



# COMMISSION VIEWS AND NEWS

ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

December 2019

## Letter from our Chairwoman

The end of the year offers the opportunity to reflect on the past as we prepare for the year ahead. During my time with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, nearly a decade, I have witnessed the agency emerge as a leading criminal justice resource for our State. Our accomplishments encompass enhanced delivery of services for crime victims; improving the accuracy and completeness of Arizona's Computerized Criminal History Records; providing grants to strengthen gang, drug and violent crime units throughout the state; completion of Phase I of the Mobile Fingerprinting Project; home of one of the nation's longest running and robust youth surveys to schools statewide; and the creation of an online portal at ACJC for agencies seeking grants, to name a few. The collaboration among stakeholders across the state to achieve these results is admirable.

Beginning in the fall, ACJC convened a Committee on Criminal Justice to examine relevant criminal justice issues. The topic of our first hearing was "Understanding Arizona's Criminal Justice System – What data is available to best determine who is in our prisons, jails, and probation system and why they are there?" The Committee heard presentations from experts with the Department of Corrections, Probation and the ACJC who provided many primary data sources that reflect the numbers of individuals in Arizona receiving services from the criminal justice system. At our second hearing, the Committee tackled the complex issue of defining recidivism for our state. To see more information/minutes from these hearings, visit [www.azcjc.gov](http://www.azcjc.gov).

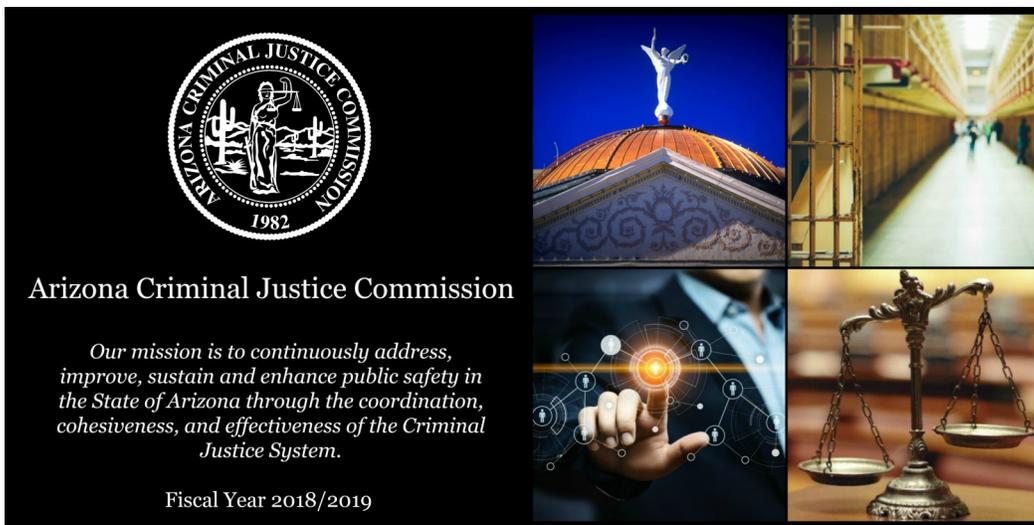
We are also excited to be working in partnership with the Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts on rolling out the AZPOINT project, an online system to obtain orders of protection anywhere in the state. This new system will process orders directly to the city/town where a constable or law enforcement entity will serve the defendant. Another effort we are undertaking to assist individuals impacted by domestic violence.

As we turn the page into 2020, ACJC is looking forward to the incredible initiatives the agency is embarking upon. Keep up to date with our efforts throughout the year in our upcoming Commission meetings, newsletters, website, and social media.

Have a safe and happy holiday,

*Sheila Polk, Yavapai County Attorney and ACJC Commission Chairwoman*





## CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS

- Launched the AZPoint Orders of Protection system.
- Mobile Fingerprinting project- Phase 1 of the mobile fingerprinting project was completed with mobile fingerprint devices implemented in all 13 AJACS courts and Maricopa County Superior Court. In FY2019, 45,714 individuals were fingerprinted with 616 individuals returned with no fingerprints on file.
- ADRS - Maricopa, Navajo, Apache, Pinal, Coconino, and Yavapai Counties successfully implemented. Pima, LaPaz, and Mohave Counties will come online Q1 of 2020.
- Conditions of Release - Kick-off meeting was completed with 40 key issues identified that currently exist in AZ pre-trial conditions of release processes.
- NICS Task Force - Since June 30, 2019 - 407 Stakeholders, representing 110 agencies have participated in a total of 30 AZ Task Force meetings.

## DRUG, GANG & VIOLENT CRIME PROGRAM

- Aug 2018: Awarded \$250,000 from Dept. of Gaming to administer a Problem Gambling Grant.
- Sep 2018: Awarded FFY 2018 TIPS grant for \$317,834; Awarded FFY 2018 RSAT Grant \$773,138; Awarded FFY 2018 COAP Grant \$99,353.
- Oct 2018: Completed FY 2018 EDGE Report; Awarded FFY 2018 Byrne JAG Grant \$3,607,168.
- Nov 2018: Approved RSAT grant awards totaling \$496,620.
- May 2019: Approved Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control grant awards totaling \$9,100,970.
- Jun 2019: Wrote and submitted FFY 2019 OJJDP Juvenile Justice Prosecution Training grant \$225,000.

## STATISTICAL ANALYSIS CENTER

- Arizona Youth Survey 2018 - Completed 37 data requests and 13 presentations. Currently working on the 2020 AYS recruitment.
- Completed the following reports in 2018 - Sexual Assault, Fill the Gap, and Gang Threat Assessments.
- Closed out 2016 SJS Grant Projects:
  - Project 1: Increasing Police Access to Data and Research.
  - Project 2: Actual and Expected Records Completeness Indices for Assessing Multi-Jurisdictional Criminal History Records Quality.

## PUBLIC POLICY

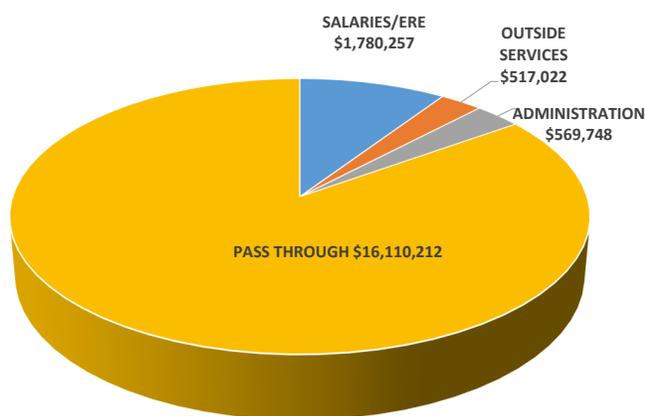
- ACJC's Legislative Team tracked a total of 145 bills.
- Completed 2019 Legislative Annual Report with recommendations.
- Over the course of 6 months, the legislative team met weekly to discuss and strategize Criminal Justice prioritize. Legislative team represents over 25 entities statewide.
- Grants Management System - Phase 1 is completed. Phase 2 is continuing development and hoping to begin testing in January 2020.

## VICTIM SERVICES

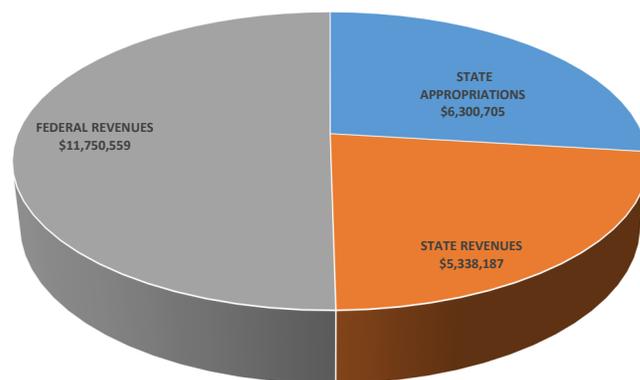
- Crime Victim Compensation paid a total of \$3,673,923 in benefits to victims or providers on behalf of victims in FY2019:
  - New applicants 1,215
  - The highest number of claims and highest payout amount \$1,414,205
  - Homicide related claims received \$1,092,853
  - Victims of vehicular crimes received \$320,627
  - Medical and dental claims \$1,046,303
  - Funeral expenses \$882,608
- Victims Assistance awarded \$750,000 in grant dollars to fund projects for 23 agencies to provide services to crime victims in Arizona. Four of these agencies provided grant-funded training with 2,561 participants attending from various agencies. Funded programs reported serving over 14,500 victims and provided over 166,000 services for crime victims.

## FINANCIAL REPORT FY2019

ACJC FY19 EXPENDITURES \$18,977,239



ACJC FY19 REVENUES \$23,389,451



\*65 financial audits completed in 2019



# Arizona Protective Order Initiation & Notification Tool

## Changes to the Orders of Protection/Injunctions Against Harassment Process

### *Why is the process changing?*

- New legislation was passed that will become effective on **January 1, 2020**.
- Revised statutes: ARS 13-3602; ARS 13-3624; ARS 12-1809; ARS 12-1810.
- Changes implemented to improve safety, access, and efficiency of Orders of Protection/Injunctions Against Harassment for the public, law enforcement and the judicial system.

### *What is changing?*

- The Supreme Court will now be the holder of record. Previously, the Sheriff's office was the holder of record.
- Petitioner will be able to complete an Order of Protection/Injunction Against Harassment petition online and then go to any court when they are ready for their ex-parte issuance hearing.
- When the court grants an Order of Protection, it will send it electronically through a Protection Order system to the serving agency for service. The serving agency will be responsible for printing and serving the order. This will no longer be paper-based and initiated by the plaintiff.
- Servicing agencies will have two options to electronically receive the order and update the declaration of service data: an internet web portal and a system-to-system interface (which must be developed by the servicing agency from specs provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts).
- The service agency will have 72 hours to file the affidavit, declaration, acceptance, or return of service to the court. Previously, it was 7 days.
- There are no limits to the number of attempts in serving Orders within the year of issuance.
- Removes the requirement for a law enforcement agency to request that a prosecutorial agency file charges for a violation of a protective order.
- A notification system will be created that can provide the plaintiff real time information on the status of their Order of Protection.
- The plaintiff's address and contact information will be kept confidential at all times in the new system.
- Emergency Orders of Protection will now expire 72 hours from issuance. Previously, it was 24 hours.
- After 15 days, if the order has not been served. A notification will be sent to the plaintiff requesting additional information.

### *What are the next steps?*

- ACJC will provide training to law enforcement and victim service agencies in the fall of 2019.
- Changes will go into effect on January 1st, 2020.

For more information, contact Marc Peoples, Systems Improvement Manager at 602-364-1152 or Shayla Fordyce, Project Manager at 602-364-1161.

# New Team Members



**Ana Daniels, Research Analyst II, Statistical Analysis Center**

Ana Daniels received her Master of Science degree in criminology and criminal justice at Arizona State University and her Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice and psychology from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She has previously worked as a legal office assistant in Clark County District Court and as a youth advocate in Nevada. Most recently her work included research on reentry experiences and program evaluations.



**Josh Cutler, Policy Advisor, Public Information Office**

Josh Cutler graduated from ASU May of 2019 with a degree in Political Science and International Relations, with a focus on Israel and the Middle East.

**Candice Millsap, Grants Coordinator, Criminal Justice Systems**

Candice Millsap is originally from Mobile, Alabama. She earned a bachelor of arts in Criminal Justice from The University of Alabama and a Master in Science from Xavier University. Throughout her professional career, Candice has demonstrated a commitment to driving social change at a variety of organizations, including The United Way of Greater Cincinnati, Tuscaloosa Housing Authority and Brighten Center. In her most recent role, Candice served as the Ministry Unit Coordinator at Waterfront Rescue Mission—a Pensacola-based nonprofit supporting individuals experiencing homelessness and substance abuse. Candice is a strategic thinker that utilizes her creative skills to “connect the dots”. Her expertise areas include program evaluation, grant monitoring, relationship building, data collection, and project management.

# Governors Office of Youth, Faith and Family Events

the 6th Annual Arizona Adverse Childhood Experiences Summit will take place on December 6th, for more information on ACEs and Arizona's efforts to become a trauma informed state here: <https://faithandcommunity.az.gov/faith-and-community/adverse-childhood-experiences-aces> & <https://faithandcommunity.az.gov/faith-and-community/trauma-informed-care>

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



✓ Thursday, January 23  
1:30 pm  
1110 W. Washington,  
Suite 250  
Phoenix, AZ

✓ Thursday, March 26  
1:30 pm  
1110 W. Washington,  
Suite 250  
Phoenix, AZ

✓ Thursday, May 21  
1:30 pm  
1110 W. Washington,  
Suite 250  
Phoenix, AZ

✓ Wednesday, July 15  
TBD  
Little America Hotel  
2515 East Butler  
Flagstaff, AZ

✓ Thursday, September 24  
1:30 pm  
1110 W. Washington,  
Suite 250  
Phoenix, AZ

✓ Thursday, November 5  
or 19  
1:30 pm  
1110 W. Washington,  
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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."*