



COMMISSION VIEWS AND NEWS

ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

August 2019

Letter from our Chairwoman

This has been a busy summer for the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. Hard to believe we are already seeing the kids heading back to school! With that in mind, don't forget to check out the ACJC Arizona Youth Survey. If your school does not currently participate in this great study around risk factors for the youth in our state, please consider getting them signed up. Visit www.azcjc.gov/statistical-analysis-center.

Commission members and staff recently attended the 39th Annual Law Enforcement Summit. This is an important conference that brings together law enforcement, Arizona County Attorneys, and elected officials from across the state to discuss important topics from policy to best practices. Every year the conference increases their attendance and this year was no exception. We also had a wonderful lunch presentation by Arizona Supreme Court Justice Clint Bolick who addressed the importance of peace officers in upholding the rule of law.

Additionally, ACJC has published its Annual Legislative report for the 54th legislative session, which provides an overview of this past session and areas of focus for the coming year. Even though it is important for us to celebrate those victories we had this last session, it's also important for us to look at those bills that failed. It is there that we will see the potential for new bills to emerge in the next session.

Our Criminal Justice Systems Improvement program will be visiting with counties statewide to gather information from our law enforcement partners to assist with the Order of Protection/Injunctions Against Harassment system. ACJC is always concerned with the rights and protections of plaintiffs. In the current system, it takes an average of 13 days between issuance and service of the Order. With the improved system, we are hoping to reduce this amount of time. This is just one of the efforts being undertaken with this new system. Overall, we are hopeful this system creates greater customer service to those in need. To see when they will be in your community, see page 7 of the newsletter.

I am also pleased to announce promotions for a number of our team members, as well as some new positions we have available at ACJC. These are exciting times and our organization believes in helping our team members grow in their careers. If you are interested in joining our team, visit www.azcjc.gov/careers.

Sheila Polk, Yavapai County Attorney and ACJC Commission Chairwoman





The More You Know...



The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) program assists governments in developing and implementing substance abuse treatment programs in state and local correctional and detention facilities, and to create and maintain community-based post-release treatment services for offenders. These services allow offenders to overcome substance abuse and prepare for reentry into the community.

The RSAT program is divided into three areas: 1. Residential (6-12 months) program, 2. Jail-based (3-6 months) program, and 3. Post-release treatment program (not to exceed one year after release).

The RSAT program requires that 10 percent of the federal award be made available to local correctional or detention facilities. If applications are not received for this program, these funds can be used by the residential in-correctional setting programs.

RSAT may fund post-release programs that provide treatment to offenders for a period not to exceed one year after release. Aftercare services must involve coordination among the residential and/or jail treatment program and other social service and rehabilitation programs, such as education and job training, community supervision, halfway houses, self-help, and peer group programs that may aid in rehabilitation. These activities must be coordinated with any Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA)-funded, state- and/or local-funded programs that address the needs of this target population. Funding may be used for medication-assisted treatment (MAT) programs as approved by Federal guidelines regarding supplanting funds.

The grant solicitation for CY 2020 will be open until Friday, September 13th at 3 pm local Arizona time. Any groups that wish to apply may do so on our website at <http://azcjc.gov/grants>.



In June, ACJC worked in collaboration with the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council (APAAC) to submit a juvenile prosecution grant application from the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Arizona lacks training resources to develop and deliver adequate and comprehensive training for juvenile prosecutors and support staff. This lack of resources also prevents County Attorney Offices from investing funding in juvenile prosecution training costs. ACJC proposed a partnership with APAAC to develop and deliver the Arizona Statewide Juvenile Prosecution Training Program. The goal of the project is to increase the capacity of juvenile prosecutors at the state and local levels by providing improved access to professional development opportunities, training, and resources that will enhance their current knowledge base. The project objective is to increase knowledge of the juvenile justice system and juvenile crime and delinquency through a 3-year training program with at least 90 percent satisfaction ratings for completed training. The training approach is focused on three components: (1) a library of recorded training on both core competencies and important, unique topics (2) in-person training which bring prosecutors from across Arizona together to learn and network; and (3) regional training delivered across Arizona. This robust design will increase juvenile prosecutor and support staff knowledge of the juvenile justice system and juvenile crime and delinquency by implementing impactful and effective professional development opportunities, and improving the accessibility of training platforms, content, and resources. The proposed approach is targeted to serve all juvenile prosecutors and support staff involved in juvenile prosecution in Arizona. ACJC expects a decision by OJJDP on approved funded grant projects by the end of August.

Arizona Criminal Justice Commission



ARIZONA'S LEADING CRIMINAL
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Created in 1982, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) is a statutorily authorized entity consisting of 19 members that represent a broad cross section of local, county, and state agencies that make up the state's criminal justice system. Together the members and staff of ACJC work to create a more effective and efficient criminal justice system for Arizona's citizens.

EMERGENCY ORDERS OF PROTECTION CHANGES *Effective January 1, 2020*

Why is the process changing?



- New legislation was passed that will become effective on January 1, 2020
- Revised statute: ARS 13-3624
- Changes implemented to improve efficiency of Emergency Orders of Protection for the public.

What is changing?



- Emergency Orders of Protection will now expire 72 hours from issuance. Previously, it was 24 hours.
- The Judicial Officer who issues an Emergency Order of Protection will document the issuance of the Order as soon as practicable.
- The Law Enforcement agency will file a certificate of service with the court and will register the Emergency Order with the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) as soon as practicable.

What are the next steps?



- ACJC will be visiting Arizona counties in August to discuss the new process and supporting system. Please reach out to the contacts below if you would like to be included in those meetings.
- Formalized training will be conducted in the late fall.
- Changes will go into effect on January 1st, 2020



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PROMOTIONS

ACJC Staff on the move!



JILLIAN WARE
Director—Statistical Analysis Center

Jillian Ware joined the ACJC Statistical Analysis Center in September 2018. Prior to joining ACJC, Ms. Ware completed doctoral-level coursework in public policy and administration at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. During this time, Ms. Ware studied such topics as state firearm laws, sex offender policy, and correctional education programs.

As SAC Director, Ms. Ware will support the ACJC in fulfilling its mission to sustain and enhance the Arizona criminal justice system by providing the Commission with the data and information it needs to make informed and evidence-based policy decisions. Under Ms. Ware's leadership, the AZSAC will prioritize monitoring both state and national criminal justice trends to ensure that ACJC's operations stay consistent with modern best practices, bolstering ACJC's position as the leading criminal justice resource in the state. Ms. Ware intends for the AZSAC to become the primary resource for criminal justice statistics and information for Arizona policymakers, stakeholders, and the public.



DR. JAIME JEFFORDS
Research Director—Statistical Analysis Center

Dr. Jeffords holds a PhD in Prevention Science from Washington State University and Bachelor degrees from Arizona State University.

Dr. Jeffords provides leadership to collect, analyze, and report on the state of criminal justice issues in Arizona. As a member of the Statistical Analysis Center at ACJC, Dr. Jeffords works with community champions, coalitions, state agencies, and researchers to access and interpret data on criminal justice topics, as well as data from the Arizona Youth Survey. With experience in youth substance use prevention, translational research, and program evaluation, Dr. Jeffords has worked with coalition leaders, state and national policy workgroups and industry.



SALONI MANSURI
Research Analyst I—Statistical Analysis Center

Ms. Mansuri has a Master's degree in Public Health Graduate with a major in Epidemiology from Drexel University in Philadelphia. She has been formally trained as a Dentist with a Bachelor in Dental Surgery from Gujarat University in India. With her passion for research and data analytics, Ms. Mansuri transitioned her career into Public Health Research. This led her to relocate to the United States three years ago to complete her Masters. She is passionate about working with research on substance abuse prevention and data analytics including learning different analytical software which brought her to her current role with ACJC.



HEATHER BOHNET

Manager—Victim Services

Heather Bohnet is originally from Wyoming, where she earned her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Wyoming. Ms. Bohnet relocated to Arizona and earned her master's degree in Criminal Justice from Arizona State University. For the last three years, she has worked as the Criminal Justice Systems Improvement Grants Coordinator at ACJC. As part of ACJC's System's Improvement Team, she has been involved in the Orders of Protection/Injunctions Against Harassment Improvement project, which has allowed her to work with many agencies throughout the state that provide services to crime victims. Prior to ACJC, she worked with victims of domestic violence as the Child and Family Crisis Counselor at the Elim House domestic violence shelter. The opportunity to join ACJC three years ago has allowed me to work with other program areas and diverse stakeholders to address public safety. As the new Victim Services Program Manager, it is her goal to continue to build collaborative relationships with other victim services programs so we can identify issues and implement solutions to deliver the best services to Arizona crime victims.



SHAYLA FORDYCE

Project Manager—Criminal Justice Systems Improvement

Shayla graduated from Arizona State University with a Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice degree in 2018 and began her career as a Research Analyst II in the Statistical Analysis Center at the ACJC. During her time with the ACJC, she has been assigned to work on many different projects, but her most notable contributions have come from the 2018 and 2019 Arizona Gang Threat Assessment survey administrations where she focused heavily on increasing participation and building relationships with gang practitioners in order to make the reports more accurate and useful for our law enforcement partners.

Ms. Fordyce has been promoted to the Project Manager position for the Criminal Justice Systems Improvement program where she will manage various statewide implementation projects. Her extensive knowledge of the criminal justice system and passion for building relationships with people will help her to succeed in her new role.



ASHLEY MULLY

**Grant Coordinator—Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control/
Criminal Justice Systems Improvement**

Ms. Mully received a Bachelor in Global Security and Intelligence from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, as well as a Masters in International Politics from Trinity College Dublin. Over the course of her career, she has worked in many aspects of law enforcement and criminal justice with Mesa PD, TSA, ACTIC, DPS and ACJC. While at ACJC as a Research Analyst she headed the Statistical Analysis Center's major biennial project, the Arizona Youth Survey. In 2018, collaborated with the Governor's office and was named the state's Lead Analyst for an \$11 million grant from SAMHSA for substance abuse research for the state of Arizona.

In her new role she will be focused on the RSAT and NCHIP grants coordination.



Featured Speakers



Doug Coleman
Special Agent in
Charge, DEA



Dawn Mertz
Executive
Director, AzHIDTA



Sheila Polk
Yavapai County
Attorney



Charles Ryan
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Director, Adult
Probation Services
- Arizona Supreme
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- State Perspective on the Poly-Drug Threat
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- What Commercialization is Doing to Marijuana

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ACJC's SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT TEAM GOES ON TOUR

ACJC's Criminal Justice Systems Improvement team will be heading out to counties around the state to provide an overview of changes related to Orders of Protection/ Injunctions Against Harassment and discuss the anticipated statutory impact for law enforcement and serving agencies. To register by email: cjadmin@azcjc.gov
Schedule tour below:

July 29th- Cochise County
July 30th- Santa Cruz
July 31st - Pima
August 5th- Mohave
August 6th - Coconino
August 7th - Yavapai
August 19th - Navajo
August 20th - Apache
August 21st- Graham/Greenlee - to be held in Graham County
August 26th- Gila
September 4th - Maricopa
September 9th- Yuma
September 10th - La Paz
September 12th - Pinal

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"Our mission is to continuously address, improve, sustain and enhance public safety in the state of Arizona through the coordination, cohesiveness and effectiveness of the criminal justice system."