

Research Update

This update covers the work and accomplishments of R&A since mid-September 2020.

Grant Awards

R&A was awarded the following new research grants:

- A \$30,000 federal award through Cook County Health for a study of recovery housing for Cook County probationers.
- A \$29,000 award through University of Illinois' Center for Prevention Research and Development for the analysis of juvenile justice data for federally mandated reporting. This analysis will include data on racial and ethnic disparity.

Presentations

- The Virtual Criminology Consortium (CrimCon) virtual criminology research conference, with presentations on *An Exploratory Study on the Experiences of Female Police Leaders* and *A Study of Drug Testing Practices in Probation*.
- The Justice Research and Statistics Association's Fall Criminology Webinar Series, with presentations on *Examining the Recidivism of Firearm Offenders Using State Criminal History and Mortality Data* and *A Study of Drug Testing Practices in Probation*.

ICJIA-led Task Force

The Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Data Use and Collection Task Force convened twice during the fall to discuss Illinois traffic and pedestrian stop data collection, including methods used to collect and analyze the data. The Task Force will meet quarterly through 2021 to determine how to best detect and measure potential racial bias in traffic and pedestrian stops. A final report will be completed in Spring 2022.

Table 1 provides a list of R&A publications in September to mid- January. Table 2 offers a list of current R&A projects.

Table 1. R&A Publications September 2020-January 2021

Publication Titles
An Exploratory Evaluation of Redeploy Illinois: Findings on Incentive-Based Juvenile Diversion Services
Exploring School Violence and Safety Concerns
Programs and Practices to Prevent School Violence and Improve School Safety
Violent Crime Trends in Illinois
A Review of Literature on Mental Health Court Goals, Effectiveness, and Future Implications
Illinois Criminal Diversion Racial Impact Data Collection
Adjusting Work Conditions During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Survey of Illinois Mental Health Court Staff
Entrepreneurship for the Formerly Incarcerated: A Randomized Control Trial of the Pathway to Enterprise for Returning Citizens (PERC) Program
An Exploratory Study of the Discretionary Use of Electronic Monitoring for Individuals Upon Release to Mandatory Supervised Release (MSR) in Illinois

Table 2. Current Research and Analysis Unit Projects

Project Focus/Description
<u>Key Research Projects</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• COVID and Arrest Trends• COVID and Domestic Violence Service Trend• Firearm Homicide Victims Study• Suicide of Justice-Involved Individuals Study• Survey of Law Enforcement on Stigma of People Who Use Drugs• Cook County Probation Recovery Housing• Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Victimization Survey• Vicarious Trauma Organizational Assessment• Women in Leadership Roles in Policing• Interviews with Young Victims and Caregivers about Navigating Systems of Care• Prison Rape Elimination Act Assessment Tool Validation Study• Civil Legal Aid in Illinois Survey
<hr/> <u>Program Evaluations</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trauma Recovery Center Evaluability Assessment• Chicago Survivors (services for homicide survivors in Chicago)• DuPage County’s First Offender Call Unified for Success (FOCUS) Program• A Way Out – Lake County Police Deflection Program (2 studies)• Multi-site study of Police Deflection Programs (with RAND and TASC)• DuPage County Jail- Medication Assisted Treatment (Naltrexone) Program• Overdose Fatality Review Teams evaluation• IL HEALS Initiative• Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Initiative– Illinois State Board of Education Evaluation of Police Department Based Victim Assistance Programs (<i>External Evaluator</i>)