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ANNUAL REPORT

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The General Assembly finds and declares that:

- (a) crime and delinquency are essentially State and local problems;
- (b) crime and delinquency are complex social phenomena requiring the attention and efforts of the criminal justice system, State and local governments, and private citizens alike;
- (c) the establishment of appropriate goals, objectives and standards for the reduction of crime and delinquency and for the administration of justice must be a priority concern;
- (d) the functions of the criminal justice system must be coordinated more efficiently and effectively;
- (e) the full and effective use of resources affecting State and local criminal justice systems requires the complete cooperation of State and local government agencies; and
- (f) training, research, evaluation, technical assistance and public education activities must be encouraged and focused on the improvement of the criminal justice system and the generation of new methods for the prevention and reduction of crime and delinquency.

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CHARLES H. RAMSEY
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TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS:

By statute, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) provides leadership in system-wide coordination and in building collaboration among public servants and private citizens representing all aspects of the criminal and juvenile justice systems and victim services. We shape our priorities around service, expand our understanding from experts, support training to ensure the preparedness of our practitioners, and above all, maintain integrity in pursuit of our goals.

PCCD efforts help:

- Empower communities through collaboration.
- Protect and support crime victims.
- Enhance law enforcement.
- Break the linkage of mental health, intellectual disabilities, substance abuse, and crime.
- Launch evidence-based, innovative programs.
- Advocate for safe schools.
- Provide technological and information-sharing tools.
- Research justice trends that warrant attention and action.

The following Annual Report highlights the great work of the Commission during FY 2015/16. It is a snapshot of the key initiatives the Commission undertook, and highlights our accomplishments in continuing to pursue the goal of being the state leader in supporting programs and practices which promote justice for all citizens and communities in Pennsylvania.

If you are interested in learning more about PCCD's accomplishments, please contact Acting Executive Director Derin Myers at dermyers@pa.gov or 717-265-8466.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles H. Ramsey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Charles H. Ramsey
PCCD Chairman

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COMMISSION OVERVIEW

Established by law in 1978, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) serves as the justice planning and policymaking agency for the Commonwealth. PCCD's mission is to enhance the quality, coordination, and planning within the criminal and juvenile justice systems, to facilitate the delivery of services to victims of crime, and to increase the safety of our communities. By bringing together diverse and talented stakeholders from both the juvenile and criminal justice systems and other related agencies, PCCD coordinates functions and resources by collectively examining problems, proposing solutions, and evaluating the impact of those solutions.

PCCD facilitates partnerships among federal, state, and local policymakers; fosters interagency coordination and cooperation; develops and coordinates policy issues; provides statewide criminal statistical and analytical services; fosters community-based initiatives in the areas of delinquency prevention and offender reintegration; promotes the use of information technology and information sharing to enhance operational effectiveness in criminal justice agencies; and grants federal and state funds to provide monies to support best practices and innovation. The agency is also specifically tasked with providing services to the victims of crime (e.g., administration of the state's Crime Victims' Compensation Fund; children's advocacy centers), implementing the County Intermediate Punishment Act (42 Pa.C.S. Chapter 98), and coordinating training for sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and constables per their respective statutes.

To accomplish these tasks, advisory groups and planning committees comprised of both appointed Commission-members and non-Commission members provide insight on these issues, including services to victims of crime, juvenile justice, criminal justice, justice involved individuals with mental illness and/or substance abuse, and research and evaluation. The significant program areas in which PCCD operates are as follows:

Criminal Justice System Improvements

Through the Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements (OCJSI), PCCD advances the criminal justice system by coordinating with all levels of criminal justice agencies in identifying their issues, developing policies and programs and implementing innovative justice improvement solutions that enhance public safety.

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), PCCD develops policy recommendations and administers federal and state funds to support programs designed to improve the Commonwealth's juvenile justice system, and to prevent children and youth violence, delinquency, substance abuse, school dropout, and related problem behaviors.

Victims' Services

Through the Office of Victims' Services (OVS), PCCD works to help crime victims transcend their trauma by providing funding to victim service agencies that work directly with victims, providing financial help to victims through the Victims Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP), and collaborating with criminal justice and allied professionals that advocate and respond to the needs of victims.

Child Advocacy

Through the Office of Research and Child Advocacy (ORCA), PCCD expands child victim access to services through Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) and Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams (MDITs). In addition, the office administers funding through the Endowment Act (NCAA/PSU Penalty) to support the victims of child sexual abuse throughout the Commonwealth.

Funding

Through the Office of Financial Management and Administration (OFMA), PCCD administers and monitors the distribution of grants, ensuring accountability of all grant recipients and serving as a watch-dog for taxpayer dollars.

Policy and Legislative Analyses and Programmatic Research

Through the Office of Research and Child Advocacy (ORCA), PCCD provides thorough, accurate and timely analyses of policy-relevant data and factors causing change in the criminal justice system, including legislation that may impact on the dynamics of the system.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee (CACAC)

CACAC was established by Act 28 of 2014 to advise the Commission on the development and promotion of programs and projects related to Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC's) and Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams (MDITs). CACAC was also directed by the Act to advise the Commission in the distribution of grants to support both existing and developing CACs and MDITs throughout the Commonwealth.

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC)

CJAC is a collaborative forum for our county criminal justice partners throughout the Commonwealth to share and discuss their collective issues and solutions. CJAC focuses on the development of long-range strategies and plans, and sets priorities for justice projects supported by PCCD's various funding streams.

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJJPC)

JJJPC was established by Act 30 of 2001, and is the official juvenile justice planning, coordination, and policy-setting body for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The committee develops a comprehensive, long-range plan and related policies for the Commonwealth's juvenile justice system. Additionally, the group sets priorities for juvenile justice projects supported by PCCD's various funding streams.

Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC)

MHJAC provides guidance and structure to ensure statewide coordination and effectiveness of Pennsylvania's criminal justice and mental health systems. The committee oversees a strategic plan, which utilized a Center of Excellence (CoE) from 2009-2016, in order to develop and improve programs to serve adults with mental illness that are involved in the criminal justice system. PCCD continues to support statewide strategies that direct technical assistance to evidence-based practices; guide the operation and sustainability of jail diversion and reentry programs; and provide a clearinghouse for resources related to criminal justice, mental health, and substance abuse.

Research, Evaluation, and Data Analysis Advisory Committee (REDAAC)

REDAAC promotes effectiveness of justice programs in Pennsylvania by providing quality research, evaluation, data collection, and analysis to policymakers, program managers, and practitioners.

Victims' Services Advisory Committee (VSAC)

VSAC, which was established by Act 111 of 1998, advises PCCD on policies, priorities, and performance standards for victims' services and compensation.

BOARDS:

Constables' Education and Training Board (CETB)

The Constables' Education and Training Board, which was established by Act 102 of 1992, advises PCCD in the development, implementation, and operation of legislatively mandated basic training, continuing education, and firearms qualification that serve as the basis for certification of constables and deputy constables within the Commonwealth.

Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board (SDSETB)

The Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board, which was established by Act 2 of 1984, advises PCCD in the development, implementation, and operation of legislatively mandated basic training and continuing education that serve as the basis for certification of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs within the Commonwealth's 67 counties.

APPLICATION SYSTEMS:

Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN)

SAVIN is a free service providing around-the-clock access to the custody status of offenders in county jails, state prison, or under state supervision in the Commonwealth. SAVIN provides crime victims, their families, and their circles of support with confidential notifications, via telephone, email, and/or text message, of any change in an offender's custody status.

Dependable Access for Victimization Expenses (DAVE)

The DAVE System was brought online in January 2002. It is an automated web-based claims processing software system designed to improve the efficiency in claims processing and support the claims processing staff as they become more focused on victim advocacy. DAVE tracks the status of any claim through the entire claim process from claim entry to the release of payments. Before DAVE was implemented, the average time to process a claim was 26 weeks. In early 2017, it was 10.7 weeks.

Electronic Grants Management (Egrants)

Egrants is a web-based grants management system brought online for internal agency use in 2004. By 2006, all state and federal funds administered by PCCD were being managed through Egrants. Grant recipients use the Egrants application to electronically submit their application as well as to submit all required periodic reporting information for both program and fiscal staff.

Constables' Certification Education and Training System (CCETS) and Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Information System (SDSIS)

CCETS and SDSIS are web-based training management systems that were developed by PCCD and is used by PCCD, constables and deputy constables (CCETS), county sheriff offices (SDSIS), and training providers. The systems track an individual's training and certification history, as well as current training needs and requirements.

County Intermediate Punishment Program (CIPP)

The (CIPP) system is a web-based application used by the counties receiving grants for the Intermediate Punishment program to track participant intake and outcomes information. PCCD staff utilize the data provided to produce annual reports on the effectiveness and cost savings achieved with the program and, as of recently, have begun to track offender recidivism outcomes.

Program and Practice Effectiveness Toolkit (PPET)

PPET was created to support the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) in Pennsylvania, in advancing its balanced and restorative justice mission by providing a one-stop shop for researching effective programs and practices to make informed decisions on what works best to meet the needs of a specific youth population. Its intent is to educate professionals by providing common definitions of program effectiveness, training and technical assistance opportunities, as well as links to available programs and practices and where they fall on a continuum of confidence.

PA Crime Stats

PACrimeStats.info was launched to provide access to crime-related data from Pennsylvania's adult and juvenile criminal justice agencies. PA Crime Stats is a clearinghouse for state and county justice statistics, data trends, and PCCD-funded research and evaluations. Examples of information include general information about crime in specific communities, number of arrests, types of offenses, number of people incarcerated and paroled.

Crime Victims Application

PCCD launched the Crime Victims App in 2017 to provide a one-stop shop for services and information for victims of crime in Pennsylvania. The application connects victims immediately to services available to them, including a mapping feature that locates the nearest victim service provider. The app also provides links to victim compensation information and SAVIN, as well as information on victim's rights, domestic violence, sexual violence, child abuse, and other crimes.

Juveniles Held (JHELD)

PCCD's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has implemented a system which monitors youth held by police departments and other facilities. This reporting tool is designed to automate much of the compliance monitoring process, mandated by the Department of Justice (DOJ), and takes OJJDP from hand-processing paper compliance reports to an automated data collection and storage system. Effectively, it simplifies and streamlines a time-consuming and cumbersome process, eliminates backlogs in gathering information, and improves the ability to generate state and federal compliance reports.

Criminal Justice Data Dictionary (CJDD)

CJDD is a collaborative product of several Commonwealth adult criminal justice agencies, specifically the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC), the Department of Corrections (DOC), the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole (PBPP), PCCD, and the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing (PCS). Coordinated by PCCD, this data dictionary contains data elements and their individual agency-specific definitions, that have been developed for the purpose of electronically documenting the vital criminal justice data that agencies are capturing. The CJDD provides the common language necessary for facilitating an enhanced sharing, understanding, and communication of what data is available within the Commonwealth adult criminal justice community. Identifying, cataloging, and defining these data elements supports the Commonwealth's ability to conduct meaningful criminal justice research, while also facilitating the external research opportunities for the Commonwealth's academic partners.

Data Collection, Reporting, and Outcomes Project (DCROP)

DCROP provides a comprehensive, coordinated data collection, reporting, and outcomes tracking technology solution for funders of Victims' Service Programs (VSP's). Utilizing Efforts To Outcomes (ETO) software, DCROP focuses on reporting program measurement data and reporting on outcomes resulting from victim services rendered to help oversight/funding organizations better assess the effectiveness of programs. DCROP is expected to improve services to victims of crime, through a concentrated focus on outcomes.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PLANNING AND COLLABORATION:

Addressing the Heroin Epidemic

Over the past few years, the level of heroin and opioid prescription drug abuse has skyrocketed throughout Pennsylvania. PCCD has partnered with the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association (PCPA) and the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association (PDAA) to make medication collection boxes available throughout the state and to provide naloxone for local law enforcement officers. PCCD contracted with the University of Pittsburgh, School of Pharmacy, Program Evaluation Research Unit (PERU) for the development of an Opioid Overdose Reduction Prevention Technical Assistance Center (TAC). The TAC works with counties in developing strategies to reduce opioid addiction and overdose in their communities. In partnership with state and county partners, PCCD sponsored a one-day opioid symposium on January 27, 2016 that brought together county justice, public safety, public health and treatment professionals to discuss resources available at the state level and to discuss strategies moving forward through the TAC. Approximately 300 participants attended the symposium and, as a follow-up, the TAC has hosted specific regional forums and assisted counties directly in addressing this epidemic. As of May 2016, the TAC had received responses and inquiries from 22 counties regarding the regional forums. PERU is working with 22 counties to provide technical assistance in establishing and/or supporting overdose prevention coalitions within the counties.

Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI)

In late 2015, Pennsylvania was selected by the US Department of Justice, PEW Foundation, and the Council of State Governments (CSG) to participate in a second round of JRI, which seeks to reduce the number of justice-involved persons in the criminal justice system while simultaneously reducing crime. In 2012, Pennsylvania participated in an initial round of JRI, which focused on back-end drivers to the criminal justice system (i.e., technical parole violators). Phase 2, which focuses on the front-end drivers to the system and diversionary practices, began in FY 16/17.

In late 2015, PCCD was awarded \$1.75 million in federal JRI funds to support a Pretrial Drug and Alcohol Treatment pilot project. This project seeks to reduce the front-end movement of individuals into the prison population, thereby lessening the recidivism rate, decreasing the cost of corrections, increasing access to drug/alcohol treatment and mental health services, while simultaneously promoting public safety. Using these funds, PCCD selected seven counties to participate in the pilot project (\$1.63 million in total). Funding will be used to support pretrial drug and alcohol treatment programs for individuals charged with certain crimes prior to their trial and sentencing. PCCD researchers will track these offenders' recidivism rates throughout the process, with the expectation that starting treatment earlier in the criminal justice process yields more successful outcomes.

Criminal Justice Advisory Boards (CJABs)

County CJABs are groups of top-level county officials that address justice issues from a systemic and policy-level perspective. PCCD partners with 66 CJABs to assist in the implementation of evidence-based programs and policies which improve the quality of justice in these counties. In 2015, PCCD received the President's Award for Excellence in Justice Policy from the National Criminal Justice Association in recognition of polices – including our CJABs – that support the implementation of community-based evidence-based programs that deliver safety and justice to the state's residents. The 2016 CJAB Conference was held at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College, PA on April 12-13, 2016. The theme of the conference was “Pretrial and Reentry: Balancing Justice and Treatment for Community Safety.” Approximately 260 individuals attended.

Communities That Care (CTC)

The CTC model is a proven framework to bring key community stakeholders together to prevent juvenile delinquency and violence. Currently, PCCD works to support over 60 communities in the CTC model through funding and/or technical assistance. This total includes 15 new CTC sites that were initiated in 2015, and 14 sites that are receiving funds to sustain their CTC Community Mobilizer positions. The Community Mobilizers serve a critical function in every CTC site, thus expanding the Commonwealth's support for a proven successful public health approach to delinquency and violence prevention.

PCCD entered into a partnership with Dr. Kevin Haggerty, co-developer of the CTC model, to explore the efficacy of using the new eCTC tool to train Pennsylvania communities on the CTC model. The tool presents the CTC trainings online using video vignettes to explain the key concepts of CTC, allowing for the training of new collaborative board members quickly, easily, and on an ongoing basis. The eCTC is being piloted in 13 existing CTC sites across Pennsylvania to help determine if this training approach brings a value-added component to these sites. At the June 2016 meeting, the Commission awarded \$268,089 in State Violence Prevention Programs (VPP) Funds for seven local community-based projects. The projects will enable the applicants to complete the implementation phase of trainings in the CTC model to become functioning CTC sites. Upon completion of this process, these sites should be prepared to conduct risk and resource assessments, analyze their data, identify their primary risk and protective factors and select an appropriate evidence- or research-based program that is designed to have a positive impact on their primary risk factor(s).

Offender Reentry Programs

PCCD established the Community Revitalization through Reentry Unit under OCJSI. The work of the Units' Reentry Coordinator is to ensure linkages and collaboration among community and faith-based service providers with county planners around reentry efforts. To expand upon their strategic plans, CJABs are now using the data provided by federal, state, and local jails to create reentry plans as a component of the comprehensive strategic plan. CJABs task a reentry sub-committee to assess local offender reentry services and providers; identify gaps; and create strategies complete with objectives/goals that address, housing, drug, alcohol and other drug treatment, mental health treatment, education needs, unemployment and skill building needs, and other social/behavioral issues for returning citizens.

PCCD competitively awarded one-year County Offender Reentry Planning Grants to allow counties to assess, identify, collaborate and meet with the assistance of a consultant to create a reentry plan. Using this process, counties have been able to identify complex needs of returning citizens, identify barriers and consequences for returning citizens, identify disconnected services in communities, reveal conflicting program/system requirements, identify areas for system changes, and improve outcomes for returning citizens.

PCCD hosted the 2016 Reentry Workshop: Taking Reentry to the Next Level, which focused on the use of risk and needs assessments and the implementation of treatment/programs that target an individual's criminogenic needs. The workshop was attended by 157 county and state justice practitioners.

Second Chance Act Reentry Program

PCCD was one of four states selected to receive funding for the Second Chance Act Reentry Program for Juveniles in Placement grant application. The 24-month project is designed as a pilot with the Juvenile Probation Departments in Allegheny, Berks, Lehigh and Philadelphia Counties, plus an evaluation component through the University of Pittsburgh's School of Medicine. Recidivism data provided by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission allowed PCCD to show in the application that the combined number of placements for the four pilot counties constituted 46% of statewide juvenile delinquency placements in 2013. The purpose of the Second Chance program is for states to use these federal funds to improve outcomes for youth involved with the juvenile justice system as well as decrease recidivism among a reentry population of offenders. The award from the Department of Justice enables PCCD to launch this pilot, and based on its success, implement a comprehensive statewide plan for juvenile offender reentry that aligns with the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy. Counties will use the funds to enhance their existing reentry services for youth returning to their communities from residential placement facilities in such areas as educational advancement, vocational training, family engagement, and acquiring and retaining employment.

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT:

Mobile Identification

PCCD awarded \$768,000 in a combination of state Justice Reinvestment – Innovative Policing and federal Justice Assistance Grant funds to support the use of mobile identification devices by state and local law enforcement. These devices enable police officers to perform searches of individuals based on a two fingerprint scan. The devices will greatly assist state and local law enforcement officers in the identification and/or verification of unknown subject/suspects while in the field. This technology not only increases officer safety by ensuring the officers know the individual’s identity and criminal background, but will eliminate the need to transport an individual to the nearest booking center when their identity is in question.

Regional Law Enforcement Forums

PCCD, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, hosted four regional law enforcement forums designed to discuss Pennsylvania’s technological approaches for offender identification, information systems, and information sharing. A total of 400 law enforcement professionals heard from state and local agencies on how these programs can assist in combating crime and also heard about emerging programs such as body worn cameras.

Better Automation and Sharing by Law Enforcement (BASLE)

With the implementation of LEJIS, 370 police departments throughout the Commonwealth are now able to access and exchange near-real time police incident data. This represents 46% of the counties in Pennsylvania, covering more than 50% of the state’s population. PCCD is currently providing funding to the Pennsylvania District Attorney’s Association to maintain LEJIS until long term sustainability is identified.

Dependable Access for Victims’ Expenses (DAVE)

PCCD recently enhanced its Victims Compensation Assistance Program’s automated claims processing system (DAVE) to streamline the Forensic Rape Examination claim process, automate claim assignments, and share data with the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts in an effort to increase the program’s efficiency. An electronic document management system has also been added to the Forensic Rape Examination claim process to increase efficiency.

Pennsylvania Crime Victims Mobile App (PCV)

PCCD created a Mobile App to serve Pennsylvania’s crime victims and supporters who rely on their smart phones for information and assistance. The PCV Mobile App is a “Landing Page” to give the user access to a suite of information, relevant web sites, and PCV provided mobile services. The purpose of the PCV mobile project is to provide victims basic information on available services more effectively. This information includes victim service providers near them, ability to text or call victims organizations, and check the status of a victims compensation claim.

PA Justice Network (JNET) Inter –County Case Transfer

PCCD awarded funding to JNET for the creation of software to facilitate the electronic transfer of county adult probation and parole cases between counties within the Commonwealth. The service will also be designed to send and receive special supervision cases to the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole (PBPP). Additionally JNET was provided funding for Electronic Reporting improvements in order to improve the quality of the data being captured from the county jails and county probation departments. This improved process will ensure data is kept in sync and ensure the most accurate information available is presented on the PCCD CJAB Dashboard.

Juveniles Held (JHELD)

PCCD implemented the JHELD system which provides an accurate and timely annual reporting to the US Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention regarding compliance with Sections 223 (a) (11), (12), (13), and (14) of the JJDP Act of 2002, while ensuring compliance with Sections 6326(e) of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Act. The system reduces PCCD staff efforts with information collection and information distribution. JHELD provides an automated system to the Police Departments that enables periodic entry of information on Juveniles Held. PCCD implemented similar data collection components for the county jails/prisons and secure juvenile detention centers. Currently, over one third of all municipal police departments are registered and entering monthly data on juveniles held.

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Virtual Training Network (PAVTN)

PCCD and the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association (PCPA) developed a Virtual Training Network (PAVTN) in 2012. When PAVTN was launched, there were five courses and 2,000 registered users. In 2015, the PAVTN has registered over 15,500 users and has 32 training courses and is on track to provide over 72,000 hours of training. This web-based training has saved thousands for law enforcement departments and municipalities by reducing trainer costs, travel expenses and overtime costs. It has also reduced the amount of time officers are off-duty while attending training. PCCD provided additional financial support to sustain the PAVTN through 12/31/2017. Two modules concerning elder victimization and understanding trauma were developed in 2016. Subject matter experts are utilized from the Department of Aging's Adult Protective Services and Temple University's Institute on Protective Services regarding elderly victimization and from the Keystone Crisis Intervention Team regarding trauma.

Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Program

PCCD supports a law enforcement accreditation program that provides a strategy for the professionalization of law enforcement agencies within the Commonwealth. The cornerstone of this strategy lies in the promulgation of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives. Over the past year, with the City of Philadelphia Police Department achieving accreditation, 60% of the municipal police officers in the Commonwealth now work in one of the 102 accredited agencies. PCCD provided additional financial support to sustain the Law Enforcement Accreditation Program through 12/31/2017.

Substance Abuse Prevention Project

PCCD supports this project to aid first responders who are often deemed to be at an elevated risk of substance abuse due to the stress and trauma associated with their daily work. PCCD initially supported the Substance Abuse Prevention Project to provide training to 2,408 first responders located in Southeastern Pennsylvania and Allegheny County to address this issue. PCCD provided additional funds to support the expansion of this training to the remainder of the regions in the Commonwealth not receiving training from the prior awards. Naloxone ACT 139 – PCCD and the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association (PCPA) supports a program that allows trained and certified police departments to obtain nasal Naloxone. To date PCPA has trained 2,080 officers through the PAVTN and provided the training to PSP for their 6,400 troopers.

Forensic Science Improvements in Accreditation and Certification

PCCD received \$334,322 in federal FY 2016 funds and announced the availability of these funds to support crime laboratories accreditation or the certification of forensic specialists within a forensic discipline. Funds will support projects intended to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic services throughout Pennsylvania and to assist Pennsylvania Forensic Science Services Providers (FSSP) with obtaining and maintaining accreditation.

National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP)

PCCD awarded \$814,050 in federal National Criminal History Improvement Program funds at the December 2015 Commission meeting. These funds will help enhance the electronic process for the entry of Protection from Abuse Orders (PFAs) into the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) to enable and support a streamlined and expanded process. In addition, funds will support All-In-One Livescan and Mugshot Capture Stations in ten sub-stations within PSP Troop barracks to ensure accurate and efficient case record capturing and recording, and to establish Central Booking Centers in six Pennsylvania counties.

PCCD received \$145,795 in 2016 NCHIP funds to support the training/technical assistance for law enforcement agencies to verify that records systems are developed and managed to conform to FBI standards, while ensuring that contributing agencies adhere to the highest standards of practice with respect to privacy and confidentiality.

Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)

PCCD supports Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), CIT-Youth, CIT-Veterans, and Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training for law enforcement and justice practitioners. The goal of this training is to educate justice practitioners on how to effectively identify and respond to a crisis involving an individual diagnosed with mental illness or an intellectual disorder and de-escalate a potentially dangerous situation. CIT started in April 2014. In 2015, approximately 550 criminal justice, behavioral health practitioners and first responders were trained in CIT and/or MHFA. The 4th Annual Statewide CIT Meeting was held on March 23, 2016 at the Days Inn, State College, PA. The 2016 workshop was lead and facilitated by the national leader and founder of the Memphis model, Major Sam Cochran. Over 200 individuals attended the one-day training, representing 45 counties. In addition, the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC) provided funding to support the training of 15,000 Department of Corrections (DOC) employees to receive MHFA training.

Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs and Constables Training

PCCD trains and certifies approximately 1,300 of the Commonwealth's elected and appointed constables and deputy constables and provides certification and re-certification training to all 2,281 active sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in the Commonwealth. In FY 2015/16, 1,250 constables and deputy constables received training and 1,330 sheriffs and deputy sheriffs were trained and certified or re-certified.

Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Support Center (EPISCenter)

PCCD partners with the Department of Human Services to support Penn State's EPISCenter, which provides assistance to Pennsylvania's schools and communities as they plan and implement evidence-based prevention and intervention programs for at-risk youth. This improves the implementation and success of funded Violence Prevention Programs. Currently, PCCD is working with the EPISCenter to expand technical assistance for Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), which is rapidly expanding in the state. PCCD currently supports seven TF-CBT projects.

In addition, the EPISCenter works with the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) Leadership Team and PCCD on the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP). The SPEP is a tool developed to gauge the effectiveness of each type of program offered to delinquent youth by a residential or community service provider. To date, 11 counties in the Commonwealth are participating in this project by identifying the contracted services they most frequently use and working with the SPEP Consultants and the provider staff to review and assess the effectiveness of the programs being provided to delinquent youth in care. At the June meeting, the Commission awarded a continuation grant to the EPISCenter to support SPEP. EPISCenter has also begun a pilot program in conjunction with PCCD and the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) to improve the Needs-Assessment process used by Single County Authorities (SCAs) to select programs and measure their impact/effectiveness. This process will increase the use of data to choose programs and will improve the collection of outcomes to measure what value is being provided.

Crime Victims Services Organization and Capacity Building

PCCD completed its fifth year of its Organizational Capacity Building project, a statewide project focused on improving the long-term planning, leadership, and effectiveness of Pennsylvania's network of community and government-based victim service agencies. Through this project, PCCD aims to provide training and technical assistance to victim advocates and allied professionals who work with crime victims. This project is part of a larger undertaking at a statewide level to provide training and technical assistance to victim advocates and allied professionals who work with crime victims.

SERVICES TO VICTIMS:

Financial Support for Crime Victims (VOCA)

In FY 2015/16, PCCD administered over \$43 million in state and federal funds for victim service programs. Approximately 350,000 victims are typically served with this funding annually. This represented an unprecedented increase in Pennsylvania's federal VOCA allocation, and as a result, PCCD's Victim Service Advisory Committee conducted an intensive strategic planning process in 2015. The Strategic Plan developed by VSAC consisted of a two-part funding framework. The first part was a non-competitive solicitation, focused on building and strengthening the infrastructure at existing VOCA-funded victim service agencies across the state. The second part was a competitive solicitation focused on promoting new or enhanced service delivery for crime victims in Pennsylvania.

On January 21, 2016, PCCD released the funding announcement for the non-competitive portion of VSAC's VOCA Funding Framework. Under the VOCA Non-Competitive Solicitation, \$87 million in federal VOCA funds was made available over three years to programs currently receiving VOCA funding through PCCD. At the June 2016 Commission Meeting, 115 applications for a 3-year grant period were approved to receive this funding. The VOCA competitive solicitation was released on March 17, 2016. The goal of the competitive VOCA solicitation was to promote new or enhanced service delivery for crime victims in Pennsylvania. The total amount announced was \$30 million over a three-year period. This solicitation was open to both programs currently funded by PCCD with federal VOCA funding as well as new applicants. At the September 2016 Commission Meeting, 92 applications for a 3-year grant period were approved to receive this funding.

Crime Victims' Compensation (VCAP)

Under Pennsylvania's Crime Victims' Act, victims of crime are eligible for certain services, including counseling, compensation and medical care. In FY 2015/16, PCCD made payments on 7,967 claims and paid in excess of \$12.3 million to or on behalf of crime victims.

Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC)

PCCD has been working with law enforcement, prosecutors, children and youth providers, medical professionals and victim service providers to establish a network of accredited Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) throughout the Commonwealth. Research demonstrates that child abuse investigations handled through a CAC have a shorter length of time to disposition, better prosecution outcomes, higher rates of caregiver and child satisfaction, more referrals to mental health services, and better access to medical care. Currently, PCCD supports 31 accredited, accredited satellite, associate and affiliate National Children's Alliance children's advocacy centers through \$2 million in state Act 28 funds. PCCD also supports four satellite CACs and 15 Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams (MDITs) throughout the Commonwealth. Since January 1, 2016, Act 1 of 2013 funding (i.e., Endowment Act funds) has also been used to support 50 projects totaling \$3.5 million throughout Pennsylvania. Through these funds, CACs and victim service organizations provide services to support both adult survivors and child victims of sexual abuse.

Human Trafficking

On September 28, 2016 PCCD hosted a one-day symposium in State College for law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates and social workers on human trafficking in Pennsylvania. The specific focus of the conference was on child and adult sex trafficking and

how federal, state and local authorities and non-profit organizations in Pennsylvania are collaborating to address this important issue in their communities. There was a high level of interest in holding a follow-up conference; several suggestions included a follow-up for law enforcement specifically and for victim advocates.

FUNDING EFFORTS:

County Intermediate Punishment (CIP)

PCCD supports a diversionary sentencing program, County Intermediate Punishment (CIP), in 53 counties for non-violent offenders, many who are dependent on drugs or alcohol. All offenders undergo a diagnostic assessment for drug and alcohol dependency. In FY 2015/16, 12,917 offenders were served through PCCD IP funding, resulting in 620,601 of jail days averted with 83% of all offenders successfully completing program requirements. PCCD announced the availability of funds for FY 2016/17 and as a result, 54 applications were received representing 56 counties.

Mental Health and Justice Housing Initiatives

As part of PCCD's reentry efforts to improve the outcomes of offenders being released from state and county incarceration into their communities, in 2015, PCCD supported the launch of eight mental health and justice housing initiatives providing master leases and support services to approximately 100 justice involved individuals with mental illness or co-occurring disorders. In September 2015, PCCD in partnership with the Department of Human Services' Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DHS/OMHSAS), provided a Technical Assistance and Training Session for housing grantees. In furtherance of this objective, PCCD and DHS/OMHSAS sponsored a regional Housing Forum in October 2015 at Bloomsburg University. This forum brought together the housing community and state and local partners to discuss the need for housing for returning citizens.

Additionally, PCCD and DHS/OMHSAS have contracted with the Technical Assistance Collaborative to provide technical assistance to housing grantees in an effort to ensure the successful implementation of local housing initiatives and long-term sustainability planning.

Mental Health and Justice Pretrial Initiative

PCCD and DHS/OMHSAS, in a collaborative effort, released a competitive solicitation announcing the availability of up to \$750,000 in Mental Health Enhancement Funds to support Pennsylvania's initiative to expand the successful implementation of Evidence Based Practices (EBPs), promising practices or innovative pretrial diversion strategies for justice-involved individuals with Mental Illness/Co-Occurring Disabilities (MI/COD), Intellectual Disabilities (ID) and/or autism spectrum disorders.

Problem Solving Court Initiative

PCCD announced the availability of up to \$300,000 for the implementation of new Problem Solving Courts (PSCs) within a county. By providing state funds for PSCs, communities will be empowered to provide direct services to justice-involved individuals who are drug involved, diagnosed with a mental illness, or dually-diagnosed individuals that address their underlying mental health and substance abuse disorders. As a result of a competitive solicitation and review process, three counties were selected to receive funds for the implementation of two drug courts (Schuylkill and Franklin Counties) and one veteran's court (Carbon County).

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT)

PCCD utilized federal FY 2015 RSAT funds to support medication assisted treatment and evidence-based programs that develop an inmate's cognitive, behavioral, social, vocational, and other skills to address the substance use and other related issues of the offender while in county jails. PCCD received \$348,774 in FY 2016 RSAT funds that will support the expansion of Vivitrol Medication Assisted Treatment for individuals returning to the community from state incarceration.

Violence Prevention Programs (VPP)

In 2015, PCCD supported 34 projects under this state appropriation, including 15 new Communities That Care (CTC) sites and 19 evidence-based programs, including piloting four new programs based on a formal gap analysis to identify unmet needs; i.e., Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Positive Parenting, Strong African American Families and Familias Fuertes. Early interventions are the key to reducing crime and violence in the long-run. The PCCD Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention released an RFP in February 2016 soliciting applications to implement, expand, or continue evidence-based programs; decisions on submitted proposals were made by the Commission at its June 2016 meeting. At the June meeting, the Commission awarded a total of \$3,207,297 in Violence Prevention Programs (VPP) Funds to support 28 applications for evidence-based programs that will serve youth and families in 23 Pennsylvania counties. The projects supported will offer program services to prevent or reduce unhealthy problem behaviors in youth such as violence, delinquency, substance use, school failure and dropout.

Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)

PCCD is utilizing Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Funds to specifically address DMC, which refers to the unequal number of minority youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system. Reducing DMC is a core requirement of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002, which requires all states to identify, assess and implement intervention strategies to reduce DMC. PCCD is currently funding 13 projects; two statewide initiatives and 11 local DMC projects. Due to anticipated new requirements being written into the reauthorization of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, PCCD will need to further develop its existing plan related to addressing disproportionate numbers of minority youth coming into the juvenile justice system. This work began with a joint meeting of the Diversion and DMC Subcommittees of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Committee. Data shows that arrest is one of the decision points in the system with high disparity; therefore, these two subcommittees decided to focus on identifying and developing resources for law enforcement to access to divert appropriate youth from further penetration into the formal juvenile justice system. This work will be further assisted by continuation funding to the Philadelphia-based Juvenile Defender Association of Pennsylvania to support the DMC Corporation. The recommendation for renewed funding is directly related to the Corporation partnering with PCCD to guide the local DMC projects in consistent and accurate data collection practices in order to demonstrate the positive outcomes these projects are having in the communities they serve.

Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR)

PCCD awarded \$3.3 million dollars in SAEDR Funds at the December 2015 Commission meeting to support 27 programs across the Commonwealth. These programs are designed to: 1) provide research-based approaches to prevention, intervention, training, treatment, and education services; 2) educate youth, caregivers of youth and employers about the dangers of substance abuse through media related efforts, and; 3) educate employers, unions, and employees about the dangers of substance abuse and provide drug-free programs and training for businesses. Beginning in 2016, PCCD added 18 new projects under the SAEDR funding stream. The SAEDR Funds support 13 additional drug use prevention/abuse reduction projects implementing research-based programs, and sustaining five CTC Community Mobilizer positions. PCCD released another RFP with SAEDR Funds in late summer 2016. A funding announcement was released for SAEDR Category 3 funds announcing the availability of up to \$845,000 to educate employers, unions, and employees about the dangers about substance use in the workplace and provide comprehensive drug-free workplace programs and technical resources for businesses, including, but not limited to, training for working parents to keep their children drug-free.

DATA AND STATISTICS:

Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS)

Since 1989, the Commonwealth has conducted a survey of school students in the 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th grades to learn about their behavior, attitudes and knowledge concerning alcohol, tobacco, other drugs and violence. The Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) is sponsored and conducted every two years by PCCD, in partnership with the Departments of Education and Drug and Alcohol Programs, to gather critical information concerning changes in patterns of substance abuse and assess risk factors. For the 2015 PAYS, 356 school districts participated, and 35 private/charter/parochial schools participated; this is an increase over the number of districts that participated in the 2013 PAYS. A total of 229,255 surveys completed were screened by Bach Harrison (the contracted vendor for distribution and analysis of the PAYS) as part of the data validation process leaving 217,094 surveys as the basis for the overall analysis and reporting; this is up from the 216,000 in 2013. The survey results were provided to participating superintendents and administrators at the end of April 2016. The State PAYS Report for 2015 is also available and has been posted on the PCCD website. Additionally, 57 County Reports were completed (for every county that had a minimum of two participating school districts) and are also available on the PAYS website. Preparations have begun for the 2017 PAYS administration, with the PAYS Advisory Group beginning to meet monthly.

Digital Dashboards

In FY 2011-12, PCCD developed executive digital dashboards and the associated business intelligence software to improve decision making for state and local justice officials. The dashboards provide a one-page, one-stop shop for relevant criminal justice data across the criminal justice system, from arrests to sentencing to victims services, that provides nearly real-time information to professionals in the field. In particular, PCCD has developed an Offender Identification Dashboard that assists county district attorneys, public defenders, and local law enforcement in assessing their fingerprint compliance rates at the jurisdictional level. The goal of this system is to improve public safety by increasing the number of offenders that get fingerprinted and entered into criminal history databases. As of the second quarter of 2016, Pennsylvania's statewide compliance rate was 87.7%.

Criminal Justice Data Clearinghouse (PaCrimeStats)

In 2009, PCCD created a web-based criminal justice clearinghouse with data from each of Pennsylvania's core justice entities including law enforcement, courts, prisons, and parole. The clearinghouse provides raw data for researchers to utilize, as well as detailed reports showing criminal justice trends since the early 1980s. Every year, since 2009, additional funds have been invested to support and enhance this initiative. Finalized 2013 Uniform Crime Report (UCR) data is now available online for researcher use, and 2014 crime trend reports are currently under review.

DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

KEY INITIATIVES

FISCAL YEAR
2015/16



PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH SURVEY

ABOUT: Using the Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS), school students in the 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades provide their answers to questions about their behavior, attitudes, and knowledge concerning alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and violence. Administration of the PAYS is sponsored in partnership by PCCD, the Department of Education (PDE), and the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP).

The data gathered in PAYS provides critical information to state and local stakeholders regarding harmful substances, depressive symptoms, conflict in school and home, among other risk and protective factors. The information helps leaders direct their prevention resources to areas that will have the greatest impact.

YOUTH SURVEYED

159,989

2011

216,000

2013

229,000

2015

YOUTH BEHAVIOR AND ATTITUDES DURING THE PAST YEAR (2015 PAYS)

38%

DEPRESSED
MOST DAYS

15%

COMMITTED
SELF-HARM

20%

THREATENED
BY A PEER

20%

ASKED SOMETHING
SEXUAL ONLINE

RISK FACTORS AND PROTECTIVE FACTORS (2015 PAYS)

FACTORS *DRIVING* YOUTH PROBLEM BEHAVIORS

46%

PARENTS WITH
FAVORABLE ANTISOCIAL
BEHAVIOR ATTITUDES

46%

YOUTH WITH
A LOW PERCEIVED
RISK OF DRUG USE

FACTORS *PROTECTING* YOUTH PROBLEM BEHAVIORS

63%

YOUTH WITH HIGH
LEVELS OF FAMILY
ATTACHMENT

62%

YOUTH WITH PARENTS
REWARDING SOCIAL
INVOLVEMENT IN THEIR
COMMUNITY

COMMUNITIES THAT CARE

ABOUT: Communities That Care (CTC) is a specific and proven framework for communities to build positive, healthy futures for their youth. CTC is a research-based planning model that provides a series of steps through which a community can organize itself, identify major problems they face by using local data, and implement specific evidence-based programming (EBP) targeted to address those problems. CTC employs a proven, community-change process for reducing youth violence, alcohol and tobacco use, and delinquency through effective programming. Youth in CTC communities have significantly improved adolescent development, with nearly 11% less delinquency and 33% improvement in academic achievement compared to youth from non-CTC communities. Through decreases in delinquency and other risky behaviors, the Commonwealth saves over \$4 dollars on each dollar spent funding CTC.

PCCD-supported community prevention coalitions use the Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) data to establish local priorities, set measurable objectives to improve outcomes for local youth, and determine the types of programs that will have the most positive impact on their own communities. The 2015 PAYS statewide report shows that the only risk factor scales that were higher than the national average for all grades across the Commonwealth were Parental Attitudes Favorable to Antisocial Behavior and Parental Attitudes Favorable to Drug Use. This has had a dramatic, positive impact on community-school partnerships, parent involvement, and communities and schools working toward achieving mutual goals.

ACTIVE COMMUNITY COALITIONS TRAINED IN THE CTC MODEL



OUTCOMES AND RETURN ON INVESTMENT



VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS

ABOUT: Violence Prevention Programs (VPP) funds are used exclusively to fund the use of programs with extensive research evidence. Programs supported by VPP span pre-K through high school, reaching a broad range of ages. The program models supported by VPP have demonstrated the ability to prevent violence, substance use, delinquency, and trauma. Since 1998, PCCD has used these funds to assist communities in developing an extensively researched, data driven method to select and implement high quality programs. PCCD collaborates with the Department of Human Services, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, the Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, the Department of Education, the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, and other youth-serving agencies to improve inter-agency planning and use of Violence Prevention Programs.

PCCD partners with the Department of Human Services to support Penn State's Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Support (EPIS) Center, which provides assistance to Pennsylvania's schools and communities as they plan and implement evidence-based prevention and intervention programs for at-risk youth. This improves the implementation and success of funded Violence Prevention Programs. Currently, PCCD is working with the EPISCenter to expand technical assistance for Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), which is rapidly expanding in the state.

FISCAL YEAR STATE APPROPRIATION

\$4,563,000

FY 13/14

\$5,864,000

FY 14/15

\$4,569,000

FY 15/16

OUTCOMES ASSOCIATED WITH FUNDING VPP

51%

**INCREASE IN
SCHOOL PERFORMANCE**

27%

**REDUCTION IN
ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR**

76%

**INCREASE IN
FAMILY COOPERATION**



pennsylvania
COMMISSION ON CRIME
AND DELINQUENCY

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

KEY INITIATIVES

FISCAL YEAR
2015/16



CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARDS



ABOUT: Criminal Justice Advisory Boards (CJABs) are the primary means of achieving PCCD’s goal of improving county justice systems. CJABs use a collaborative approach to formulate justice planning and innovative problem solving. PCCD assists CJABs in every phase of development including providing start-up grants, strategic planning assistance, and project implementation support. In order to better inform county planning and decision-making, PCCD launched the CJAB Data Dashboards.

PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED AS A RESULT OF CJABS



REENTRY PROGRAMS • DAY REPORTING CENTERS • INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT

PRE-TRIAL PROGRAMS • TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS • PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS

SINCE 2007

CJAB COUNTIES AND STRATEGIC PLANS



66

ACTIVE CJABS

56

ADOPTED COUNTY STRATEGIC PLANS

REENTRY EFFORTS

ABOUT: PCCD provides funding to help counties create offender reentry plans. County based offender reentry plans include an assessment of offender reentry services and providers, identify gaps in offender reentry services, and have strategies that address housing, drug, alcohol, mental health treatment, education, and employment issues for returning citizens.

In addition to funding planning grants, counties have been awarded funds to create Day Reporting Centers and Diversionary Courts (e.g. DUI, Mental Health, Drug Courts, etc.), which are efforts aimed at reducing county and state prison populations by addressing the criminogenic factors of offenders while maintaining community ties.

CUMULATIVE GRANT DOLLARS AWARDED

\$4,137,682

BY PCCD TO SUPPORT COUNTY REENTRY EFFORTS

ACTIVE REENTRY COALITIONS AND FINISHED COUNTY REENTRY PLANS

10

FY 14/15

ACTIVE COALITIONS

22

FY 15/16

15

FY 14/15

FINISHED REENTRY PLANS

18

FY 15/16

INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT

ABOUT: Intermediate Punishment (IP) is a direct sentencing alternative to incarceration for non-violent offenders. All offenders undergo a diagnostic assessment for drug and alcohol dependency. Those assessed with dependency issues may participate in Drug and Alcohol Restrictive Intermediate Punishment (D&A RIP) as part of their IP sentence. IP funds support drug and alcohol treatment, assessment, evaluation, case management, and supervision services, related to County IP activities specifically for offenders falling under Levels 3 or 4 of the PA Sentencing Guidelines.

FISCAL YEAR STATE APPROPRIATION

\$18,167,000

FY 13/14

\$18,167,000

FY 14/15

\$18,167,000

FY 15/16

IP ACTIVITY DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

12,917

OFFENDERS
SERVED

56

COUNTIES
SERVED

83%

OFFENDER
COMPLETION

620,601

JAIL DAYS
AVERTED

D&A RIP EVALUATION FINDINGS

73%

OFFENDER
COMPLETION

23%

REARRESTED
WITHIN 3 YEARS

DUI VS. DRUGS

3 YR REARREST RATE:
DUI OFFENDERS ENTERING RIP (14%)
DRUG OFFENDERS ENTERING RIP (33%)

JUSTICE-INVOLVED MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING



ABOUT: The Department of Human Services (DHS) and PCCD funded the Mental Health and Justice Center of Excellence (CoE) from 2009 to 2016. A collaborative effort of Drexel University and the University of Pittsburgh, the CoE worked with Pennsylvania communities to identify points of interception at which an intervention could be made to prevent individuals with mental illness from entering or penetrating deeper into the criminal justice system. The CoE offered Cross Systems Mapping workshops to assist county teams in identifying areas where individuals could avoid moving deeper into the system, while also exploring the challenges/resources existing in their respective county systems. Since 2016, PCCD has supported similar activities, including Cross Systems Mapping, through the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC).

FISCAL YEAR AUGMENTATION



\$500,000

PCCD PROVIDED ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING AT THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING EFFORTS



8

MENTAL HEALTH AND JUSTICE HOUSING INITIATIVES FUNDED

45

CROSS-SYSTEM MAPPING TRAININGS HELD

CRISIS INTERVENTION & MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

ABOUT: In 2014, PCCD launched the Specialized Behavioral Health Training for Law Enforcement and Justice Practitioners initiative, aimed at training law enforcement officers and justice practitioners in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and/or Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), and providing justice professionals with the necessary techniques to effectively engage with an individual in crisis and successfully divert the individual from incarceration and into appropriate treatment.

CIT is a 40-hour training program of police-based first responder crisis intervention developed and delivered in partnership with community mental health agencies and advocacy groups. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is offered in the form of an interactive eight hour course that presents an overview of mental illness and substance use disorders, and introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, builds understanding of their impact, overviews common treatments, and provides an Action Plan to address behavioral health challenges.

COUNTIES SUPPORTED BY PCCD FUNDS

16

**COUNTIES RECEIVED
CIT TRAINING**

21

**COUNTIES RECEIVED
MHFA TRAINING**

PRACTITIONERS TRAINED DURING FISCAL YEAR

721

FY 14/15

TRAINED IN CIT

800

FY 15/16

403

FY 14/15

TRAINED IN MHFA

400

FY 15/16

CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING

ABOUT: In June 1994, the Constables' Education and Training Board was created by the Constables' Education and Training Act in order to train and certify constables and deputy constables throughout the Commonwealth. The Board operates with the oversight and staff support of PCCD.

In February 1984, the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Board was created by the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Act in order to train and certify deputy sheriffs employed by the Commonwealth's 67 county sheriffs' offices. The Act was amended in July 2014 to include training and certification of sheriffs as well. PCCD provides oversight and staff support to the newly-named Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board.

The PA Virtual Training Network (PAVTN) was launched through a collective effort between PCCD and the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association (PCPA) in January 2012. PAVTN provides interactive on-line courses to thousands of law enforcement officers, primarily local police. There are almost 17,500 registered users of PAVTN. The 37 available courses, including four mandatory trainings required by the Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Commission (MPOETC), provide over 44,000 hours of training. Beyond the obvious cost-savings, PAVTN serves the function of allowing far more officers to be trained because it is so cost-efficient. Participants use the training at no cost to their agencies, and can access courses 24/7 and at the user's convenience. This leads to more consistency in training across departments and ultimately to more qualified, more prepared local police departments.

CONSTABLES & SHERIFFS TRAINED DURING FISCAL YEAR

1,268

FY 14/15

**CONSTABLES AND
DEPUTY CONSTABLES**

1,250

FY 15/16

1,023

FY 14/15

**SHERIFFS AND
DEPUTY SHERIFFS**

1,330

FY 15/16

PAVTN SUCCESSES SINCE IMPLEMENTATION

15,432

**LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS SERVED**

35,315

**COURSES
TAKEN**

125,000

**TRAINING
HOURS**

\$2 MIL

**COST SAVINGS
(TUITION/TRAVEL)**

LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION

ABOUT: The Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Program was developed by law enforcement executives to provide a reasonable and cost-effective plan for the professionalization of law enforcement agencies within the Commonwealth. The program philosophy is to have a user-friendly undertaking for departments resulting in a success-oriented outcome. Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping law enforcement agencies evaluate and improve their overall performance. The cornerstone of this strategy lies in the promulgation of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives. Participating administrators conduct a thorough analysis to determine how existing operations can be adapted to meet these objectives. Once procedures are in place, a team of independent professionals are assigned to verify that all applicable standards have been successfully implemented, culminating with a decision by an authoritative body to accredit the institution.

ACCREDITED POLICE DEPARTMENTS

102

SINCE SUPPORTING ACCREDITATION

NEWLY ACCREDITED AND REACCREDITED DEPARTMENTS



POLICE OFFICERS AND ACCREDITED DEPARTMENTS

60%

**OF ALL PENNSYLVANIA POLICE OFFICERS WORK
WITHIN AN ACCREDITED POLICE DEPARTMENT**

LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY

ABOUT: The Law Enforcement Justice Information System (LEJIS) is a Commonwealth-wide information technology system connecting local police Records Management Systems (RMS) and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) systems together so that incident data can be shared. LEJIS promotes interoperability and integration among local police department crime records management systems, allowing for the participating law enforcement agencies to have near real-time local, state, and federal public safety records, facilitating more successful investigations.

PCCD, partnering with Pennsylvania Justice Network (JNET) spearheaded the Mid-Atlantic Regional Information Sharing (MARIS) initiative in Pennsylvania to promote better public safety in the region. A partnership between Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia, MARIS promotes criminal justice information sharing, and the exchange of bulk data and specific person of interest data. Given the density and mobility of offender populations within the region, the sharing of justice information is critical to the administration of justice and public safety.

ADVANCING JUSTICE TECHNOLOGY

370

**POLICE DEPARTMENTS
CONNECTED TO LEJIS**

1,700

**OFFENDERS UNDER SUPERVISION
IN PA, ARRESTED IN MARYLAND
USING MARIS**

PERFORMANCE METRICS

14 MIL

**INCIDENT REPORTS
SHARED THROUGH
LEJIS**

30%

**INCREASE IN
FINGERPRINTING**

\$8 MIL

**PCCD FUNDING TO
IMPROVE BOOKING
CENTERS**

VICTIM SERVICES

KEY INITIATIVES

FISCAL YEAR
2015/16



VICTIMS' SERVICE PROGRAMS

ABOUT: PCCD's Office of Victims' Services (OVS) administers and provides oversight to the VOCA (Victims of Crime Act), RASA (Rights and Services Act), VOJO (Victims of Juvenile Offenders), and STOP Violence Against Women Grant funding streams.

VOCA provides funding for the provision of direct services to victims of crime to help them cope with the physical, emotional, and criminal justice issues associated with crime. RASA provides funding to counties for the provision of services to carry out mandated victims' rights as established by the Crime Victim's Act. VOJO provides funding to counties for the provision of services to carry out mandated victims' rights, specifically to assist crime victims whose offenders were under the age of 18. STOP Violence Against Women is a federal grant program providing funding to improve the criminal justice system's response to violence against women, and enhance the services available to women who have been victims of violent crime.

Working collaboratively with OVS and victim service providers, the Organizational Capacity Building project seeks to create a sustainable systems approach for improving organizational capacity which results in meaningful and measurable benefits to both providers and crime victims.

FISCAL YEAR FUNDING AWARDED BY PCCD

\$86.5 mil

VOCA

\$5.3 mil

RASA

\$1.3 mil

VOJO

\$4.5 mil

STOP

VICTIMS SUPPORTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

165,978

VOCA

143,152

RASA

34,776

VOJO

18,044

STOP*

*2015 calendar year

VICTIMS' COMPENSATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ABOUT: Created by Act 139 of 1976, the Victims' Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP) was established as a response to financial losses incurred by victims of crime. Currently, individuals injured during a crime may be compensated for uninsured or unreimbursable medical expenses, counseling, relocation expenses, loss of earnings, crime-scene cleanup expenses, and stolen benefit cash. In the case of death, funeral expenses and loss of support may be compensated to those that qualify. The program pays a maximum award of \$35,000; however, it does not pay for pain and suffering nor the loss of property.

The heart of the VCAP operation is the Dependable Access to Victims Expenses (DAVE) automated claims processing system. DAVE was designed to improve the efficiency in claims processing, and support claims processing staff, allowing them to be more focused on victim advocacy. There are currently 436 active victim service program users which utilize the DAVE system.

FISCAL YEAR ASSISTANCE PAID

\$12,388,401

PROVIDED TO VICTIMS OF CRIME BY PCCD

COMPENSATION CLAIMS FILED AND PAID

10,858

CLAIMS FILED

7,967

CLAIMS PAID

VICTIM NOTIFICATION

● ● ●

ABOUT: The Pennsylvania Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) is a free service that provides real-time, round-the-clock access to the custody status of offenders in county jails, state prison, or under state supervision in the Commonwealth.

SAVIN provides crime victims, their families, and their circles of support with confidential notifications, via telephone, email, and/or text message, of any change in an offender's custody status.

In FY 2015/16, county jails sent 157,495 email notifications, 60,124 text messages, 19,595 phone calls, and 850 letters to victims alerting them to status changes on county jail inmates. The vast majority of the notifications (71%) were to provide victims with information pertaining to either a release or a transfer of a county jail inmate.

SAVIN REGISTRATIONS AT FISCAL YEAR END

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223,412

FOR COUNTY JAIL OFFENDERS ONLY

NEW SAVIN REGISTRATIONS DURING FISCAL YEAR

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66,678

FOR COUNTY JAIL OFFENDERS ONLY

CHILD ADVOCACY

KEY INITIATIVES

FISCAL YEAR
2015/16



CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTERS

ABOUT: Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs) are utilized by Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams (MDITs), to provide state-of-the-art treatment for the victims of child sexual abuse, child abuse, and neglect. They coordinate medical care, treatment and other social services for victims while gathering evidence, through age-appropriate forensic interviewing and other methods employed by MDITs, to build an effective case against the alleged offender. By bringing medical professionals, social workers, prosecutors and police who specialize in child sexual abuse together under one roof, CACs are the most effective way to bring a perpetrator to justice while minimizing the trauma the child victim experiences during that process.

The Children’s Advocacy Center Advisory Committee (CACAC) was created to advise the Commission on the development and promotion of programs and projects related to CACs and MDITs. Comprised of a variety of experts representing the office of district attorney, children and youth services, child advocacy centers, state and municipal police, victim services, physicians, nurses, mental health professionals and hospital administrators, the CACAC is directed by the Act to advise the Commission in the distribution of grants to support both existing and developing CACs and MDITs throughout the Commonwealth.

National Children’s Alliance (NCA) is the national association and accrediting body for CACs and MDITs. The mission of the NCA is to promote and support communities in providing a coordinated investigation and comprehensive response to child victims of abuse. Currently, PCCD supports 31 accredited, accredited satellite, associate and affiliate NCA CACs through \$2 million in state Act 28 funds. PCCD also supports four satellite CACs and 15 MDITs throughout the Commonwealth.

CAC POPULATION SERVED



CAC ACTIVITY DURING THE FISCAL YEAR



THE ENDOWMENT ACT

ABOUT: The Endowment Act (Act 1 of 2013) directs PCCD to expend the \$48 million in monetary penalties imposed on the Pennsylvania State University (PSU) by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to aid the victims of child sexual abuse in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Children’s Advocacy Center Advisory Committee (CACAC) assists in advising the Commission in expending these funds. Per the statute, funds must be distributed for the following purposes and for the benefit of the residents of the Commonwealth: 1) Programs or projects preventing child sexual abuse and/or assisting the victims of child sexual abuse; 2) Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams established under 23 Pa.C.S.; 3) Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs); 4) Victim Service Organizations (VSOs) providing services to children subjected to sexual abuse; and 5) Training of persons mandated by law to report child sexual abuse or to treat victims of child sexual abuse.

In addition to the categories stipulated above, the Act also requires that no more than half of the funds may be spent within the first five years of the penalties paid into the endowment, and for each year thereafter, all interest and earnings of the endowment shall be expended according to the Act. Thus, a maximum of \$24 million can be expended from 2015 to 2020, but thereafter, funds are limited to the interest and earnings raised by the \$24 million in principal left in the endowment. Due to the limitations of these funds, the CACAC made the decision to limit funding annually so as to sustain and maintain the funding into future years.

For further detailed information on the grants distributed under the Act, please see PCCD’s website for Annual Endowment Act Reports and outcome summaries.

FISCAL YEAR FUNDS AWARDED

\$3,339,540

ENDOWMENT ACT AWARDS FUNDED BY PCCD

ENDOWMENT ACT POPULATION SERVED AND ACTIVITY (JAN-JUN 2016)

244

**ADULT SURVIVORS
OF CHILD SEXUAL
ABUSE**

4,638

**CHILD VICTIMS OF
SEXUAL ABUSE**

63

**SERVICE/MEDICAL
BASED TRAININGS
PROVIDED**

1,355

**STAKEHOLDERS
RECEIVING
TRAINING**