Western Regional Training Institute for SACs  
Golden, CO  
May 22-23, 2018

Agenda

Tuesday, May 22\textsuperscript{nd}

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Welcome and Introductions  
Roger Przybylski (JRSA) and George Shaler (Maine)

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Research Spotlight: Colorado Statistical Analysis Center  
Kim English, Jack Reed, and Kevin Ford (Colorado)  
Colorado SAC analysts will discuss two projects, both of which require significant work with stakeholders. The first is a study of the decision making process of Colorado's adult parole board. The second study provides insight into the public safety and public health impacts of the legalization of the retail sale of marijuana.

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  Skill-Building Session: Times Series Analysis  
Nick Corsaro (University of Cincinnati)  
Interrupted Time Series Analysis provides researchers and practitioners the opportunity to assess whether a strategic intervention or policy change corresponded with a change in the trajectory of a stable time series pattern. This session will provide an overview of interrupted time series analysis and will offer a review of the pros and cons of the two most standard approaches to time series analyses available in most software programs: Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) and Maximum Likelihood modeling.

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  Lunch: SAC & VOCA Administrators  
Catie Clark (Arizona) & Larry Grubbs (Arizona Criminal Justice Commission)  
George Shaler (Maine) & Katie Kondrat (Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault)  
Valerie Clark (Minnesota) & Cecilia Miller (Minnesota Office of Justice Programs)  
Thea Mounts (Washington) & Nicky Gleason (Washington State Department of Commerce)  
Will Hauser (Wisconsin) & Karina Virrueta (Wisconsin Office of Crime Victims Services)  
This session will feature VOCA-SAC Partnership Projects funded through the Center for Victim Research. These one-year projects began in December 2017 and include focuses on assessing gaps in services for crime victims along with more specific topics such as examining relief from abuse data. SAC directors and their partners will share the benefits of these partnerships and what they are learning.
1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  Making Data Available Online: Navigating Issues and Optimizing Dashboards  
Mike Fargen (Nebraska) and Misty Kifer (Idaho)  
Dashboards are an invaluable tool in providing user-friendly access to criminal justice data and can take many different forms depending on intended audience, access to and quality of data, as well as the methods available to manipulate and display the data. While dashboards are often easy to navigate and use, developing the dashboard requires establishing key relationships between different criminal justice agencies, handling challenging data issues, and making key data and user-related decisions. During this session the presenters will discuss the process of developing their dashboards, highlighting common challenges and future goals.

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  NIBRS: Updates, Resources, and Analysis  
Kim Martin (BJS) and Dave Roberts (SEARCH)  
This session will highlight current efforts to expand NIBRS reporting to 400 strategically identified state and local law enforcement agencies in order to build a nationally representative sample of incident-based data for research purposes. In addition, the session will discuss the status of efforts to transition all law enforcement agencies from summary reporting to incident-based reporting by January 2021 and will explore some of the analytic potential and challenges facing jurisdictions with NIBRS data.

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.  Break

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.  Transforming Safety in Colorado  
Christie Donner and Juston Cooper (Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition)  
In 2017, the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition worked with community members and a bi-partisan group of state legislators to develop a new approach to public safety that invests in strategies that strengthen communities as a way to prevent crime in the first place. This new vision became House Bill 17-1326, the Justice Reinvestment Crime Prevention bill, which passed with bi-partisan support. The bill reinvests $4 million a year in savings from parole reforms to create a three-year pilot in two Colorado communities to fund small business lending and a community grant program. The initiative is unique in that it transfers savings from parole reforms enacted under the legislation from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Local Affairs for true community reinvestment.

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Wrap-Up
Wednesday, May 23rd

Special Session:
Enhancing Data Quality, Completeness, and Integration

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  Enhancing Relationships with State and Local Agencies
Dave Usery (URL Integration) and Dave Roberts (Search)
Analyzing data from multiple sources is the lifeblood of SAC work in many jurisdictions, yet many SACs face significant challenges accessing or integrating data from both criminal- and non-criminal justice sources. In this opening session of the Institute's Enhancing Data Quality, Completeness, and Integration themed day, two national experts on data sharing and integration issues will share their insights on building and enhancing relationships with state and local agencies, as well as navigating challenges, for data access and integration purposes.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Research Design Considerations for Recidivism Studies
Valerie Clark (Minnesota), Matt Durose (BJS), and Mariel Alper (BJS)
In this session presenters will address recidivism research both at the state and federal level. From the state perspective, the Minnesota SAC will discuss how the use of different recidivism measures in analyzing prisoner reentry can influence results and conclusions. From the federal perspective, BJS researchers will discuss the methods utilized to assess variations in the composition and completeness of data, the process in which state information is standardized to create national-level estimates, and also the costs and benefits of using longer follow-up periods to measure recidivism.

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  Adapting Data Quality Assessment Methods to Your Needs
Stephen Haas (ICF), Christina LaValle (Walter Reed Army Institute of Research), Alan Wedd, (Ohio)
The goal of this session is to provide attendees with resources for assessing and improving state-level NIBRS data quality. The presentation will include information about the importance of data quality assessment, findings from multiple SAC research projects on NIBRS data quality improvement methods, and a step-by-step demonstration of data quality improvement tools. At the end of this presentation, participants will have the knowledge and resources needed to apply these data quality improvement methods to their own state-level NIBRS datasets.
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch: Enhancing the Partnerships between BJS, JRSA, and the SACs
Stephanie Burroughs (BJS), Ron Planty (BJS), Roger Przybylski (JRSA), and George Shaler (Maine)
This lunch session is designed to provide SAC directors and staff with an opportunity to engage in an informal discussion with their peers, BJS staff, and JRSA staff regarding the roles and responsibilities of SACs and JRSA, as well as strategies for enhancing the capacity and visibility of the SACs and the partnership between the SACs, JRSA and BJS.

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. SAC Methods in Assessing Data Quality
Kristine Denman (New Mexico), Connie Kostelac (Wisconsin), Catie Clark (Arizona)
The value and usefulness of data-based analysis and reporting depends on the quality of the underlying data. In turn, data quality issues often need to be addressed at multiple levels, especially when integrating information from different sources. With this in mind, this session will highlight the development of and approaches to data quality assessment among three SACs.

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Modern Technologies for Protecting Identity, Securing Information, and Enhancing Information Exchange
Kay Chopard-Cohen (Chopard Consulting, Inc.)
This session will address online identity management and creating secure, reliable data exchange across networks as well as facilitate a conversation in understanding emerging technologies and potential for use in justice information sharing systems such as trust frameworks, blockchain, and distributed ledger technology.

3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Wrap-up