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A Message from the Executive Director:

When Sir Robert Peele was developing the London Metropolitan Police Department, he based his design on several principles. Among them was a sense that the distribution of crime news was essential to order in a civilized society. While the mission of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) is slightly different, the dissemination of criminal justice related news is just as essential to our efforts.

In this, the first edition of our agency newsletter, *Inside CJI*, we hope to better communicate our efforts with not only our stakeholders, but the general public.

As you become familiar with these pages, you will find a good deal of information. The good work of our agency's divisions will be highlighted in each quarterly edition, but readers will also find information such as special event notices, new grant solicitations, policy and procedural changes and grantee updates. Summarized data from ICJI's Research and Traffic Safety divisions will also be a regular highlight.

On behalf of the ICJI staff, we thank you for the opportunity to be able to serve you. We hope you find this communication tool an asset in your work to make Indiana a safer place to live.

Sincerely,

T. Neil Moore, Ed. D.
Executive Director

Helping to Stop the Cycle of Violence

The Victim Services division manages and administers more than \$8 million in federal funding to support domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers throughout the state of Indiana. These funds are also used to support other services to victims made available through prosecutor's offices, local law enforcement agencies and not-for-profit organizations.

need. New programs include a new Family Justice Center in South Bend, a new law enforcement agency in Elwood and a new shelter in Morgan County.



The division also added the Indiana Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Standards and Certification Board in 2008. This 12 member group was established in 2006 and is comprised of professionals from the fields of social service, law enforcement, prosecution, nursing, and victim advocacy. The Board continues to work on issues relating to the certification of qualified sexual assault victim advocates.

At the close of 2008, over \$6 million of VOCA and STOP funding was awarded to more than 187 sub-grantees throughout the state. Additionally, the division was able to fund 16 new programs while meeting areas of diverse

Five Year Plan to Guide Agency's Development Efforts

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute is taking on an important new venture that will restructure the organization's mission, goals and objectives for the future. Through careful planning, the Institute has begun to develop a five-year strategic plan.

Kay Cohen of the National Criminal Justice Association is facilitating the process that will take the agency through its creation of a mission statement as well as values and vision statements. Goals and objectives will also be developed through this collaborative effort.

The Strategic Plan Committee consists of 16 ICJI staff members and involves a diverse array of experience, expertise and education. The ultimate goal of the plan is to better facilitate how the Institute does business with its many stakeholders. It is hoped that the strategic plan will launch within the next six months.

Summits Encourage the Voices of Youth
In April, ICJI will host a series of Middle School Youth Summits (MSYS) in North, South and Central regions of the state.

The program is a day long event geared towards Indiana students grades 6 through 8. This year's sessions will focus on underage drinking, random drug testing in schools and over-the-counter/ prescription drug abuse.

For more information, email lbeaty@cji.in.gov.

Young Drivers, Motorcyclists Over Represented in Indiana Traffic Fatalities

In 2008, the state's observed seat belt usage rate reached a record high of 91.3 percent. Indiana also reported a nine percent drop in its number of traffic-related fatalities for the year. Although this is the lowest number of deaths experienced in the Hoosier state since the 1940's there is still room for improvement as more than 800 people are killed on Indiana roadways each year.



The Traffic Safety division (TSD) has identified motorcyclists and young drivers as two groups disproportionately affected by traffic-related fatalities. While motorcycles accounted for only one percent of all Indiana motor vehicles in 2007, they represented ten percent of the traffic-related fatalities that year. Similarly, young drivers ages 16-17 represented only about 1.4 percent of all Indiana drivers in 2007, but accounted for nearly three times of that amount of the year's traffic-related fatalities.



In response to these rising trends, the TSD has developed informational brochures that target teen drivers and their parents, as well as motorcycle riders and law enforcement officers. To access these resources, visit the ICJI website at www.in.gov/cji/2553.htm and www.in.gov/cji/2533.htm.

Although enforcement is a key ingredient in improving traffic safety, education and public awareness are equally critical. If you are planning events in your community where traffic safety resource material may be useful, contact the TSD at (317) 232.1233.

2009 Middle School Youth Summits Schedule

NORTH: April 14
Plymouth

SOUTH: April 15
New Albany

CENTRAL: April 16
Noblesville

"Nothing is to be preferred before justice." - Socrates

New Software Keeps Division on the Cutting Edge

The Research division recently began utilizing Geographic Information System (GIS) software to assist in efforts to collect and report data. Best described as a collection of computer models and data analysis tools, GIS is putting technology at the fingertips of ICJI researchers.

The division plans to use the program to view and manage information about geographic places and analyze special relationships and processes.



GIS will first be used in traffic safety related applications to illustrate the location of Indiana traffic collisions. Using this data, researchers will be able to analyze "hot spots" for collisions or search for patterns by the primary factor in each collision.

By translating data onto maps instead of simple charts, ICJI's Traffic Safety division will be better able to determine where resources should be targeted within the state. The Research division is currently learning the full functionality of the GIS software and the vast resources available. Maps for analysis and reports are expected to be available as early as Spring 2009.

Training Sessions Planned for JAG and RSAT Programs

The Drug & Crime Control division plans to conduct annual training sessions for JAG and RSAT award recipients later in the year. Topics will include grant writing, program management and financial administration. Sub-grantees will be notified as soon as details are finalized.

The grant cycles for both the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program and the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program began January 1 and will end December 31, 2009.



A total of \$2,666,163 was awarded for 2009 JAG programs for the following priority areas: multi-jurisdictional drug task forces, prosecution of drug and violent offenders, drug and alcohol court programs and reentry programs.

Three RSAT programs were granted a total of \$164,289 for the year.

Awards Help Indiana Communities Fight Substance Abuse

Since 2005, the Substance Abuse Services division has administered the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Community Act-Governor's Portion federal grant. The fund is used to sustain the work of local community consultants (LCCs), which focuses on preventing substance abuse among Indiana youth.

This year, 21 \$1,500 grants were awarded to LCCs to attend a national workshop. The Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana also awarded \$25,000 grants to 17 LCCs who partnered with youth serving organizations to provide an evidence-based prevention program.

New Additions Support Mission to Serve Indiana Youth

New staff was added to the Youth division in 2008, as Ashley Barnett came on board as the division director. Alexandra Sites has also joined the division, stepping into the role of Program Manager for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) and Title II Formula Grants programs.

The division's major project at the end of 2008 was the revision of the JABG grant application process. FY 2009 JABG applications materials are now available on the ICJI website. Mandatory technical assistance conference calls will now be offered to all JABG applicants.

In 2009, one of the division's major goals is to develop a standard of practice that benefits sub-grantees, those served by Youth grants.

Site visits for a number of projects within each grant cycle will be conducted throughout the year. Ideally, this hands-on action will allow the Youth division to see the impact of funded projects statewide.

Revisions will also be made to the upcoming solicitation process for the Title II Formula Grant and Safe Haven Education programs.

First Training Session Set for Sex & Violent Crime Application

In 2008, the Victims Compensation division hosted 12 trainings throughout the state that provided a comprehensive overview of the Sex and Violent Crime application process. Based on the success of these efforts, ICJI looks forward to even more service providers taking advantage of this opportunity in 2009. Victim advocates, prosecutors, law enforcement agencies, SANE nurses funeral directors, and hospital staff are encouraged to participate.

The first training was held February 10 with the Elkhart County Prosecutor's Office.



For a complete 2009 schedule, visit the ICJI website in the coming months.

Governor's Commission Sets 2009 Schedule

For a complete schedule, visit www.in.gov/cji/2425.htm or contact Shannon Buskirk at sbuskirk@cji.in.gov or (317) 234.4543

Commission Sees Increase in Number of Federal Grantees

In 2009, the Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana (DFI) added three new grantees and retained 15 (12 of which are local coordinating councils), making for the highest number of grantees seen by the Commission in five years.

Stimulus Package May Bring Additional Funding Opportunities

As part of the national economic stimulus package being considered by Congress, additional funding for the JAG program may become available. ICJI recommends that those interested in this funding draft plans now for the implementation of innovative ideas to help improve Indiana communities.

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