

ICJIA's Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Planning Meeting

Illinois Department of Corrections Challenges

Challenge: Population

- 48,700 in custody
- System designed for 34,000
- 25 facilities not all built as correctional institutions
- How does IDOC effectively place and program offenders in custody given space restrictions for successful reentry to society?

Challenge: Staffing & Training Resources

- IDOC's staffing resources and training curriculum are primarily focused on the safety and security of the offender population and 10,500 employees.
- How does IDOC allocate staff and the training curriculum from a custody and security environment to incorporate staffing needs and a training curriculum that addresses medical, mental health, education and effectively implementation of evidence based treatment programs into its operations?

Challenge: Technology

- Transitioning from a 30 year old data system
- Data integration from the local government levels
- How can local governments assist in the development and implementation of automated data integration processes across the entire criminal justice system to create seamless flow of information on medical and mental health, human services, education for the justice involved population?

Challenge: Continuum of Care

- Risk assessments are currently not shared through various stages of the criminal justice system
- Community support systems are sometimes over utilized on a low-risk population rendering ineffective treatment.
- How can local governments assist in building a continuum of care model for the justice involved population beginning with arrest & bail decisions, probation, IDOC custody through Mandatory Supervised Release and successful discharge through collaborative utilization of assessments, evidenced based programming, and community reentry supports?