloaded from Website | 220,187 |
| Total | 220,194 |

Appendix C – Authority Website Trends

www.icjia.state.il.us

July 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008

| Month/Year | Hits | | User Sessions | | | Visitors | | | File Downloads | CJ DISPATCH SUBSCRIBERS |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| | Entire Site | Average Per Day | Sessions | Average Per Day | Average Length (min) | Unique | One-Time | Repeat | | |
| July-08 | 664,254 | 21,427 | 70,957 | 2,288 | 26 | 32,034 | 28,151 | 3,883 | 75,274 | 2,609 |
| Aug-08 | 669,994 | 21,612 | 85,689 | 2,764 | 18 | 41,695 | 34,571 | 7,124 | 71,051 | 2,624 |
| Sept-08 | 643,933 | 21,466 | 78,388 | 2,612 | 19 | 37,067 | 30,956 | 6,111 | 73,868 | 2,656 |
| TOTAL | 1,978,181 | 64,505 | 235,034 | 2,555 | 21 | 110,796 | 93,678 | 17,118 | 220,193 | |
| MONTHLY AVERAGE | 659,394 | | 78,345 | | | 36,932 | 31,226 | 5,706 | 73,398 | |