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CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCILS 101

The Challenge & Opportunities

- By design, justice “system” is led by independent, separately elected officials across all levels & branches of government
 - No one elected official or agency is “in charge”
- While separate, agencies are interdependent and interconnected
- The causes and solutions to crime are complex, and require sophisticated planning to be effective and efficient
- Data rich, but usually analysis poor

The Need for a Localized Understanding & Strategy

- “One size does not fit all”
 - National problems cannot be understood by lumping all states together
 - State problems cannot be understood by lumping all counties together
 - County problems cannot be understood by lumping all municipalities together
 - » Municipal problems cannot be understood by lumping all neighborhoods together
 - » Neighborhood problems cannot be understood by lumping all residents together

What is a CJCC?

“A body of senior justice system leaders that convene on a regular basis to coordinate systemic responses to justice problems”

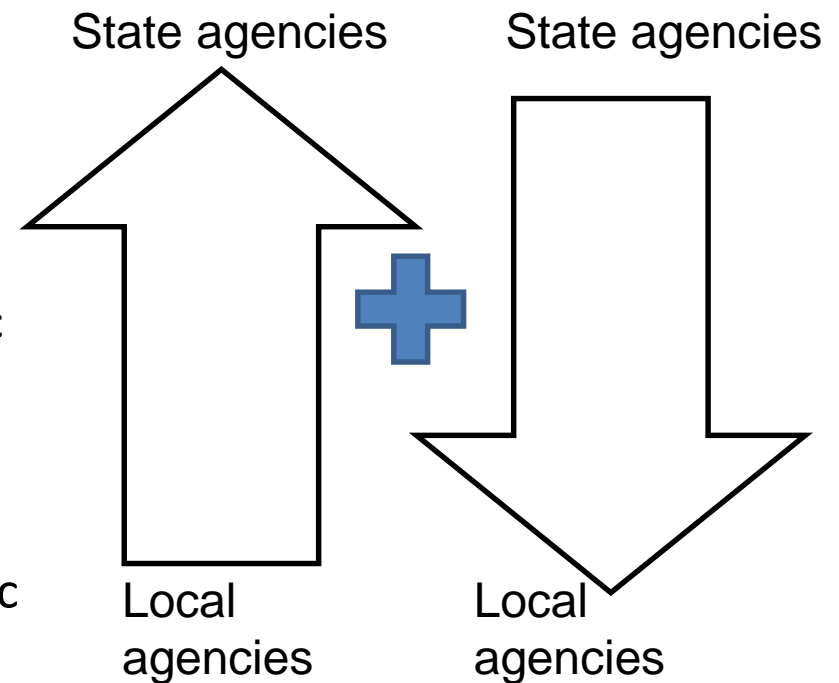
They typically include:

- Executive, judicial, and legislative branches
- Municipal, county and state government agencies (though usually organized on county level)
- Allied stakeholders and service providers in public health, education, human services, as well as citizens

State & academic support for county criminal justice coordinating councils (CJCC)

- Recommendation from the Illinois State Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform that the state support local strategic planning efforts and bodies through the provision of research and technical assistance;
- Goal will be the development of a strategic plan, provide research support to examine specific topics of interest to the CJCC, and increase system-wide communication;
- Improve communication regarding strategic planning from state to locals, and locals to state

Improve Information Flow for Strategic Planning



National Criminal Justice Reform Project (NCJRP) & MacArthur Foundation Support

- Supports ICJIA and Loyola University in developing statewide strategies to strengthen state-local collaboration
- Goal: to help local jurisdictions access, understand, and use systems level data for their strategic planning and systems improvement efforts; to help state understand local-level challenges for their planning & improvement efforts

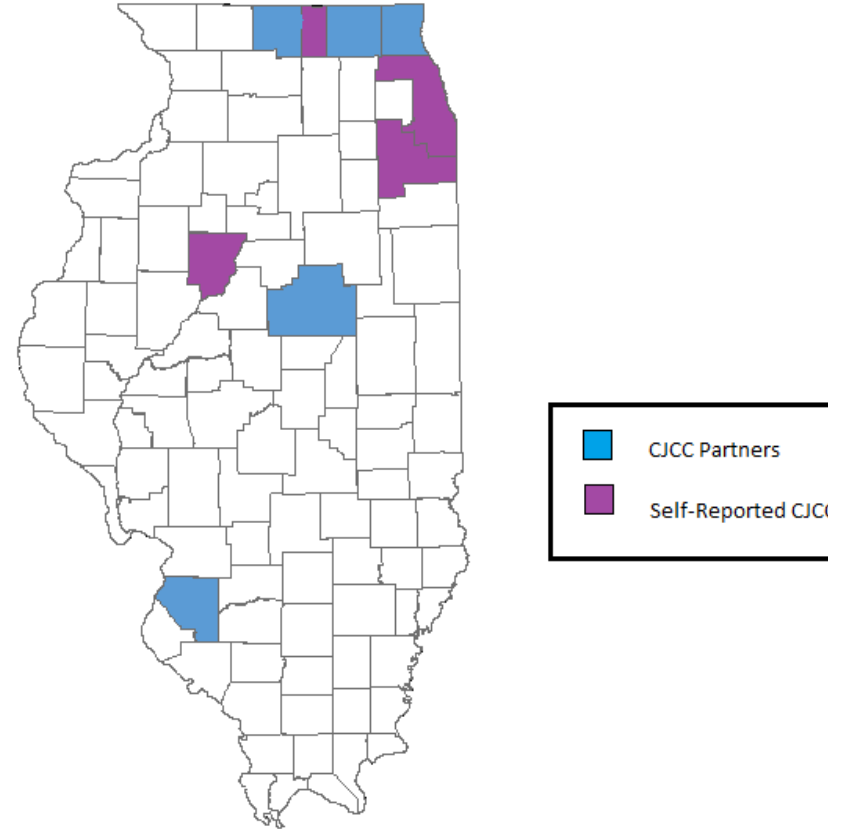
Participants

	Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils	Family Violence Coordinating Councils	Adult Redeploy Illinois	Juvenile Justice Councils	Problem Solving Courts	Justice Assistance Grant - Focused Deterrence	Violence Against Women Act - MDT
Sheriff	X			X		X	
Judge	X		X	X	X		
Probation / Parole	X		X	X	X	X	X
Prosecutor	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Public defender	X	X	X	X	X		
County commissioner	X						
Police	X	X		X		X	X
City manager	X						
City council member	X						
Persons w/ lived experience	X	X					
Community-service providers	X	X		X	X	X	
Victim advocates	X						X
Health/mental health	X	X					
Other	X	X		X			

Other includes: public aid, mediators, private attorneys, religious leaders, other court personnel, first responders, educators, legal services, circuit clerks, local businesses

County CJ Coordinating Councils in Illinois

- 5 counties were selected (Winnebago, Lake, McHenry, McLean and St. Clair) to pilot
- Current partnerships last through December 2018



What we offer

Technical assistance and support for new or existing CJCCS. This includes:

- Analysis & facilitated discussion of local crime and criminal justice system agency trends and issues
 - Published report providing overview of system
- Customized research & evaluation of local criminal justice programming (ideally “scalable”)
- Training and support for strategic planning and coordination efforts

Research and Analysis

Research on local crime and criminal justice system trends and patterns

What are the crime and justice system trends in your county? How do they compare to other Illinois counties?

- Research to help understand:
 - Crime trends and arrest patterns
 - Sentencing patterns and use of incarceration
 - Recidivism trends of those released from prison back to county; those sentenced to probation
 - Who returns to the community after incarceration
 - Relationships between arrests, court filings, dispositions, correctional populations and outcomes
 - Where resources should be directed

Strategic planning

- Creating and implementing strategic plans
- Data dashboards for planning
- Webinars and trainings

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