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Date:

Re: Research and Analysis Unit Report for the March 2007 Authority Meeting

This memorandum highlights some of the work performed by staff of the Research and Analysis Unit since the Authority's last quarterly meeting.

I. CURRENT PROJECTS

A. Program evaluation and research projects

The R&A Unit pursues an aggressive program evaluation and research agenda through an in-house ADAA-funded grant program. Evaluation and research efforts supported, conducted or monitored by R&A staff include:

1. Reintegration of Gang Offenders in the Community

In collaboration with DePaul University's Department of Sociology, the Illinois Department of Corrections, and the Attorney General's Gang Crime Prevention Center, a small-scale, pilot study of the reintegration process has been conducted. The study is largely qualitative, examining how gang and non-gang offenders go about reintegrating into their communities of origin. A final report is available on our website and a summary report is under final review.

2. Illinois Going Home Program Evaluation

The University of Chicago is conducting an implementation and preliminary impact evaluation of the Illinois Going Home Program. The program is a major offender reentry effort funded through a partnership of contributing federal agencies and in concert with a number of Chicago-area government, community and faith-based organizations. The evaluation will determine if the program was implemented as designed, how it worked in the field and the effectiveness of the program. Evaluators completed a one-year interim report in September. This report identified a number of recommendations for increasing enrollment that Going Home staff is currently implementing. The final report was received and revisions requests were submitted. We are awaiting the final copy.

3. Reports on the analysis of datasets maintained/available through the Authority

In addition to collaborative research projects using the Chicago Homicide Dataset or the Chicago Women's Health Risk Study, R&A staff has also collaborated with external researchers on projects that focus on the analysis of our in-house data. This data includes InfoNet, which is a database that maintains information from victim service providers and agencies, and data from the Illinois Crime Victimization Survey and the 2000 Probation Outcome Study.

- *Analysis of Crime Victimization Data – Violent Crime and Victim’s Gender*, by Dr. Callie Rennison of the University of Missouri St. Louis. This analysis addresses whether individual and family level correlates of nonfatal victimization differ by gender, whether these correlates differ by type of nonfatal violent crime and whether they differ depending on the victim and offender relationship. This report was received in September and is available on our website, and a *Research at a Glance* is also available on our site.
- *Analysis of Drug Use, Treatment and Probationer Recidivism*, by Dr. Beth Hueber of the University of Missouri at St. Louis. This project identified the characteristics of drug-involved probationers, the prevalence of participation in treatment and the effect of treatment on probation outcomes. The report is available on our website and a summary is under development.
- *Analysis of Methamphetamine and Domestic Violence in Illinois* under the direction of Dr. Gaylene Armstrong at Southern Illinois University. This project measures the impact of methamphetamine on domestic violence across Illinois counties. State and regional trends in meth use are detailed, as well as a descriptive assessment of statewide and regional trends in domestic violence. In addition, the study examines the effect of meth use indicators on variations in domestic violence, while controlling for other county level characteristics. This report is due in early 2007.
- *Victim Characteristics and Reporting Violence to the Police* (Illinois Crime Victimization Data) under the direction of Dr. Callie Rennison of the University of Missouri at St. Louis. This project examines how victim’s characteristics influence the decision to contact the police following violence. The study is based on Illinois 2002 crime victimization survey data. This report was received in January and is currently under review.
- *Comparing Risk Factors Associated with Violent and General Recidivism while on Probation and After Discharge – Implications for Risk Management* under the direction of Dr. Loretta Stalans and Dr. Paul Yarnold. This study will address several issues in the identification of risk factors that contribute to violent and non-violent recidivism after discharge from probation. In addition, the study will address what types of offenders show evidence of refraining from new crimes for a longer-term period after they have successful treatment completion. They study will also test whether family only and generalized aggressors have unique risk factors associated with recidivism. This report is due in winter 2007.

4. Safe Havens Domestic Violence Program evaluation project

Staff is evaluating the Chicago Safe Havens demonstration site, a project funded under the Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program. The Safe Havens Program was established by the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 to provide an opportunity for communities to support supervised visitation and safe exchange of children, by and between parents, in situations involving domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking. The purpose of the supervised visitation program is to enable custodial parents to comply with court ordered visitation, without having to fear that they or their children will be re-victimized. Staff has received IRB approval and data collection has begun. Staff has identified the following priority areas of the evaluation: interviews with visitation center directors and staff (to determine changes in practice in policy and roles as collaborators), the issue of case termination (to determine why cases come to a close and what can be done in cases where visits should continue, but do not), observation forms used by staff at visitation centers during visits as well as other data collected in client files (Data from these forms, together with data collected through the 11 interviews that are completed can help determine how accurately these forms reflect what happens during visits. Other client information found in their files can help identify who is referred to visitation services from court, how rule violations are handled, and in terms of termination, whether or not clients fail to show up for services, if they terminate visits due to court order, etc.). All interviews have been completed. Data collection from the family file folders is finished in two of the three centers, and half of the data is collected in the third center. All family court judges in Chicago participated in a training session that focused on domestic violence in relation to custody and visitation rights. Staff distributed a pre-survey, a survey at the training itself, and a post-survey to determine whether or not the training had an affect on judges' beliefs or actions in the courtroom.

5. Criminal justice agencies Needs Assessment Survey project

Orbis Partners was assigned to conduct a criminal justice needs assessment in Illinois and the Authority has recently received the results of the survey in a draft report. The primary purpose of this study is to supply information that will demonstrate the needs of criminal justice organizations, and identify areas that need improvement. The information will also be used to guide decision-making regarding where to best allocate resources. The study's secondary purpose is to provide information that outlines if, and how, the needs of criminal justice organizations have changed over time by comparing the data collected as part of this study to the results of a needs assessment survey conducted in 1996.

Major components of the criminal justice system were surveyed on topics such as workload demands, training needs, staff retention, information systems and programming. The needs assessment involved the distribution of surveys to approximately 1,700 practitioners in the Illinois criminal justice system, and included court clerks, detention center administrators, judges, police chiefs, probation, public defenders, state's attorneys, and victim service providers. While the surveys for each agency contained some of the same sections, the surveys were also tailored to address those issues that pertain specifically to the component of

the system being surveyed. For example, the survey for detention centers offered questions regarding security issues, medical care and in-house programs; while the probation survey offered questions on assessment tools and supervision.

After multiple strategies were employed to encourage participation, a total of 602 questionnaires were returned for an overall response rate of 38.6%. Results indicate that law enforcement feel that domestic violence crimes, property crime and juvenile crime are the most significant contributors to their workload. Law enforcement also noted a need for resources and training related to methamphetamine investigations. Respondents from probation and court services indicated that in addition to supervision duties, pre-sentence investigations comprise a significant part of their workload, as do working with clients that present treatment and drug or alcohol use issues.

Drug cases comprised a significant portion of the workload for both public defenders and state's attorneys, as did domestic violence and juvenile crime cases. Additional or timelier crime lab processing was also noted as factor in the efficient movement of cases. The need for drug treatment, employment opportunities and youth prevention programs was noted by both the prosecution and defense sides, as well as victim service providers, as actions that may reduce drug use or violence.

Many of the respondents also noted the need for increased resources to combat identity theft, an increased need for bi-lingual personnel or language translation, and the need for better access to computerized information or information sharing systems. While the final results are still being studied, the responses and the final report have become an integral part of the JAG planning process. The report will be placed on our website in March 2007 and an overall summary is in development. A series of summaries describing results by criminal justice component are planned.

6. Evaluation of IDOC's Sheridan Correctional Center Therapeutic Community Program

Research & Analysis staff is continuing to support the operation of the Sheridan Correctional Center through a process and impact evaluation. Open since January 2004, Sheridan operates as a fully dedicated therapeutic community for inmates in need of substance abuse treatment. Sheridan is the largest treatment prison in the country. The evaluation of Sheridan is a collaborative effort between the Authority, Loyola University, and the Illinois Department of Corrections. Using methods approved by an Evaluation Advisory Committee, the process and impact evaluation involves extensive quantitative data collection and qualitative information from interviews with staff and participants. The evaluation will seek to measure changes in participant attitudes, beliefs and psychological functioning, in addition to participants' preparedness for release. The study will also examine the extent and nature of institutional violations and measures of recidivism after release. Employment and access to services will also be studied. A summary of the project was released in October 2004 as a *Program Evaluation Summary* report, and Authority staff has completed analyses assessing program impact after two years of operation. A second *Program Evaluation Summary* report was

completed in March 2006 reporting recidivism and post-release employment outcomes in addition to information contained in the first *Program Evaluation Summary* report. The Authority continues to assist the evaluation team in updating recidivism figures on a continuous basis. Research will continue throughout much of 2007. A third program evaluation summary is expected to be published near the beginning of 2007, as well as additional publications at a later date regarding the long-term impact of the program and the characteristics of participants that influence success in the program.

7. Evaluation of Redeploy Illinois sites

The evaluation of two Redeploy Illinois sites began in March 2005. The first site, in Macon County, provides a series of services and treatments in an effort to keep juveniles in the community and out of the Illinois Department of Corrections. The second site, in the Second Judicial Circuit, also employs treatment and includes Multi-Systemic Therapy, Functional Family Therapy and Aggression Replacement Training to keep youth in the community. Powered Performance, a Wheaton-based research and consulting firm, was awarded the contract to evaluate both Redeploy sites. The final report was received and is available on our website. The Macon County Redeploy *Program Evaluation Summary* is available and the summary for the 2nd circuit is nearly complete.

A request for proposals was issued in January 2006 for the evaluation of two new Redeploy Illinois sites in Peoria and St. Clair Counties. Southern Illinois University-Carbondale was awarded the contract in March 2006 to evaluate these sites. The evaluation report was received in July and is available on our website. Two program summaries have also been drafted.

8. An evaluation of Illinois-Citizen Law Enforcement Analysis and Reporting (I-CLEAR)

The evaluation of I-CLEAR has been awarded to Northwestern University. The evaluation will assess the statewide implementation of the CLEAR reporting system operating under the Chicago Police Department. I-CLEAR will offer a statewide criminal justice information system that is accessible to all of Illinois' criminal justice agencies. The two-year assessment began in May 2005. The interim report was received this past summer and the final report is due May 2007.

9. Lake County Transitional Services for Female Offenders (PTSD)

Loyola University, under the direction of Dr. Loretta Stalans, was awarded a grant to evaluate the Lake County probation program that provides specialized services to women probationers who exhibit post-traumatic stress disorder. The evaluation began in January 2006 and data collection and interviews are progressing. The final report will be submitted in May 2007.

10. Cook County Social Services, Transitional Services for Female Offenders

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, under the direction of Dr. Gaylene Armstrong, was awarded a grant to evaluate the Cook County Social Service Department program that provides

specialized services to women probationers that are convicted of DUI. The final report was submitted in January and is under review.

11. Investigator Initiated Research

Projects funded under an Investigator-initiated RFP address research in our priority areas of interest. The following two proposals were selected for funding:

- *Corrections to Community: The collective reentry experience of juvenile offenders.* This study, under the direction of the University of Chicago, will examine a number of factors that play into the reentry experience of juveniles released from Illinois correctional facilities between 1996 and 2002. We are awaiting return of the contract.
- *Analysis of Domestic Violence Service Data.* Under the direction of Loyola University, this study will examine InfoNet service data to describe victim service use patterns over time and describe the characteristics of victims and their service needs. The report was received in January and is under review.

An additional Investigator-initiated RFP was issued in July 2006 and we received a number of well-qualified proposals. Reviewers elected to fund the following:

- *Assessing the Risk of Sexual and violent Recidivism and Identifying Differences in Risk Factor.* This study is under the direction of Loyola University and will seek to inform the criminal justice system's probation and parole officers, treatment professionals, and judges as to the accuracy of assessment tools for predicting the risk of sexual or violent reoffending. Comparisons between offenders from the prison system and those on probation will be conducted. The 12-month project began January 2007.
- *A Study of Co-occurring Conditions and Treatment Coordination of Jail Detainees.* Conducted by the University of Illinois at Chicago, this study will select and interview 300 adult male and 150 adult female detainees in the psychiatric residential treatment units at the Cook County Department of Corrections jail facility. The project will seek to better understand the needs of this high-risk and resource-intensive population and provide a basis for developing better coordinated systems of care within the jail, community and transition to prison for those sentenced detainees. This 12-month project began in October 2006.

11. Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee

Staff assisted the Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee in the development of an RFP to secure a vendor for the development of a survey regarding capital punishment in Illinois. Loyola University was the selected Vendor and staff are working to finalize a contract.

B. Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) Audit

The unit's Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) Audit Center is an ADAA-funded in-house effort to continuously examine the accuracy, completeness and timeliness of this information, and to recommend strategies for improvement.

The 2006 CHRI Audit report was published on the Authority website in July. Auditors conducted site visits in 13 counties and collected arrest, submission, and charging data from each county. The findings indicate that the accuracy and timeliness of data in the repository has been greatly improved through the use of technology. A Research Bulletin summarizing the findings and recommendations is under review and will be published on the Authority's website.

The 2008 CHRI Audit methodology development is currently underway. The focus of this audit will be the accuracy, completeness and timeliness of court disposition information on the state's Computerized Criminal History (CCH) System.

CHRI Data Ad Hoc Connection. The CHRI data ad hoc connection is an electronic connection to criminal history record information housed by the Illinois State Police. Access to CHRI data allows ICJIA to query the data housed on the computerized criminal history database. Use of this data resource provides a rich data resource that may support fact based decision making as well continuous improvement of the data quality. Illinois is one of only a handful of states that has this technical ability to electronically access state criminal history record information for research purposes.

The CHRI Ad Hoc connection affords audit staff the ability to directly query the state police database for results that are current as of the previous day, and to download and store blocks of data for research purposes. A CHRI Ad Hoc Data Archive of all criminal history records from 1990-2005 has been created in formats that can be readily shared with researchers. This Archive currently holds close to a million records for each year. These data are stored in a secure environment and made available only for in-house research needs and to those researchers with user agreements. A Data Dictionary defining all available data elements and general user guidelines has been developed and reviewed by ISP staff.

Staff has worked cooperatively with the state police to develop and implement a research data request processing procedure and unified user agreement. The process incorporates verification of bona fide research and appropriate protection of confidential data. The unified user agreement facilitates accountability for the research use of criminal history data records. User agreements have been executed with researchers from University of Chicago, Georgetown University and Harvard University. Several others are pending approval.

Recidivism of Sex Offenders Released from the Illinois Department of Corrections. Audit center staff recently received a \$17,000 grant to participate in a multi-state research project examining the rate of recidivism of sex offenders released from prison. The grant is supported jointly by the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics National Criminal History Improvement (NCHIP) funds and by the Justice Research and Statistical Association (JRSA). Illinois joins 10 other states in replicating research previously

conducted by BJS in 2003. This 9-month research project utilizes data collected from exit files of the Illinois Department of Corrections, and state and federal criminal history record information to measure the rate of re-offending (arrest and incarceration) of sex offenders in three years following release from prison.

A sample of approximately 600 sex offenders has been identified from a data file of year 2001 exits received from the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). The process of determining any out-of-state arrests for these individuals has begun. Criminal history record information will be pulled from the CHRI Ad Hoc Data Archive for analysis of in-state recidivism.

Uniform Conviction Information Act (UCIA) Cost Survey. The Authority is statutorily mandated to periodically assess if the maximum allowable fee charged for conviction information requests made by the private citizens adequately covers the costs incurred. Approximately 300 law enforcement agencies will be mailed a brief survey. Audit staff are currently devising a state-wide sampling strategy to target those agencies most likely to handle UCIA requests. Results of the survey and any recommendations for changes in the maximum allowable fee will be reported to the Authority Board.

Juvenile Arrest Data. Audit staff worked to provide juvenile arrest data from the CHRI Ad Hoc Data Archive for the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission 2004 Annual Report. This is currently the only source for statewide individual-level juvenile arrest data. A Research Bulletin focusing on the quality of juvenile arrest reporting and more detailed juvenile arrest trends from 2000-2005 is planned.

C. Chicago Homicide Dataset Update Project

The Chicago Homicide Dataset has been collected and maintained for many years in close cooperation with the Crime Analysis Unit, Detective Division, of the Chicago Police Department. The CHD is a comprehensive database containing information on every homicide that occurred in Chicago between 1965 and 2000. In August 2005, staff completed a long-standing effort to update the dataset through 2000, and staff has been working to clean and archive the complete 36-year dataset. With the help of Richard Block, staff completed the geocoding of the new data and checked the geocoding of the earlier data.

Staff continues to collaborate with selected researchers on projects involving use of the Chicago Homicide Dataset. A product of one of these collaborations, "Children's Risk of Homicide: Victimization Rates from Birth to Age 14, Chicago, 1965 to 1995" has just been published as an ICJIA Research Bulletin. In August 2006, we began a new collaboration with Charis Kubrin and Erin Fishburn of George Washington University on "The Role of Street Culture in Latino/Hispanic Homicide." Other CHD collaborations include the following:

- ~ A paper with Kim Vogt (University of Wisconsin), "Trends and circumstances of Chicago homicides of young boys, ages infant to 14, 1965-2000," was presented at the American Society of Criminology meetings, in a session entitled Violence, Homicide and Gender.
- ~ Staff is collaborating with Lynn Addington, Department of Justice, Law and Society, American University, on "Homicide location by victim characteristics and weapon," a comparison of NIBRS data and CHS data. We plan to write a Research Bulletin and submit an article to the journal *Homicide Studies*.

- ~ "An evaluation of arson-associated homicide in Chicago," with Dallas Drake, a retired firefighter, was revised for re-submission *Homicide Studies* in August. A revised version, titled "When Arson is Fatal," will be submitted as an ICJIA Research Bulletin."
- ~ "Recent changes in young children's risk of homicide victimization," with Kim Vogt (University of Wisconsin). An update to: *Trends in Young Children's Risk of Homicide Victimization in Chicago, 1965-1995*.
- ~ "Long-term trends in young children's risk of homicide victimization: Chicago, 1965-2000" with Kim Vogt (University of Wisconsin). Paper to be submitted to *Homicide Studies*.
- ~ "Murder of newborns and infants in Chicago: Patterns and implications for prevention" with Kim Vogt (University of Wisconsin). To be submitted as a Research Bulletin
- ~ "Patterns and contextual characteristics of fatal and nonfatal violence against the elderly," with Ronet Bachman, an expert on national elderly victim data, was presented at the American Society of Criminology in November. The editors of the Justice Research and Policy journal invited us to submit a paper to the journal for publication.
- ~ "Homicide characteristics and developmental age: Victimizations of infants and children under age five in Chicago, 1965-2000" with Kim Vogt (University of Wisconsin). To be submitted to *Homicide Studies*.
- ~ "Street gang-related homicides in Chicago, 1965 to 2004," with Tim Lavery and Megan Alderden of the Chicago Police Department, a work in progress.
- ~ "Killing little girls: homicides of girls aged infant to 14, Chicago 1965-1995," with Kim Vogt, University of Wisconsin. Research Bulletin in progress.
- ~ "Murder of newborns and infants in Chicago: patterns and implications for prevention," with Kim Vogt, University of Wisconsin.
- ~ "Homicides Committed by Children: Offenders under age 15 in Chicago, with Kim Vogt, University of Wisconsin, was presented at the American Society of Criminology in November.
- ~ "Concomitant Homicides: Others Who Die in Intimate Partner Confrontations," with Jen Rubin (Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence). Research Bulletin in progress.
- ~ "When an Elderly Person is Murdered: Circumstances of Homicides Against the Elderly in Chicago, 1965 to 2000" was presented at the Homicide Research Working Group meetings in June, and is being revised for the Proceedings of that meeting. A Research Bulletin and an article to submit to *Homicide Studies* are in progress.
- ~ "Young Homicide Offenders in Chicago, Offenders Under Age 14, 1965-1995" with Kim Vogt (University of Wisconsin). Presented at the American Society of Criminology in November 2005. To be submitted as a *Research Bulletin*.

D. Externally-funded research and evaluation projects

R&A staff has been successful in the pursuit of external discretionary grants to support research and evaluation efforts. Several current projects are or were supported by such grants:

1. Chicago Women's Health Risk Study (CWHRS)

Funded by NIH with substantial in-kind support from the Authority and other collaborating agencies, the Chicago Women's Health Risk Project is a continuing collaboration of medical, public health, and criminal justice agencies, and domestic violence experts to identify factors that indicate a significant danger of life-threatening injury or death in situations of intimate partner

violence. Collaborating agencies include the Chicago Department of Public Health, Erie Family Health Center, Cook County Hospital, Chicago Mayor's Office on Domestic Violence, Cook County Medical Examiner's Office, Chicago Police Department and the Authority. Project research included detailed interviews with abused women sampled as they entered a hospital, clinic, or health center for treatment, as well as interviews with people who knew victims of intimate partner homicide. By comparing data on abused women with similar data on women who have been killed by or who killed an intimate partner, the project helps agencies develop collaborative ways to identify and respond to potentially life-threatening intimate violence situations. A follow-up study looked at the effects of community capacity to determine whether the violence stopped or declined in the abused women's neighborhoods. The research provides vital information to beat officers, clinical staff, and other decision-makers in the field.

The goal of the CWHRS project is now to "get the word out" about important and potentially life-saving results, to the public and to practitioners and legislators who can use those results to help save lives. The CWHRS Forum, housed on the Authority's web site, currently has 90 members, most of them practitioners or researchers in the field, plus welcomes visits from people seeking information. A number of reports, journal articles and other publications have been developed from the research, most of them collaborations. Staff is frequently solicited for presentations and briefings on the research and project tools, and data continue to be requested for use by other researchers. "Risk factors for femicide-suicide in abusive relationships: Results from a multi-site case control study" (with Jane Koziol-McLain, Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand, Daniel Webster, Johns Hopkins, Judith McFarlane, Texas Women's University, Yvonne Ulrich, University of Washington School of Nursing, Nancy Glass, Oregon Health and Science University, Jacquelyn C. Campbell, Johns Hopkins) was published in *Violence and Victims* (June, 2006). We are now revising the paper to submit as a *Research Bulletin*.

Other current and recent collaborations based on CWHRS results include the following:

- ~ A paper with Sara Naureckas and Eva Hernandez (CWHRS collaborators), "Risk of death for Latina/Hispanic women experiencing intimate partner violence," was presented at the American Society of Criminology meetings, in a session entitled Domestic Violence: Focus on Minorities and the Elderly. This paper will be submitted as an ICJIA *Research Bulletin*.
- ~ Staff chaired a workshop on "Collaborative research between practitioners and researchers" at the American Society of Criminology meetings in November 2006. The Collaboration workshop grew out of the development of collaboration methods in the CWHRS, and the publishing of a *Research Bulletin* and a journal article on collaboration.
- ~ The paper, "Intimate Partner Older Women Homicide," by Yvonne Campbell Ulrich, Jacquelyn C. Campbell, Carolyn Rebecca Block, Kathryn Laughon and Linda Teri, which was based on the CWHRS and on the eleven similar studies conducted in cities across the country, was submitted in October, 2006, to the *Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect*.
- ~ A paper with Esther Jenkins (CWHRS collaborator), "Risk of death for Black/African-American women experiencing intimate partner violence," is under preparation. A first analysis has been completed, and further analysis is awaiting the merge of lethal/non-lethal CWHRS data. This paper will be submitted as an ICJIA *Research Bulletin*.
- ~ "Intimate partner violence and miscarriage: Examination of the role of physical and psychological abuse and PTSD" (with Leslie A. Morland, National Center for PTSD, Honolulu, Gregory A. Leskin, National Center for PTSD, Palo Alto, Jacquelyn C. Campbell, Johns Hopkins, and

- Matthew J. Friedman, National Center for PTSD and Dartmouth Medical School) was revised and re-submitted to the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* in July, 2006.
- ~ "Forced sex and leaving intimate relationships: Results of the Chicago Women's Health Risk Study," by Carolyn Rebecca Block and Walter DeKeseredy (University of Ontario) has been accepted for publication in the May, 2007 issue of the journal *Women's Health and Urban Life*. An earlier version, "Forced sex during and after exiting intimate relationships." was presented at the SSSP (Society for the Study of Social Problems) meetings in August 2006.
 - ~ Darryl Brice, a graduate student at Loyola University Chicago, is writing a dissertation proposal on the SSN (Social Support Network) scale, using the CWHRS data.
 - ~ "Intimate partner violence during pregnancy: Outcomes for mother and child" (with Phyllis Sharps, Johns Hopkins, Kathryn Laughon, University of Virginia School of Nursing and Jacquelyn C. Campbell, Johns Hopkins). We have a draft completed, but are waiting on staff to complete the lethal/non-lethal merge of the CWHRS data.
 - ~ "Non-fatal strangulation is an important risk factor for attempted and completed femicide" (with Nancy Glass, Oregon Health and Science University, Kathryn Laughon, University of Virginia, Jacquelyn C. Campbell, Johns Hopkins, and Ginger Hanson, Oregon Health and Science University). Revised and re-submitted to the *Journal of Emergency Medicine* in July, 2006.
 - ~ "A comparison of African-American and Latina women's decisions about help-seeking for intimate partner violence" (with Heather Bourne, University of Massachusetts, Amherst). Submitted to *Psychology of Women Quarterly*.
 - ~ "Seeking help from the police: Battered women's decisions and experiences" (with Kim Davies, Augusta State University and Jacquelyn Campbell, Johns Hopkins), submitted to *A Critical Journal of Crime, Law and Society*.
 - ~ "The prevalence of PTSD among women experiencing intimate partner violence depends on seriousness, continuation and social support network" (with Gregory A. Leskin, National Center for PTSD, and Jacqueline Campbell, Johns Hopkins). Research Bulletin in progress.
 - ~ "Are stepchildren in the home a risk factor for intimate partner homicide?" (with Todd Shackelford, Florida Atlantic University). Paper in progress.
 - ~ "PTSD in battered African American Women" (with Esther Jenkins, Chicago State University). Paper in progress.
 - ~ "Risk of women becoming an offender in intimate partner homicide" (with Esther Jenkins, Chicago State University). Paper in progress.

2. Juvenile justice system and risk factor data: 2004 Annual Report

Supported by a grant from the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, R&A staff has completed work on the 2004 Annual Report. Staff has compiled county-level juvenile justice system and risk factor data into a single data report. Like the previous report, this version also summarizes recent trends in these data over time and discusses emerging juvenile justice system issues in Illinois, including Balanced and Restorative Justice, the Illinois Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, Disproportionate Minority Contact, and Redeploy Illinois. The comprehensive report, which contains over 200 pages of juvenile justice information, is slated for publication in February 2007 and staff will also publish a *Research at a Glance* focusing on system and risk factor trends in rural counties.

3. Evaluation of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts Evidence-Based Practices

In March of 2005, ICJIA research staff entered into a three-year cooperative agreement with the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) in the amount of \$194,232 to evaluate Illinois' Evidenced-Based Practices (EBP) Initiative. This project will assist local probation departments participating in the EBP Initiative by providing them with data and analysis that gauges performance before and during the implementation of evidence-based practices, and will establish a process and protocol for ongoing assessment of probation performance through an effective state and local partnership. The first wave of data collection has been completed in Lake, DuPage, Adams, Cook and Sangamon counties. Data collection continues in the 2nd Judicial Circuit. The second wave of data collection will begin in early 2007 at all sites. Partnership agreements have been executed for Sangamon and the 2nd Judicial Circuit.

4. Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Research Grant

On September 18, 2006, the Authority was awarded a Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant to conduct research on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth (award # 2006-JP-FX-K057). The overall goal of the research is to gain a better understanding of the commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth (CSEC). A final report will be completed in Summer 2007.

We will use three research methods: focus groups, interviews, and arrest records. The research will:

- 1) examine how law enforcement has responded to CSEC in the past through an analysis of arrests of minors and adults for CSEC-related offenses,
- 2) survey law enforcement through one-on-one in-depth interviews to study their perceptions of the extent and nature of CSEC, and
- 3) hold focus groups to document the perceptions of women who had experience in the sex trade as minors.

An agreement was developed with Dr. Laurie Schaffner at University of Illinois at Chicago to share law enforcement data and in turn receive her social service provider interview data. IRB meeting was held on January 29, 2007 and the research will be approved pending changes. A draft of a survey instrument was created to use with police officers.

Professionals from entities with experience in the area of CSEC serve as an advisory group to help Authority staff plan the focus group project. These entities are: Alternatives, Inc.; Chicago Crime Commission; Cook County Sheriff's Department; Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center; Fraternal Order of Police; Ms. Jody Raphael, DePaul College of Law; Illinois Law Enforcement Education Foundation; Midwest Immigrant Human Rights Coalition; Office of the Illinois Attorney General; Dr. Schaffner, PhD, University of Illinois-Chicago; and Young Women's Empowerment Project. Researchers had a meeting with the advisory board in November 2006.

The Authority will contract with Claudine O’Leary as a consultant on the project. Ms. O’Leary is the founder and former director of the non-profit organization in Chicago, Young Women’s Empowerment Project (YWEP). She will review focus group questions, transcripts, and review the final report. The Authority will contact with YWEP, which creates leadership opportunities and peer based dialogue and education by and for teen girls in the sex trade and to recognize the leadership, resilience and understanding girls already have. YWEP will recruit participants and moderate the focus groups. Two focus groups were tentatively scheduled for March 22, 2007. A focus group recruitment flyer, consent form, and questions were created.

5. Commitments to the Juvenile Division of the Illinois Department of Corrections

This is a short-term research project describing the characteristics of youth who have been committed to Illinois Youth Centers in 2004. In January 2007, two research bulletins were completed on the topic, Entitled “Examining Trend and Data on Incarcerated Youth in Illinois” and Examining Incarceration Trends Among Minority Youth in Illinois.” Both are posted on the ICJIA Web site.

6. Assessment of prior victimization and access to services among adult female inmates in the Illinois Department of Corrections

This project is designed as an assessment of the prevalence of prior victimization, primarily domestic violence and sexual assault/abuse, among adult female inmates within the Illinois Department of Corrections. Through an examination of existing data collected during the Reception and Classification process at the Dwight Correctional Center, the research team will determine the prevalence of these forms of prior victimization, examine those inmate characteristics correlated with prior victimization (i.e., demographic, socio-economic, criminal and substance abuse history, and mental health), and gauge the access to IDOC services among those with histories of victimization. Staff is awaiting the release of data from IDOC.

7. CLARIS Web-based Application for methamphetamine lab reporting

The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) has asked each state to identify a single agency to be responsible for collecting monthly information regarding meth lab seizure incidents. The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority has been identified as the agency to collect this information.

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority applied for and received a U.S. Department of Justice grant to develop CLARIS, a web interface and database to allow Illinois law enforcement agency personnel to enter meth lab seizure data, access these data, and extract these data from customized queries. It was originally designed as a tool to supplement ISP and EPIC data by providing a mechanism to electronically “push,” or share, the collected data with EPIC and also share these data with the Illinois State Police, the key feature and hidden by-product of the database. CLARIS allows us to ensure that the agencies using it submit required data both to EPIC and also supply any additional information required by ISP.

Staff continue to make progress toward the development of the web-based database application to collect clandestine methamphetamine laboratory seizure data, as it will result in a resource that is helpful not only to contributors of the data but also to all police agencies in Illinois, the State of Illinois and the federal government.

II. ONGOING ACTIVITIES

A. Briefings/Presentations

Since the last Authority meeting, R&A staff made presentations at, and/or attended the following professional meetings:

- Illinois Bar Association Mid-year Meeting, Planning Committee
- At the American Society of Criminology meetings in November, 2006, staff presented two papers, "Trends and circumstances of Chicago homicides of young boys, ages infant to 14, 1965-2000" (based on the Chicago Homicide Dataset), and "Risk of death for Latina/Hispanic women experiencing intimate partner violence" (based on the Chicago Women's Health Risk Study). Staff also organized and chaired two workshop sessions, "Collaborative Research between Practitioners and Researchers," and "Data Integrity Workshop."
- Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board.
- Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice Initiative.
- AOIC's Evidence-Based Programming Initiative Statewide Policy Group.
- AOIC's Evidence-Based Programming Initiative Research Subcommittee.
- Office of the Attorney General:
 - Methamphetamine Healthcare Advisory Committee research-working group
 - Methamphetamine Precursor Working Group
- Southern Illinois Methamphetamine Awareness Conference.
- Illinois Methamphetamine Advisory Committee.
- Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council and Grant Review Committee.
- Crime Analysts of Illinois Association.
- PROMISE, Partnership to Rescue Our Minors from Sexual Exploitation, Task Force
- Chicago Public Schools Peer Jury Advisory Board OK
- IDHS Rescue and Restore our Minors from Sexual Exploitation Steering Committee
- Illinois Juvenile Detention Alternatives grant sites meeting.
- Illinois Juvenile Detention Alternatives partners meeting.
- Midwestern Governors Association's Regional Methamphetamine Summit
- Citywide [Chicago] BARJ Committee.
- Illinois Integrated Justice Information Systems Executive Committee, and Planning and Policy Committee meetings

B. Criminal Justice Information Clearinghouse

The Authority serves as a statewide clearinghouse for statistics and other information about crime and the criminal justice system. Many requests continue to come from governmental agencies (37 percent) and private agencies (24 percent). Other requests came from private citizens, researchers, students, news media representatives, legislators, and prison inmates. Twenty-nine percent of the

requests originate in the Chicago metropolitan area. Forty-eight percent originate in other parts of the state. All other requests for information were received from outside Illinois, outside the United States, and unknown areas. R&A distributed over 3,866 Authority publications during the second quarter of SFY 07, not including those downloaded from our Website (259,341) [TABLE 1]. The volume of web users has continued to remain at high levels. For example, in January 2007, There were nearly 700,000 “hits” on our website and nearly 30,000 visitors (users that remained on the site for a period of time.) There were nearly 92,000 downloads of information or publications in January. The website continues to be a valuable resource for our constituents. Appendix A lists the publications that have been recently posted on the website since the last Authority Board meetings.

C. FSGU Support Efforts

Upon request, R&A staff review and comment on proposed program narratives submitted by potential grantees to FSGU. The focus of R&A comments are in the areas of proposed objectives, goals, and performance measures. FSGU staff also request R&A assistance in the development of data reports for proposed programs. R&A staff continued to work with FSGU staff responsible for the VAWA and JAIBG funds to develop data reports for grantees that include the federally mandated performance measures. This effort will allow federal agencies to improve their reporting of the performance of these grant programs at the state and federal level. R&A staff has also assumed responsibility for the computerization of some program performance data and, upon FSGU request, produced program status reports and/or profiles assessing performance over a given period of time. [Table 2 (attached) presents FSGU support statistics for the latest state fiscal year quarter.]

D. Technical Assistance

R&A staff is frequently asked to provide a variety of technical assistance on extra-agency research and evaluation, and program implementation projects. Since the last Authority meeting:

- Staff continued to provide limited assistance to several third-party research projects involving studies of individuals’ criminal history records.
- Staff reviewed articles submitted for publication to professional journals, including *Homicide Studies*, *Feminist Criminology*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Criminology*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Social Service Review* and *Justice Research and Policy*.
- Staff provided technical assistance to the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts Illinois Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (IJDAI) regarding the collection of performance measurement data from IJDAI pilot sites.
- Staff continued to serve on an advisory board for the National Violent Injury Statistics System (NVISS), Harvard University, and Centers for Disease Control, consulting on how to make NVISS data accessible to a practical audience.
- Staff continued to participate with and support the Illinois Attorney General’s Methamphetamine Healthcare Advisory Committee's Research Working Group.

- Staff was asked to participate on the Governor's Methamphetamine Task Force.
- Staff was asked to participate in a working group created by the Illinois Attorney General to explore the feasibility of developing a statewide, web-based application to collect and track data related to purchases of pseudoephedrine.
- Staff was asked to participate in a working group created by the Illinois Department of Human Services' Statewide Epidemiological Workgroup to explore the feasibility of developing a statewide methamphetamine data warehouse.
- Staff continued to participate with and support the Southern Illinois Methamphetamine Awareness Conference.
- Staff continued to serve on the Illinois Methamphetamine Advisory Panel, a joint project of the Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Attorney's Office, Illinois Attorney General's Office, Illinois State Police, Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, Illinois Sheriff's Association, Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, and Illinois Drug Officer's Association to discuss the growing threat of Methamphetamine abuse in Illinois.
- Staff continued to serve on the Advisory Committee of the Illinois Violent Death Reporting System, a joint project of the City of Chicago Mayor's Office, the city's Department of Public Health, Illinois Department of Public Health, Chicago Police Department, and Cook County Medical Examiner's Office to develop better data regarding violent deaths in Illinois. Data collection has been completed for 2005 in the three participating counties. The next meeting of the Advisory Committee in December 6th.
- The SSN (Social Support Network scale, developed by the CWHRS project) has been accepted for inclusion in an archive of scales, the HaPI (Health and Psychosocial Instruments) database. Staff has been working with the Department of Human and Community Development at the University of Illinois, the Harvard Medical School, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and the Department of Human and Community Development at University of Illinois, Urbana. A graduate student at Loyola University Chicago is writing a dissertation proposal on the SSN, using the CWHRS data.
- Staff continued to advise users of the Chicago Homicide Dataset and the Chicago Women's Health Risk Study dataset, both of which are archived in the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data.
 - Staff continued to provide technical assistance to the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence, in their annual Homicide Report.
 - Staff continue to serve on the multi-state advisory board for the National Institute of Justice supported research project entitled "Evaluation of Multijurisdictional Task Forces-Phase II," an evaluation being conducted by Abt and Associates, which includes the states of Colorado, Tennessee, and Georgia.

E. Balanced and Restorative Justice Trainings:

Staff continues to plan seminars to give juvenile justice practitioners, policymakers, counselors, and treatment providers the tools they need to incorporate the balanced and restorative justice (BARJ) philosophy and its practices into juvenile substance abuse treatment to maximize the potential for rehabilitation. Topics include: delivering restorative substance abuse treatment, using BARJ to maximize offender rehabilitation potential, helping juvenile meth offenders, imparting empathy with victim impact panels, and the benefits and implementation of juvenile drug courts.

Staff held a series of BARJ trainings this quarter: Victim Offender Mediation, October 2-6, and Peacemaking Circles, October 23-27. Family Group Conferencing was held November 13-16. The trainings took place at the Eastland Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Urbana, IL.

F. Deaths in Custody Reporting

The Deaths in Custody Reporting Act (DICRA) (P.L. 106-297, effective Oct. 13, 2000) requires states to compile and report quarterly to the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) the number of deaths, and the circumstances surrounding the deaths, of people in local jails, state prisons, juvenile correctional facilities, and law enforcement custody. Until recently, the information requested by BJS was limited to deaths in local jails, state prisons, and state juvenile facilities. Collection of DICRA information has been expanded to include deaths that occur while a person is in police custody or in the process of arrest. Information on deaths that occur while a person is in police custody will supplement the annual data on prison inmate deaths that BJS already receives from the Illinois Department of Corrections as part of the National Prisoners Statistics Program and the National Corrections Reporting Program. R&A staff began in July 2004 collecting specific information requested by BJS for all deaths in Illinois that occur while the person is in police custody or in the process of arrest by local, county, and state law enforcement agencies regardless of cause of death. For reporting purposes, the data include the following:

- o Deaths occurring when an individual is in the physical custody, or under the physical restraint, of law enforcement officers, even if the person was not formally under arrest.
- o Deaths that occur by natural causes, while in the physical custody, or under the physical restraint, of law enforcement officers, even if the person was not formally under arrest.
- o Those killed by any use of force by law enforcement officers prior to booking
- o People who died at a crime/arrest scene or medical facility prior to booking.
- o Deaths occurring in transit to or from law enforcement facilities.
- o Deaths of those confined in lockups or booking centers (facilities from which arrestees are usually transferred within 72 hours and not held beyond arraignment).

Retrospective summary data on deaths in law enforcement custody during the period of January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 were submitted to BJS in the fall of 2004. Since then, staff has been reporting quarterly data on death in law enforcement custody to the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

G. Web-based training curriculum (Breeze)

Staff continues to explore development of a web-based application that will serve as a medium to users to present interactive training curricula for criminal justice practitioners, social service professionals, and the general public.

III. NEW PROJECTS

Web-based Application for methamphetamine precursor purchase reporting

Staff is participating in an initiative convened by the Illinois Attorney General's office to develop a web-based application to allow the reporting of pseudoephedrine purchases from retail vendors across the state.

IV. GRANT PROPOSALS

R&A staff routinely pursues discretionary grants to support data collection, research, and evaluation activities. Frequently these projects involve collaborations with universities and/or other criminal justice agencies.

Train the Trainer on Elder Abuse. Staff is working with the Chicago Department on Aging and the Chicago Police Department to support their application for funding to increase training of police officers about elder abuse. ICJIA is offering our Breeze capabilities to assist with the sustainability of the project.

V. CONTINUING STAFF DEVELOPMENT and TRAINING

- Staff continues to conduct and/or take part in a variety of staff development and training programs and projects. These include: (a) observations/site visits to several key criminal justice agencies; (b) peer review process for project development and pre-publication; (c) partnerships with the academic community; (d) training classes including basic SPSS use and the use of mapping software. Most recently, staff attended an in-house training on InfoNet, the reporting and database system that a number of victim service agencies in Illinois utilize.
- Several R&A staff are actively pursuing advanced academic degrees in graduate programs and post-graduate programs. Some also serve as adjunct faculty in criminal justice and other social science programs.
- Internship program. Under the direct supervision of a senior staff member in the Research and Analysis Unit, interns have been hired to perform a variety of information functions relating to critical issues facing the Illinois criminal justice system. These might include, for example, assembling data for analysis and writing a summary of results, developing data collection instruments and collecting data, writing press releases or editing documents for publication, converting spreadsheet data to web-friendly formats, assisting with the development of on-line training, staffing committees, or other tasks as appropriate. There is no compensation for these positions, but interns may be able to use the experience as course credit. A summary of the participating interns is attached under Table 3.

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Appendix A

Publications

Research Bulletins

Examining trends and data on incarcerated youth in Illinois (January, 2007)

Examining incarceration trends among minority youth in Illinois (January, 2007)

Audit shows improvement in record accuracy, timeliness, completeness (December, 2006)

Research Reports

Redeploy Illinois – An Evaluation of the St. Clair County and Peoria County Sites (January 2007)

Juvenile Justice System and Risk Factor Data: The 2004 Annual Report (February 2007)

**TABLE 1. Information Request Handling Statistics
State Fiscal Year**

ITEM	THIRD QUARTER 1/1-3/31/ 2006	FOURTH QUARTER 4/1-6/30/ 2006	FIRST QUARTER 7/1-9/30/ 2006	SECOND QUARTER 10/1-12/31/ 2006	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
Information requests handled:	259	256	186	257	926
Monthly average number of requests:	87	85	62	86	77
Pct of requests completed within two days:	85%	85%	88%	92%	90%
Geographic Origin of requesters:					
Chicago metropolitan area	26%	26%	26%	29%	27%
Other region of Illinois	39%	40%	44%	48%	41%
U.S. other than Illinois	17%	13%	10%	14%	14%
Outside the U.S.	2%	<1%	2%	3%	1%
Unknown	16%	20%	18%	4%	17%
Type of requester:					
Government agency	27%	31%	28%	37%	28%
Private citizen	35%	36%	41%	20%	38%
Private agency	20%	18%	16%	24%	17%
Researcher	9%	4%	6%	7%	8%
Student	5%	9%	6%	8%	6%
Media	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Legislators	<1%	<1%	-	-	1%
Inmates	<1%	<1%	1%	1%	1%
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Method of request:					
Telephone/fax	52%	44%	48%	26%	46%
Mail	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%
Email/Internet	45%	34%	37%	44%	41%
In-person	<1%	-	1%	2%	1%
ICJIA Website	12%	9%	11%	27%	10%
Publications disseminated:					
Mailed in response to requests	4,229	5,230	2,744	3,866	4,542
Downloaded from Website	145,059	262,347	123,661	259,341	159,181
Total	149,288	267,765	126,405	263,207	163,770

TABLE 2. FSGU Support Requested: Statistics

Activities Requested by Federal and State Grants Unit	PROGRAM	Second Quarter Oct- Dec. 2006		
		REQUESTED	COMPLETED	PENDING
PROGRAM NARRATIVE REVIEW	ADAA	2	2	0
	JAIBG	-	-	-
	VOCA/VAWA	0	0	0
	MVTPC	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-
	Total	2	2	0
DATA REPORT DEVELOPMENT	ADAA	1	1	0
	JAIBG	-	-	-
	VOCA/VAWA	0	0	0
	MVTPC	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-
	Total	1	1	0
DATA REPORT ENTRY (Number of projects for which monthly/quarterly data reports were computerized)	ADAA	79	79	0
	JAIBG	-	-	-
	VOCA/VAWA	Not applicable		
	MVTPC	21	21	0
	Other: MEG/TF	20	20	0
	Total	120	120	0
PROJECT STATUS REPORT (Number of assessments completed)	ADAA	-	-	-
	JAIBG	-	-	-
	VOCA/VAWA	-	-	-
	MVTPC	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-
	Total	--	-	-
PROGRAM PROFILE (Number of profiles)	ADAA	-	-	-
	JAIBG	-	-	-
	VOCA/VAWA	0	-	2
	MVTPC	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-
	Total	0	0	0

Table. 3 **Intern Summary: ICJIA Research and Analysis Unit**
updated 11/8/2006

Name	School/Major/Level	Date(s)/Project/Supervisor(s)/Evaluation
Takeisha M. Shanklin	BA Sociology/Criminology Northern IL Univ.; MA expected May 2006, Sociology/ Criminology Northern IL Univ.	6/16/2005 to 8/15/2005. Karen Levy McCanna and Bob Bauer. Worked on InfoNet and the IJIS Summit. Did a paper for her internship; we requested a copy but she never supplied it.
Susan George	BA Social Ecology & CJ, UC Irvine; MS CJ, Calif. State Univ., Long Beach, May 2000. Work history in law. Goals: "Having been out of the workforce for a few years, I wanted to hone my research skills."	9/13/2005 to 12/1/2005. Phil Stevenson. Very positive exit interview. Met her goals. Most favorable: "Being allowed to work on a very interesting project and allowed access to a wide range of data and information. It was also great to be allowed to participate in the staff meetings and present a paper at the brown bag luncheon."
Sarah Miltimore	BS 1980 UI Champaign; MA 2000 Harris School of Public Policy; UC, PhD 1993 Northwestern. Researcher at Chapin Hall and Harris School since 7/2000. Goal: "I wanted to learn some of the technical aspects of data bases."	9/27/2005 to 3/8/2006. Karen Levy McCanna. Very positive exit interview. Exceeded her goals. "I now have a knowledge of the nuts and bolts of one system -CHRI - and this not only helps with the specifics of using rap sheets in research but also gives me a template for understanding other databases."
Edward T. McCann, Jr.	BA Dec. 2004 Chicago State Univ. MS in Criminal Justice expected July 2006, Chicago State University. Goal: "To apply what I've learned during my academic career and integrate it with direct experience in a criminal justice setting."	5/30/2006 to 7/27/2006. Sharyn Adams. Very positive exit interview. Exceeded his expectations. "I had the opportunity to learn things that a classroom cannot offer. I worked in the field and was hands-on with research data collection."
Christopher Bojar	BS Carnegie Mellon Univ. Dec 2002; current student at John Marshall, Information Technology & Privacy Law, expected Jan 2007	Interviewed May 16, 2006 with Jack Cutrone, hired as unpaid intern under Jack's direction.

Erin Hogan	Senior at UI Urbana, major in sociology, planning on entering law school. Goal: "to learn more about how research is done outside of a school setting, as well as how research is done in a government setting."	June 6, 2006 to August 8, 2006. Exceeded her expectations. Best part: "Feeling that the work I am helping with will actually benefit the state of Illinois." Overall: "I thought this internship was great. The work became slightly repetitive after awhile, but even then it was still more interesting than what a lot of other people I know do at their internships. Overall, I learned a lot about research and just criminal justice as a whole and this internship was very valuable."
Jessica Craig	BS, psychology, Southern IL. Univ. Current master's student in Community Counseling at Eastern IL Univ. Classes on justice and criminal behavior. Current internship in juvenile detention. Goal: "Real world application of statistical theory."	June 6, 2006 to August 23, 2006. Applied for and was hired for paid internship. "2" on "challenging"; 3 or 4 on everything else. Met expectations. "Learned to use a new program used in research (Access). I was disappointed that I was unable to run analysis." Would like to improve: "An introduction explaining the research project and who the project was in collaboration with." "Better or more communication among all persons involved in the project."
Carrie George	Undergrad at Northeastern; Justice Studies major; has worked at a shelter entering InfoNet data. Goals: She is "drawn to research; looking for more structured research experience, which is weak at NE Univ."	Unpaid internship, August 31, 2006 to December 4, 2006. Supervisor Jennifer Hiselman. Has been working on InfoNet, primarily analyzing InfoNet data and writing up findings, also handling other InfoNet tasks such as testing and revising the training manual.
Courtney Doornbos	BS and current master's student at DePaul in Sociology. Has interned at CC Juvenile Probation. Goals: "Practical experience in research; grad school credit; interest in research on probation, recidivism, substance use/ abuse."	Interview August 9, 2006. Unpaid internship September 12, 2006 to November 15, 2006. The internship will serve as a portion of her graduation requirement. Working on data collection and data entry for the Evidence-Based Practices evaluation.

Melissa Halik	Sophomore at DePaul, Political Science major, Sociology minor. Wants a career as a forensic psychologist. Currently interning at the Chicago Crime Commission.	Interviewed 8/2/2006, and offered an internship. She was unable to begin immediately, and asked for the internship to be deferred to March, 2006. We agreed. She will work with Sharyn Adams on the Evidence-Based Practices evaluation.
Melissa A. Ray	BA, Northern IL Univ., second-year grad student at UIC in CJ. Goal: "Gain useful experience for employment and resume." Interested in "urban crime, cultural variations on crime."	Interviewed 8/2/2006. Unpaid internship October 9, 2006 to December 2006. Working on data collection, data entry, and data cleaning for the Evidence-Based Practices evaluation.
Wendy Lewin-Gladney	BA, Adrian College, Political Science and French; MA, Sociology, Northern Illinois University. Desires to gain hands-on experience relevant to her coursework.	Interview 10/24/06 for paid internship. Offered the position; begins November 16. Supervisor will be Sharyn Adams. Tasks will include data collection for the Evidence-Based Practices project, data entry and some report writing.
Teresa Fic	Senior at Lewis University, major in psychology, minor in criminal justice. The internship will serve as a portion of her graduation requirement.	Interviewed 9/29/2006. Unpaid internship from October 10, 2006 to January 2007. Supervisor Christine Devitt. Assigned to Uniform Conviction Information Act (UCIA) mail survey. She will devise the law enforcement sample, tabulate results, conduct follow-up phone call, help write up findings for presentation to Authority Board.