

JRSA Electronic News

A monthly briefing for members

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SAC News

The New York SAC is being reorganized and will soon be looking for a new director. Until then, Margaret Chretien is serving as SAC Coordinator. Her contact information is available on JRSA's Web site at <http://www.jrsa.org>; click on "State SACs."

Oklahoma SAC Director Christopher Hill was named by the Oklahoma Sentencing Commission as Interim Director of the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center, where the SAC is housed. He will replace K.C. Moon, who will go to the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

Publications

BJS Releases new Reports

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) released the following new reports in February:

Campus Law Enforcement, 2004-2005: This report presents findings from a BJS survey of campus law enforcement agencies serving four-year colleges and universities with 2,500 or more students. It is available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cle0405.htm>.

State Court Processing of Domestic Violence Cases examines the processing of domestic violence and non-domestic violence cases filed in May 2002 in 15 large urban counties. The study compares the domestic and non-domestic offenses of sexual and aggravated assault on 11 prosecution, conviction, and sentencing outcome measures. It is available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/scpdvc.htm>.

Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2007 presents data on crime and safety at school from the perspectives of students, teachers, principals, and the general population. A joint effort by the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the National Center for Education Statistics, this annual report examines crime occurring in school as well as on the way to and from school. It also provides the most current detailed statistical information on the nature of crime in schools, school environments, and responses to violence and crime at school. It is available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/iscs07.htm>.

Conferences and Trainings

The Family Justice Center Alliance is sponsoring the 8th Annual International Family Justice Center Conference highlighting promising practices and emerging issues in domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This year, there will be specific tracks for law enforcement, attorneys, advocates, clinicians, and family justice center professionals. The Family Justice Center tracks will focus on planning, implementation and sustainability for developing, new, and existing Centers. The conference will be held April 22-24 at the Westin Horton Plaza in San Diego, California. For more information on registration and scholarship opportunities, go to <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?eventid=177869>.

Announcements

The Bureau of Justice Statistics announced that Expenditure and Employment data on police protection, judicial and legal services, and corrections for federal, state, and local governments have been added to the Crime and Justice Data Online section of the BJS Web site. To view these data, go to <http://bjsdata.ojp.usdoj.gov/dataonline/Search/EandE/index.cfm>.

BJS also announced the availability of the following electronic updates:

Crime and Justice Data Online – Crime Trends from the FBI’s UCR, available online at <http://bjsdata.ojp.usdoj.gov/dataonline/>.

Homicide rates recently declined to levels last seen in the mid-1960’s.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/glance/hmrt.htm>

The estimated number of arrests for drug abuse violations for adults has been increasing while the number of juveniles stabilized. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/glance/drug.htm>

The UCR homicide rate has been relatively stable in recent years. Young adults age 18 to 24 experience the highest homicide rates. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/glance/homage.htm>

After peaking in 1993, the number of gun crimes reported to police declined and then stabilized at levels last seen in 1988. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/glance/guncrime.htm>

ACA Seeks Article Submissions for Peer-Reviewed Research Journals

Corrections Compendium, the bimonthly journal of the American Correctional Association, is seeking submissions for upcoming issues. Its international readership includes individuals involved in various sectors of the corrections and criminal justice fields, including individuals employed in academia, correctional institutions and community corrections, and those in probation and parole and juvenile services. A leading peer-reviewed publication in the corrections field, *Compendium* is open to submissions on all subjects — provided that they relate to corrections and adhere to standards of quality scholarship. A typical article is approximately 3,000 to 6,000 words, excluding references, endnotes, tables, charts, etc. All submissions are reviewed by members of an editorial advisory board. Articles must not have been published elsewhere or be under consideration by another publication. Submissions should be e-mailed to Susan Clayton, Managing Editor, at susanc@aca.org in WordPerfect or Microsoft Word format, double spaced, with any tables or charts at the end of the copy. Authors should include their name, title, affiliation, address, daytime telephone number, fax number and e-mail address.

Correctional Health Today, the interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal of ACA’s Healthcare Professional Interest Section, is seeking quality submissions for upcoming issues. *CHT* takes a broad and inclusive view of health care in all areas of corrections – adult, juvenile, jails and community/reentry. All peer-reviewed articles must meet rigorous standards and can represent a broad range of topics including medical and mental health care, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, legal and ethical issues, administration and public health. *CHT* is published twice a year and is available to section members in both print and electronic versions. The review process allows for a thorough analysis by expert peer-reviewers with a timeframe that is often less than other journals. Guidelines for submissions can be found at <http://www.aca.org>; or contact the editor at CHTeditor@aca.org.