

Budget Unit Brief

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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. 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 Iowa Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Advisory Council and the Iowa Juvenile Justice Advisory Council oversee CJJP activities.

The Division has several boards and councils:

- **Iowa 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 Committee (DMC)** — This subcommittee 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)** — This subcommittee 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.
- **Iowa Sex Offender Research Council (SORC)** — The charge of the SORC is to study and make recommendations for treating and supervising adult and juvenile sex offenders in institutions, community-based programs, and the community. They study sex charge and conviction rates, sex offender prison admissions and releases, sex offending crime nature, community supervision efforts, and juvenile sex offenders.
- **Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB)** — The PSAB is to provide the General Assembly with an analysis of current and proposed criminal code provisions. The Board provides research, evaluation, and data to facilitate improvement in the criminal justice system in Iowa in terms of public safety, improved outcomes, and appropriate use of public resources.
- **Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Advisory Council (CJJPAC)** — The CJJPAC serves several functions, including identifying issues and analyzing the operation and impact of present criminal and juvenile justice policy. The Council makes recommendations for policy changes and reports criminal and juvenile justice system needs to improve the criminal and juvenile justice system.
- **Institutional Review Board (IRB)** — The IRB has the responsibility to safeguard the rights and welfare of human subjects involved in research. The CJJP maintains and provides administration for the IRB responsible for review of project protocols for federally funded research and evaluative studies completed for various state departments.
- **Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development (ICYD) Council** — The ICYD Council is a partnership of state and local entities to address youth and youth policies. This interagency initiative is 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.

More Information

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- **Criminal Justice Information Systems Integration (CJIS) 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 System (IJIS) Institute for technical innovation in the integration and interoperability in a justice, public safety, or homeland security program, and the second from the Justice Research and Statistics Association for technical innovations in the justice system.

Policy issues that the CJJP has been involved with include suicide prevention, enhanced drug courts, statewide recidivism reduction, alcohol prevention programs, 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](#)
[428](#) Iowa Administrative Code

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