

# JRSA Electronic News

A monthly briefing for members

April 30, 2013

## JRSA News

Please note—JRSA has new contact information:

10 G Street N.E., Suite 710

Washington, DC 20002

Telephone: 202-248-5014 • Fax: 202-715-9810

### **JRSA Cosponsors NCJA 2013 National Forum**

JRSA is pleased to announce that it is cosponsoring the National Forum on Criminal Justice, which will be held August 4-6 in Chicago, Illinois. The Forum is an annual conference planned each year by the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA); IJIS Institute is also a cosponsor, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance is putting together some workshop sessions. The Forum showcases programs, research, and technologies that help justice practitioners and decision makers in states, local communities and tribal nations address pressing public safety issues. JRSA also will host two postconference skill-building seminars: one on cost-benefit analysis and the other an introduction to propensity score matching and interrupted time series analysis using SPSS. The sessions will be held concurrently at Loyola University from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7. More information is available on the National Forum website, [www.national-forum.net](http://www.national-forum.net).

### **JRSA Holds Second Webinar on Administrative Records**

On April 11, JRSA held the second in a series of webinars on the use of administrative records. This session focused on the use of these records by Statistical Analysis Centers. Vermont SAC Director Max Schlueter presented on the value of court docket information for SAC research and policy analysis. He discussed strategies for obtaining the data, which data fields to collect, and procedures for transferring data, based on SAC work conducted over the last 25 years.

Mark Myrent, Director of the Illinois SAC, presented on *Merging Criminal History and Corrections Records for Prospective and Retrospective Analyses*. He began by providing the SAC's perspective on how strengths and weaknesses in criminal justice datasets drive the need to consider administrative record systems as a viable alternative for research, and then proceeded to review the process for merging criminal history and corrections records. Recordings of both webinars on administrative records are available on JRSA's website at [www.jrsa.org/webinars/index.html](http://www.jrsa.org/webinars/index.html).

## SAC News

### **Alaska SAC Fact Sheet on Assaults against Police Noted in Media Reports**

According to the [University of Alaska Justice Center](http://www.alaskajusticecenter.org), the most recent issue of the [Alaska Justice Statistical Analysis Center \(AJSAC\) Fact Sheet](http://www.alaskajusticecenter.org) series, [Assaults Committed Against Alaska Police](http://www.alaskajusticecenter.org)

[Officers, 2002-2011](#), issue number 13-03 was mentioned in media reports related to a recent shooting by officers of the Anchorage Police Department. The *Fact Sheet* examines data on assaults on Alaska police including rates of assault, percentage of assaults resulting in injury, weapons used in assaults, and officers killed in the line of duty (1960–2011). Data are drawn from the annual *Crime in Alaska* report of the Alaska Department of Public Safety. (Blog: <http://goo.gl/fb/XFFKc> Fact Sheet: [http://justice.uaa.alaska.edu/ajsac/ajsac.13-03.assaults\\_against\\_police.pdf](http://justice.uaa.alaska.edu/ajsac/ajsac.13-03.assaults_against_police.pdf)) (SAC: <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/alaskajusticestatisticalanalysiscenter/>)

## **OJP News**

### **OJJDP Has New Administrator**

Defense attorney Robert Listenbee Jr. took the oath of office on March 25 to become the first permanent administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in more than four years. As a member of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, he advised Pennsylvania's governor on juvenile justice policy. Mr. Listenbee served as chair of the Defender Policy Group of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association since 1997 and on policy committees of the National Center for Juvenile Justice. He also served on the advisory board of the National Juvenile Defender Center and was actively involved in the MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change initiative in Pennsylvania. Mr. Listenbee served as president of the Juvenile Defenders Association of Pennsylvania and was a member of the Juvenile Indigent Defense Action Network, which works to improve access to counsel and the quality of representation for Pennsylvania's children. Mr. Listenbee co-chaired Attorney General Eric Holder's National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence and served as a member of OJJDP's Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice, which advises the President, Congress, and the OJJDP Administrator on juvenile justice policy. He received his B.A. degree from Harvard University and his J.D. from the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley.

## **Publications and Online Resources**

### **AZ Report Addresses Missing Information in Background Check System**

A new report by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (where the SAC is housed) says the criminal background check system is flawed and that fixing the system could cost as much as \$24 million. The report, [Arizona NICS Improvement Plan](#), says that the system relies on employees at dozens of agencies around the state to properly enter and track information, but too often the system fails, resulting in missing criminal records and creating large gaps in information. According to the report, "addressing these information gaps will better enable the system to operate as intended to keep guns out of the hands of persons prohibited by federal or state law from receiving or possessing firearms." The report details steps that justice system employees should take to fix the system through a combination of new technology, technical support, and training.

### **NLECTC Launches JUST-Link Online Community for Officers**

The National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center recently launched JUST-Link, a secure, invitation only online community and information exchange for police, courts, and corrections officers to share ideas, technologies, and solutions. Find out more about accessing JUST-Link at <https://www.justnet.org/just-link.html>.

## **New Tool for Law Enforcement Executives Released**

The National Institute of Justice published "[\*Five Things Law Enforcement Executives Can Do to Make a Difference\*](#)," which synthesizes many years of research and distills evidence-based practices that can make a difference into a single list. The list was developed by former NIJ director John Laub and current Police Foundation president (and former NIJ visiting fellow) Jim Bueermann. Besides the five suggestions, the list includes resources for police executives trying to use the guidance the list provides.

## **Conferences, Training, and Webinars**

### **NCJA Holds Webinar on Replicating Evidence-Based Practices**

On Wednesday, May 1 at 3 p.m. ET, NCJA will hold a webinar on [\*Implementation Science and the Importance of Fidelity: Replicating Evidence-Based Practices\*](#). Poor implementation of a program model can not only diminish the desired outcomes, but can also tarnish the reputation of a given program or treatment modality. This webinar will focus on what science tells us about effective implementation of evidence-based programs and practices and how this can impact desired outcomes.

### **COPS and NCPC to Hold Webinar on Law Enforcement Role in Bullying Prevention**

The Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) will host a webinar on *The Role of Law Enforcement: Preventing Bullying and Cyberbullying* on Thursday, May 2 at 2:00 p.m. ET. Dr. Elizabeth Englander, Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center, will train law enforcement personnel on how to interact with youth and deal with issues of bullying. She will discuss the challenges law enforcement face when dealing with youth, reactions to bullying and cyberbullying, gateway behaviors and sexting, and preventing future problems. To register for the webinar, go to <https://ncpa.webex.com/ncpa/j.php?ED=148130472&RG=1&UID=0&RT=MiMxMQ%3D%3D> Once the host approves your request, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the meeting.

### **ICCA Announces National Conference in Reno in September**

The International Community Corrections Association (ICCA) invites practitioners, researchers, and policy makers to its 21<sup>st</sup> National Conference, [\*One Criminal Justice System with Many Decision Makers: Working toward A Shared Vision\*](#), to be held in Reno, Nevada, September 9–12. This conference will provide two tracks: Public Policy and Operational Policy. The Public Policy track will focus on defining “what” the system intends to produce and “why” those measurable outcomes are desired, and the Operational Policy track will center on “how” current bodies of knowledge and evidence informed practices increase the likelihood of increasing public safety. Attendees will include community corrections agency leaders and program directors, probation and parole officers, and jail reentry program directors, as well as researchers, government representatives, and officers of the court.

### **NAPSA Conference Registration is Now Open**

The 2013 National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies Conference is September 15–18 in Orlando, FL. Early registration runs until August 2. For more information on registration, travel, and hotel, visit [www.napsa.org](http://www.napsa.org).

### **Maine DOC to Host Conference on Female Offenders**

The Maine Department of Corrections will host the [\*15th Bi-Annual Adult & Juvenile Female Offenders Conference\*](#), in Portland, October 6–10. Sponsored by the Association on Programs for Female Offenders, the conference provides a venue for training and networking for corrections professionals who work specifically with female offenders. Participants represent a diverse array of practitioners, researchers, state administrators, program directors, advocates, and program developers.

## **Announcements**

### **Public Comment Sought for Federal Plan for Trafficking Victim Services**

The Departments of Justice, Health and Human Services, and Homeland Security are inviting [public comments](#) on a federal strategic plan to improve services for victims of human trafficking. [\*Coordination, Collaboration, Capacity: Federal Strategic Action Plan on Services for Victims of Human Trafficking in the United States 2013–2017\*](#) strengthens collaboration and coordination across the federal government while empowering survivors. Members of the public are invited to review and make recommendations to strengthen the plan by 11 p.m. ET on May 24. For more information, go to <http://www.dhs.gov/blog/2013/04/09/working-together-support-victims-human-trafficking>.

### **OVC Seeking Consultants**

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is looking for skilled professionals, effective educators, and dynamic presenters to join the OVC Consultant Network. OVC engages consultants to assist victim service providers and improve services to victims of crime. Learn more about the [Consultant Network](#), check the enrollment criteria, and apply to become a consultant today.

### **Connect With OVC Through Social Media**

OVC is the latest Office of Justice Programs (OJP) agency to join the social media band wagon. To stay current with the latest news and announcements from OVC, including funding opportunities, new publications, and upcoming events, "Like" OVC on [Facebook](#), follow on Twitter @OJPOVC, and subscribe on [YouTube](#).

### **Urban Institute Seeks Justice Policy Editor**

The Urban Institute is looking for a [justice policy editor](#) to work alongside its researchers and director while also serving as a member of the Urban Institute's Strategic Communications and Outreach team. If you are interested, visit the full solicitation here.