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SAC News

North Carolina Welcomes New SAC Director

Dr. **Julie Singer** is the new Director for the Criminal Justice Analysis Center in the Governor's Crime Commission for the state of North Carolina. She has a Master's and a Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Social Psychology (concentration in legal studies) from the University of Nevada, Reno. While in graduate school, Dr. Singer worked at the Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies, a research group within the University of Nevada. There, she worked with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges on an evaluation of dependency drug courts in the state of Utah and on a project for the Nevada Supreme Court. She also mentored a judge in the Judicial Studies Program on campus regarding research methods. She served as Adjunct Faculty at the University of Nevada, Reno and Truckee Meadows Community College from 2006 to 2008, teaching courses in psychology, sociology, human development & family studies, and criminal justice. Dr. Singer then worked at RTI International for three and a half years, on research for the Department of Homeland Security, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. Dr. Singer is particularly interested in issues of legal decision making, including the role of retributive justice, juvenile justice issues, and public policy. Dr. Singer joined the Governor's Crime Commission in 2012.

West Virginia Launches Newsletter for New EBP Center and the SAC

The newly formed Office of Research and Strategic Planning of the West Virginia Division of Justice and Community Services, which houses the state's Statistical Analysis Center (SAC), released the first issue of an electronic newsletter for the newly established Justice Center for Evidence Based Practice and the SAC. This inaugural issue announces new publications, reports, and journal articles; research partnerships; recent and upcoming training opportunities, and strategic planning news. The newsletter is available at <http://www.djcs.wv.gov/SAC/Documents/February2012Newsletter.pdf>.

National News

President Releases FY13 Budget Request

On February 13, the Obama Administration released its FY 2013 budget request to Congress, which proposes \$60 million for the Bureau of Justice Statistics, an increase of \$15 million over the FY12 appropriation, and \$48 million for the National Institute of Justice, \$8 million more than last year. It also calls for level funding for the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP; \$6 million) and the National Instant Background Check System (NICS; \$5 million).

Under the President's budget request, the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) program would receive \$413 million, an increase of \$60 million from last year (after carve-outs), but well below the FY10 level of \$511 million. The Byrne Competitive Grants would receive \$25 million, an increase of \$10 over last year. The budget also proposes \$80 million for the Second Chance Act and \$227 million (after carve-outs) for the COPS Hiring programs, which brings both to about their FY11 levels. It would consolidate and slightly increase funding for the drug and mental health court programs (\$52 million). Funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) would drop under the President's proposal to \$70 million from \$240 million in FY12.

Overall juvenile justice funding would drop slightly under the budget proposal; however, funding for the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) state formula grants would rise to \$70 million from \$40 million in FY12. Further, the Administration proposes a new \$20 million evidence-based competitive juvenile justice demonstration grant program. Funding for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant program would hold steady at \$30 million.

Violence Against Women programs would be level funded in the President's budget at a total of \$413 million. However, in a departure from previous years, most of the funding for the STOP grant program (as well as for the Adam Walsh, DNA Initiative, and several other grant programs) would be transferred from the balance in the Crime Victims Fund. The Administration proposes to raise the annual cap for the Fund accordingly so the amount available for the other VOCA-funded programs should remain relatively level. Information about the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 for the Department of Justice is available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/budget/fy2013/assets/jus.pdf>.

Publications

BJS and NCES Release Report on School Crime and Safety

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) recently released *Indicators of School Crime and Safety, 2011*, an annual publication of BJS and the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), which presents data on crime and safety at school from the perspectives of students, teachers, and principals. The report examines crime occurring in school as well as on the way to and from school, and provides the most current detailed statistical information on the nature of crime in schools and school environments, as well as responses to violence and crime at school. The report is available at <http://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbdetail&iid=2295>.

Technical Reports Available From NIJ

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has numerous technical reports available on various subjects, including 2012 model year police vehicle evaluation, collecting DNA from juveniles, and the future of crime prevention. Visit NIJ's Web page on recently added publications (http://nij.ncjrs.gov/App/publications/pubs_db.aspx) and click on "Sponsored by NIJ" to view the technical reports.

NIJ Releases New Issue of *Techbeat*

The NIJ-funded National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center just released the Winter 2012 issue of *TechBeat*, an online and interactive newsletter dedicated to reporting developments in technology for law enforcement, corrections, and forensics. Articles include, “Managing Gangs in Schools,” “Easing Communication with Cognitive Radio,” “Merging Technologies for Better Policing,” “New Policing Era Dawns in Dunwoody,” and “Launching a Red-Light Camera Program.” The issue is available at <http://www.justnet.org/InteractiveTechBeat/>

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Findings from Crime Prevention Working Group Available

On October 7-8, 2010, NIJ hosted a working group of invited experts in the area of crime prevention to discuss and identify research issues, questions, and gaps to be addressed in crime prevention research. Attendees representing both researcher and practitioner communities participated in the two-day discussion, which offered an opportunity to address issues from two different but related perspectives. The findings from this working group are available at <http://nij.gov/nij/topics/crime/crime-prevention/working-group/meeting-october-2010.htm>.

Conferences and Training

Webinar to Discuss Trauma and Delinquency

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges will host the webinar, *The Truth About Trauma and Delinquency*, on March 7, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Presenters will demonstrate how traumatic events can have a long-term impact on those who experience trauma and how these events affect their families and communities. For more information or to register, go to <http://www.ncjfcj.org/content/view/1531/315/>.

Webinar to Examine Restorative Justice and Disproportionate Minority Contact

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) will present the webinar, *The Road to Juvenile Justice: The Intersection of Restorative Justice and Disproportionate Minority Contact*, on March 14, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Presenters will discuss how restorative justice practices implemented at the “nine points of contact” within the juvenile justice system can be effective tools to reduce DMC. They will also examine strategies that both rural and urban communities use to hold youth accountable and will consider how they can support local DMC-reduction efforts. For more information about the webinar and to register, go to <https://ojjdptta.webex.com/mw0306ld/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=ojjdptta>.

Register for Juvenile and Family Law Conference

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The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges will host its National Conference on Juvenile and Family Law on March 21-24, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The conference will feature innovations in programming and practice with an emphasis on collaboration, and will provide opportunities for courts and communities to improve outcomes for children, youth, families, and victims. The conference is open to all disciplines interested in the justice system. Information is available online at <http://www.ncjfcj.org/images/stories/pdf/ncjfl12brochure.pdf>.

Multi-System Integration Public Sector Certificate Program Announced

The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute will present *Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare: Multi-System Integration Certificate Program for Public Sector Leaders*, a weeklong program of intensive study designed for those who want to improve outcomes for crossover youth by improving multi-systems integration and collaboration among public agencies and other key partners. This program, which will be delivered twice in 2012—July 6-13, and October 10-17, in Washington, DC—is designed for public agency leaders working in juvenile justice, child welfare, and related systems. For more information, go to <http://cjjr.georgetown.edu/certprogs/public/certificatepublic.html>.

Save the Date for the 2012 NVAA

The Office for Victims of Crime's National Victim Assistance Academy (NVAA) will be held August 6-10, in Jacksonville, Florida. To receive the latest news and information, sign up at <https://www.ovcttac.gov/views/dspSubscribeEmail.cfm>.

Announcements

National Archive Releases Data on Juveniles in Residential Facilities

The National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD) has made public data available from each Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement (CJRP) and Juvenile Residential Facility Census (JRFC) that has been released to date. OJJDP sponsored data collection and archiving activities for these surveys. The CJRP asks juvenile residential custody facilities in the United States for a description of each youth assigned a bed in the facility on the specified reference date, providing a detailed picture of juveniles in custody. The JRFC collects information about the facilities in which juvenile offenders are held. To download data from the CJRP or JRFC, go to <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/NACJD/support/announcements/2012/02/nacjd-releases-cjrp-and-jrhc-data>. Read the latest OJJDP bulletin on the JRFC, at <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/231683.pdf>.

Website Offers Resources for At-Risk and Delinquent Girls

A new Web site for the National Girls Institute seeks to better meet the needs of at-risk and delinquent girls, their families, and the agencies and organizations that serve them. Supported by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) through a grant from OJJDP, the Web site will allow professionals to submit requests for training and technical assistance, as well as find current information about best practices, gender-responsive tools, research, and related events. OJJDP established the [Justice Research and Statistics Association](http://www.ncjrs.gov) • 777 North Capitol Street, NE • Suite 801 • Washington, DC 20002

National Girls Institute in 2010 to develop and provide a range of training, technical assistance, and other resources to local, tribal, and private organizations serving girls and young women in, or at risk of entering, the juvenile justice system. The Web site can be found at <http://www.nationalgirls institute.org/>.

National Crime Victims Rights Week Resource Guide Available

The National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC) announced the availability of the *2012 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide*. As in the past, NCVC partnered with the Office for Victims of Crime to develop this year's theme, *Extending the Vision: Reaching Every Victim*. National Crime Victims' Rights Week, which will be observed April 22-28, promotes victims' rights and honors crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf. For more information or to access the resource guide, go to <http://www.ncvc.org/ncvrw> or <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw>.