
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

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Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division, Department of Human Rights

Overview

The Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP), Department of Human Rights, performs research, policy analysis, program development, and data analysis activities to assist policymakers, justice system agencies, and others to identify issues and improve the operation and effectiveness of Iowa's justice system. Upon the enactment of [Senate File 514](#) (State Government Alignment), the Department of Human Rights moved to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The Division operates a justice system information clearinghouse, serves as the Iowa Statistical Analysis Center, and is a member of the Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA). The CJJP uses its data warehouse to provide correctional impact estimates for changes to Iowa law for use by the Legislative Services Agency in Fiscal Notes with correctional impact statements.

The Division also administers federal and State grant programs to fund local and State projects to prevent juvenile crime, provide services to juvenile offenders, and otherwise improve Iowa's juvenile justice system. These funds are distributed through competitive grants and formula allocation procedures. The Justice Advisory Board and the Iowa Juvenile Justice Advisory Council oversee CJJP activities.

The Division has several boards and councils:

- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Council (JJAC):** The JJAC is responsible for monitoring the condition of juvenile justice within Iowa, making juvenile justice recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature, helping develop and implement the State's three-year plan for juvenile justice, advising on the use of federal funds allocated to the State for juvenile justice efforts, and monitoring Iowa's compliance with the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.
- **Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Committee:** The DMC Committee is charged with planning and implementing activities to reduce the overrepresentation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system.
- **Iowa Task Force for Young Women (ITFYW):** The purpose of the ITFYW is to facilitate a comprehensive, fundamental change in the juvenile justice system that will enhance the understanding and utilization of innovative female-responsive approaches in all programs and services, particularly those that serve the adolescent female population of Iowa's juvenile justice system.
- **Justice Advisory Board (JAB):** The JAB replaced the Iowa Sex Offender Research Council, the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Advisory Council, and the Public Safety Advisory Board in FY 2019. The purpose of JAB is to develop goals to improve the criminal and juvenile justice systems,

More Information

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identify and improve justice system issues, develop and assist others in implementing recommendations and plans for justice system improvement, provide the General Assembly with an analysis of current and proposed criminal code provisions, and provide a clearinghouse for justice system information.

- **Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development (ICYD) Council:** The ICYD Council is an interagency initiative designed to help align State policies and programs and to encourage collaboration among multiple State and community agencies on youth-related issues through positive youth development principles and effective youth development practices at the community level.
- **Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Integration Advisory Committee:** The CJIS provides a structure to guide the development and implementation of a statewide automated integrated data and information-sharing system for State, local, and federal criminal justice agencies. The CJIS has received two national awards: one from the Integrated Justice Information Systems (IJIS) Institute for technical innovation in integration and interoperability in a justice, public safety, or homeland security program; and the second from the Justice Research and Statistics Association for technical innovation in the justice system.

Policy issues that the CJJP has been involved with include suicide prevention, enhanced drug courts, statewide recidivism reduction, alcohol prevention, traffic safety, behavioral change, child support, juvenile reentry planning and implementation, juvenile detention alternatives, delinquency prevention, prison rape elimination, and increasing high school graduation rates.

Funding

The Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division operations are funded primarily by a General Fund appropriation. Approximately 4.0% of the Division funding comes from federal sources. The Division also administers several grants and receives some administrative funding from those sources.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [216A](#)
Iowa Administrative Code [428](#)

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