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The Center for Criminology and Public Policy Research

The Center for Criminology and Public Policy Research (Center) is part of the Florida State University (FSU) College of Criminology and Criminal Justice (College). The Center is designated as a Type II Research Center by the FSU Office of the Provost and secures and expends both public and private research funds. The Center's primary purpose is to expand the influence of scholarship on public policy and to promote evidence-based criminal justice policymaking and practice at the local, state, and national levels. The Center facilitates and supports data collection and research initiatives that simultaneously advance the academic discipline of criminology and informs juvenile and criminal justice policy and practice.

Specifically, the Center's objectives are to:

- Obtain and maintain external funding that supports policy-relevant research
- Conduct rigorous policy and practice-relevant empirical research
- Contribute to the discipline of criminology through theoretically-relevant and methodologically sound research and peer-reviewed publications
- Disseminate and promote evidence-based research that informs policy and practice at the national, state, and local levels through coordinated marketing efforts with the College and partnerships with and presentations to practitioners and policymakers
- Provide opportunities for students to participate in the Center's research and policy and practice-related activities

To meet these objectives, the Center has established *Research and Policy Institutes* that represent areas of expertise, experience, and interest among the College and Center faculty. The institutes serve a vital role in the Center as they reflect critical areas of juvenile and criminal justice where research can be translated into more effective public policy that ultimately reduce the pain and suffering of crime.

Research and Policy Institutes

As of December 2020, ten Research and Policy Institutes had been established within the Center. The Institutes and the Institute Directors are listed below. Importantly, it is anticipated

that the number of institutes will continue to grow along with expanded College and Center faculty expertise and juvenile and criminal justice policy and practice needs. The Institute Directors are experts in the substantive area of their institute, manage projects and grants, and coordinate project activities with Center staff, College faculty, undergraduate and graduate students, and grantee representatives. In addition, Institute Directors actively incorporate their research into their teaching practices and provide students with opportunities for directed individual studies, research practicums, and the development of specialized courses. As the Research and Policy Institutes become more established and develop sustainable sources of funding, the roles and responsibilities of Institute Directors will expand. Given the current context of juvenile and criminal justice reform, Institute Directors will be expected to play an active role in translating the Institute’s research into public policy and practice.

Table 1: Center Research and Policy Institutes	
Institute	Director(s)
Biosocial Criminology Research & Policy Institute	Kevin Beaver Joseph Schwartz
Corrections Research & Policy Institute	Daniel Mears
Crime Victims Research & Policy Institute	Jillian Turanovic Krista Flannigan
Aging Adult Fraud Research & Policy Institute	Julie Brancale Thomas Blomberg
Hate Crime Research & Policy Institute	Brendan Lantz Marin Wenger
Jail Research & Policy Institute	Jennifer Copp Thomas Blomberg
Juvenile & Adult Correctional Education Research & Policy Institute	Thomas Blomberg
Juvenile Justice Research & Policy Institute	Carter Hay Sonja Siennick
Law Enforcement Research & Policy Institute	TBD
Race and Crime Research & Policy Institute	Patricia Warren Eric Stewart

Impact and Response to COVID-19

The global COVID-19 pandemic had several distinct impacts on the Center. First, several key projects were slowed or placed temporarily on hold. The Walton County Jail Reentry Evaluation was placed on hold before the project was funded and the Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents in the Miami-Dade Jail project was funded but placed on hold for most of 2020, as services could not be provided or evaluated during the pandemic. The Maryland Juvenile Justice Education Partnership continued to operate, however, site visits to three of the thirteen juvenile facilities did not take place as scheduled and beginning Phase 2 of the project was delayed. In addition, two project awards from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) were delayed as a result of the pandemic. Namely, the release of funding for the project titled A Two-State Examination of Varied Measurement Strategies for Juvenile Reoffending and the transfer of a project from the University of Nebraska, Omaha. Further, the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology and Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, were both cancelled.

There were, however, some areas of Center operations that were not as impacted, and some beneficial adaptations have been realized as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. First, the number of research proposals were not impacted, as more proposals were submitted in 2020 (22) than in 2019 (15). Further, at the time this annual report was written, there were additional signs that proposal submission had not slowed. Specifically, 11 research proposals had been submitted or were under development in early 2021.

Second, research tasks on many projects were successfully completed despite the pandemic conditions, including the completion of four multi-year funded projects including: (1) The Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Related Deaths Demonstration Project; (2) A Validation of

the Palm Beach County Jail Risk Assessment Instrument; (3) The Impacts of Restrictive Housing on Inmate Behavior, Mental Health, and Recidivism, and Prison Systems and Personnel; and (4) The Relationship Dynamics in the National Survey of Teen Relationships and Intimate Violence. Many Center projects involve secondary data analysis from various juvenile and criminal justice agencies. Center faculty and College staff worked to develop secure IT procedures to ensure that data intensive projects were minimally, if at all, impacted. Further, projects that involved surveys, focus groups, and interviews also continued online—via platforms such as Qualtrics and Zoom. For example, the Palm Beach DUI Homicide Victim Services Demonstration Initiative was successful in completing its final focus groups with victim service providers and first responders via Zoom. In fact, the ease of logistics, lack of travel, and convenience to both the researchers and participants likely contributed to better participation. It is probable that future research projects will employ more online methods for interviews and focus groups, when possible, to save money and decrease the burden on participants. Research proposals submitted in 2021 have incorporated plans for the increased use of online methods.

The project with the Florida Senate, Assessing the Statewide Racial/Ethnic Impact of Proposed Criminal Justice Legislation in Florida, was successfully completed before the pandemic. However, plans for institutionalizing a partnership between the Florida Senate and the College were placed on hold because of the pandemic. Specifically, the College had plans to host the first annual State Criminal Justice Research and Policy Summit in the summer of 2020. The annual State Criminal Justice Research and Policy Summit was designed to provide state and local criminal justice officials and legislators with detailed state crime trends and forecasts to identify particular policy and legislative priorities. Beyond research presentations on state crime and criminal justice processing trends and forecasts, there were also plans for focused

discussions among the attendees to identify specific criminal justice challenges and policy priorities at both the local and state levels and the sharing of evidence-based best practices for confronting these challenges. The overall objective of the summit was to confront the challenges facing the state's criminal justice agencies at the state and local levels through the sharing of information, identification, and improvement of data limitations, and the development of a proactive data-driven approach to crime reduction and effective criminal justice policies and practices.

2021 Initiatives

In August 2020, Tim Girard joined the Center as a research faculty member. Mr. Girard brings extensive education experience, much of which is related to the education of at-risk and delinquent youth. Currently Mr. Girard is focused on the multi-year Maryland Juvenile Justice Education Partnership project. Mr. Girard is also collaborating with other Center faculty in the pursuit of a large initiative to develop and deliver continuing education courses for correctional educators. The program will begin by providing continuing education units (CEUs) and associated certifications for current teachers working in juvenile and adult correctional facilities. This program is intended to be expanded to include undergraduate and graduate degrees/certifications that will be jointly provided by the FSU Colleges of Criminology and Criminal Justice and Education.

The College also hired a new Development Officer, Amanda McCarty. She will work closely with Center and Institute faculty to identify funding from private donors and corporations to support various research initiatives. Importantly, Ms. McCarty will work with Center faculty on a strategic plan for development that will emphasize research funding, corporate and industry partnerships, Institute naming opportunities, and endowed research faculty positions.

Finally, President John Thrasher, following his retirement as President, will be joining the College as President Emeritus and Faculty Affiliate. As Faculty Affiliate in the College, President Thrasher will provide consultation, research, and teaching centered upon successfully navigating the legislative process in the effective implementation of evidence-based criminal justice reform laws and policies. His legislative expertise promises to accelerate the College's initiatives to successfully "Bring Research to Life" in the effort to reduce the pain and suffering of crime and provide state-of-the-art research for the discipline of criminology and the education of its undergraduate and graduate students.

As the Center continues to grow, additional specialized staffing is needed. The specialization of Center staff positions will enable continued growth and stability. Currently, the Center's greatest needs can be categorized into development and administration, specialized research, and administrative support.

Development

For the Center to continue its trajectory of growth, a position dedicated to development is needed. The position would support the Center's Research and Policy Institutes in finding funding opportunities, securing funding, and assisting in building and maintaining long-term partnerships with practitioners and policymakers. Working closely with the development position would also be marketing position dedicated to promoting Center research through social media outlets and assisting project Principal Investigators (PI)s with translating their research into publicly consumable research briefs, articles for trade journals, and news articles.

In addition, a dedicated administrative support position is needed. Administrative requirements for FSU's Sponsored Research Administration have significantly increased within the last year, which include the development of online grants administration modules for pre-

award proposal submission, post-award project management and accounting, interagency agreement and contract development, and human subjects research (IRB) applications and approval. Further, requirements for federal grant submissions and post-award requirements now require the use of two online systems for each grant proposal submission and award. As the number of pursued and awarded grants increase, the requirements for budgeting, staff appointments, human subjects review, and progress reporting will require additional accounting procedures and regular communication with PIs, College administration, and Sponsored Research Administration.

Specialized Research

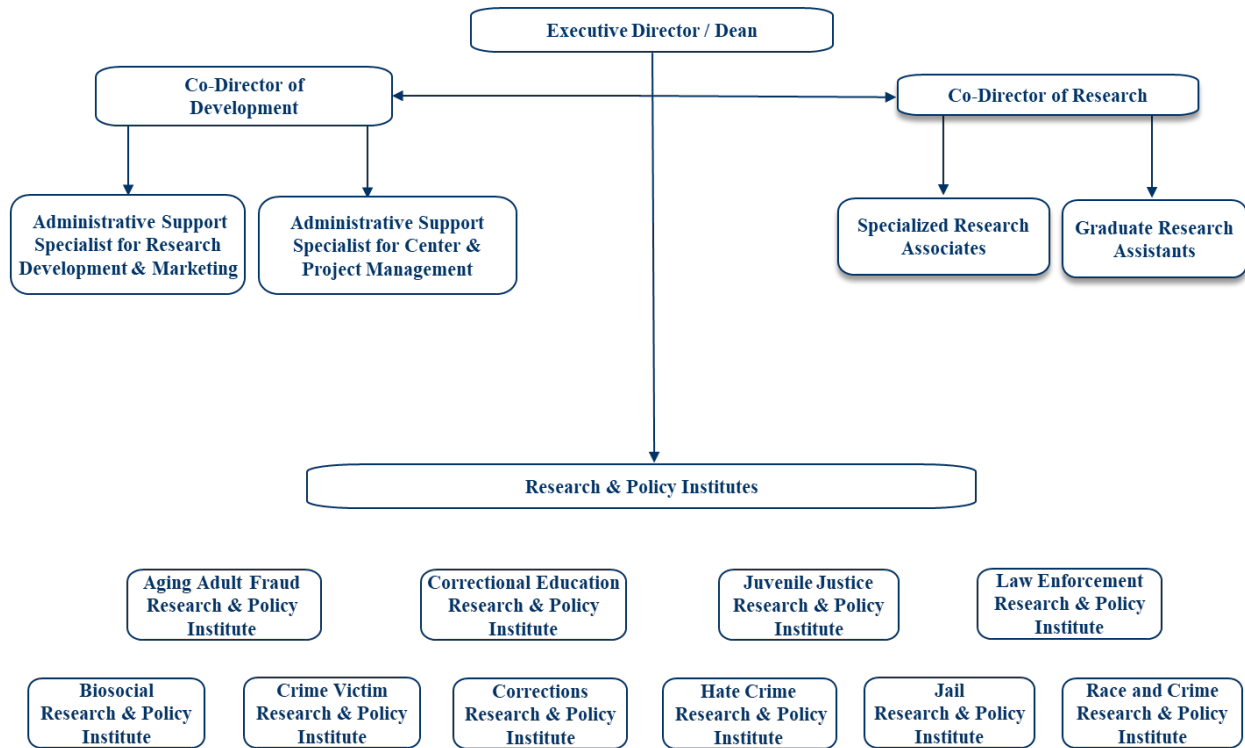
More specialized research capacity is also needed. Importantly, the Center would benefit from research associates that have specializations in areas of current and future public policy interest. Foremost, as administrative data from criminal justice agencies continues to grow and become more accessible, research associates are needed that can manage large datasets, integrate data across multiple agencies, and use administrative data to further the Center and its Partners' research and policy agendas. In addition to research associates with high levels of data management skills, content area expertise is also needed. The first specialized research associates to join the Center should possess content area expertise that do not already exist in the College and Institutes and are aligned with current critical areas of criminal justice policy. Areas such as racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile and criminal justice systems, policing, jails, cyber security, and government and private security are currently of interest to policymakers and funders and are likely to remain so as these systems are challenged, modified, and reformed through public debate, policymaking, and research. Relatedly, to more effectively deal with these emerging needs it is important that faculty recruitment considerations and priorities include

needed Center expertise. As the College's student body continues to grow, teaching becomes a priority for many College faculty and Ph.D. students. This teaching demand can compete with the demand for high quality research faculty and Ph.D. students. The hiring of specialized research faculty within the Center would decrease the personnel strain between the College and the Center and help increase the capacity for the Center to take on more funded projects. Specialized research associates with content area expertise can also serve as directors or co-directors (alongside College faculty) of the Center's various Research and Policy Institutes.

Institute Directors

Institute Directors are experts in the substantive area of their institute, manage projects and grants, and coordinate project activities with Center staff, College faculty, undergraduate and graduate students, and grantee representatives. In addition, Institute Directors actively incorporate their research into their teaching practices and provide students with opportunities for directed individual studies, research practicums, and the development of specialized courses. As the Research and Policy Institutes become more established and develop sustainable sources of funding, the roles and responsibilities of Institute Directors will likely evolve. Given the current context of juvenile and criminal justice reform, Institute Directors will likely be expected to play an active role in translating the Institute's research into public policy and practice. The flowchart below illustrates the Center's growing specialization needs.

Projected Center Growth and Infrastructure



The remainder of this annual report presents descriptive statistics and summary information relating to each of the goals set forth in the Center’s strategic plan, namely, sustainability and the development of partnerships, pursuing funded research, conducting research, impacting criminal justice policy and practice, and establishing a unique learning environment. This report includes information gathered from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Goal 1– Sustainability and Development of Partnerships

Establish base or reoccurring funding to support the overall sustainability and general budget needs of the Center. Establish and maintain collaborative partnerships with government agencies, professional organizations, and private industry.

Of critical importance to the future direction and growth of the Center are the establishment of institutionalized partnerships. Several new partnership agreements were executed or in

development during 2020. First, the Center pursued two umbrella agreements that will provide numerous opportunities to pursue funded research projects. Jennifer Copp executed an agreement with the MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge Research Consortium and Thomas Blomberg developed a partnership agreement with the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission. Second, Thomas Blomberg has guided Center efforts for a multi-year partnership project with the Walton County Sheriff's Office to provide advising and evaluation services for jail and reentry programming. This partnership project will include at least five faculty members. Third, the Center is engaged in a partnership with the Florida State University Police Department, Leon County Sheriff's Office, and Tallahassee Police Department to establish a Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) on the FSU campus. This partnership is being led by Thomas Blomberg, Julie Brancale, and Brian Stults and will provide numerous opportunities to pursue external funding and experiential learning for students.

In addition, Center partnerships continue to include state and local agencies across Florida such as the Florida Senate and the Florida Departments of Juvenile Justice, Corrections, and Law Enforcement, the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission, the Palm Beach County Office of Victim Services, and several county sheriffs' offices including Broward, Leon, and Palm Beach. The Center has also partnered with several agencies outside of Florida, including the Maryland State Departments of Education and Juvenile Services, Bowling Green State University, the non-partisan and objective research organization NORC at the University of Chicago, as well as private organizations such as Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, the Pew Charitable Trusts, Arnold Ventures, Maura's Voice, and the MacArthur Foundation.

The Center continues to pursue funding to bolster its capacity for conducting juvenile and criminal justice policy and practice research. Among the Center's strategic priorities are

obtaining endowments that would support specific research and policy institutes and long-term reoccurring contracts with public and private organizations. Some of the specific efforts that have been initiated to achieve these goals are umbrella agreements between the Center and the MacArthur Foundation’s Safety and Justice Challenge Research Consortium and between the Center and the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission.

Goal 2– Pursuing Funded Research

Pursue project-specific funding that encourages faculty participation and fulfills the purpose of the Center to conduct policy relevant research and the mission of the College to “Bring Research to Life”.

Table 1 provides information on research proposals submitted and contracts pursued during 2020. As shown in Table 1, 22 proposals, letters of interest, and negotiated contracts totaling \$4,451,557 were submitted for funding consideration. Eleven proposals were submitted to federal agencies, six to state agencies, and five to private organizations.

Table 1: Proposals & Contracts Pursued			
Proposal Title	Funding Source	Faculty	Amount
Are K-12 Schools in the United States Prepared to Educate Students for the Future? Assessing the Sustainability, Resilience, and Adaptability of Educational Infrastructure	NSF	Blomberg Girard Pesta Brancale	Letter of Interest
Developmental Pathophysiology of Drug Use in a Very High-Risk Subtype of CD Youth	Penn State / NIH	Beaver	\$298,233
Florida Juvenile Justice Residential Program Recidivism and Cost-Effectiveness Study 2021	Florida DJJ	Siennick Stults	\$40,300
Evaluation of the DJJ Young Parents Project	DJJ / FSU Center for Prevention	Copp	\$17,751
Improving the Quality of Juvenile Justice Education and Reducing Youths’ Academic Achievement Gaps Through a Sustainable Researcher-Practitioner Partnership	William T. Grant Foundation	Blomberg Brancale Girard Pesta	\$650,000
The Effect of the Racial Makeup of Police Forces on Racial Disparity in Arrest Rates	Leroy Collins Institute	Stults	\$40,000
Felony Disenfranchisement and Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Florida: Assessing the Role of Fines, Fees, and Restitution	Leroy Collins Institute	Chouhy Brancale Siennick	\$40,000

The Context of Racial Disparity in Arrest: A Quasi- Experimental Examination of the Relationship among Community Characteristics, Law Enforcement Resources, Race, and Arrest	NSF	Lantz Wenger	\$226,214
Collateral Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Prejudice, Hate Crime, and Victimization	Guggenheim Foundation	Wenger Lantz	\$40,050
Developmental Pathophysiology of Drug Use in a Very High-Risk Subtype of CD Youth	NIH / Penn State	Beaver	\$293,321
Florida Department of Law Enforcement and FSU Criminal Justice Research and Policy Summit	BJA / FDLE	Blomberg Brancale Pesta Burton Bales	\$583,061
COVID-19 Impacts on Jails	Russell Sage	Copp Brancale Blomberg	\$166,408
Juvenile Delinquency and Crime: Risk and Protective Factors in Two Nationally Representative Cohorts	NIJ / NORC	Copp	\$52,804
The Situational and Contextual Correlates of Non-Lethal Firearm Violence, 1995-2016: A Comparative Approach	National Collaborative on Gun Violence Research	Lantz Wenger	\$278,526
Individual, Situational, and Contextual Antecedents of Intimate Partner Violence: A Comparison of Firearm vs. Nonfirearm Homicides	NIJ	Lantz Wenger	\$435,403
Considering Collateral Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Examining the Impact of the Pandemic on Prejudice, Hate Crime, and Victimization	FSU Office of Proposal Development	Lantz Wenger	\$13,125
An Impact Evaluation of Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Behavioral Confinement Reduction Intervention	OJJDP / DJJ	Mears Pesta	\$199,356
Racial and Ethnic Disparities and COVID-19: Unraveling Social, Economic, and Health Effects of the Pandemic	FSU Office of Proposal Development	Piatkowska Siennick Mears Burdette	\$18,842
A Two-State Examination of Varied Measurement Strategies for Juvenile Reoffending	NIJ	Siennick Stults Pesta	\$512,718
Evaluation of the Walton County Jail's Reentry Program	Walton County Sheriff's Office	Blomberg Copp Brancale Pesta Wenger Castro	\$388,589

Gender-Bias Motivated Fatal Shootings of Women in Florida 2008-2018	Maura's Voice / College of Social Work	Turanovic Lantz	\$49,101
Exploring Prosecutorial Discretion in the Plea-Bargaining Process	MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge	Copp	\$107,755
Total			\$4,451,557

Table 2 lists the projects that were awarded and ongoing/active for any amount of time in 2020. There were 13 projects with operating budgets totaling **\$3,513,945**.

Table 3: Active Projects in 2020			
Project Title	Funding Source	Faculty	Amount
A Comprehensive Assessment of Deadly Mass Shootings, 1980-2018	NIJ	Turanovic	\$289,810
Considering Collateral Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Examining the Impact of the Pandemic on Prejudice, Hate Crime, and Victimization	FSU / SRA	Lantz Wenger	\$13,125
Predicting Reoffending and Informing Treatment for Florida Residential Youth	Florida DJJ	Hay Stults Copp	\$53,781
The Impacts of Restrictive Housing on Inmate Misconduct, Mental Health, and Recidivism, and Prison Systems and Personnel	NIJ	Bales Mears Siennick Pesta	\$770,000
Gender-Bias Motivated Fatal Shootings of Women in Florida 2008-2018	Maura's Voice	Turanovic Lantz	\$49,101
Mechanisms underlying desistance from crime: Individual and social pathways	NIJ Bowling Green	Copp	\$40,110
Relationship Dynamics in the National Survey of Teen Relationships and Intimate Violence	NORC NIJ	Copp	\$69,193
DUI Homicide Victim Response Demonstration Initiative	Palm Beach County Victim Services / OVC	Blomberg Turanovic Pesta	\$165,000
Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents with Minor Children	Miami-Dade County / OJJDP	Copp	\$112,455
Florida Juvenile Justice Residential Program Recidivism and Cost-Effectiveness Study	Florida DJJ	Siennick	\$39,440

The Determination of Statewide Racial/Ethnic Impact of Criminal Justice Bills in Florida	The Florida Senate	Blomberg Bales Chouhy Brancale Pesta Siennick	\$197,233
The Juvenile Justice Education Partnership	Maryland State Department of Education	Blomberg Girard Brancale Pesta	\$1,445,107
Palm Beach County Jail Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission	Palm Beach CJC MacArthur Foundation	Blomberg Copp	\$251,839
Evaluation of the DJJ Young Parents Project	DJJ / FSU Center for Prevention	Copp	\$17,751
Total			\$3,513,945

Goal 3 – Conducting Research

Conduct research that is germane to the interests of the College and Center faculty and fulfills the purpose of the Center to conduct policy relevant research and mission of the College to “Bring Research to Life”.

The lists below provide all publications and presentations that originated from Center funded projects and were either published or accepted during 2020. Thirteen research studies were published in peer-reviewed journals and book chapters. The publications included contributions by 9 faculty members, 5 graduate students, and 8 project partners (i.e. professors at other universities and criminal justice agency staff).

Publications from Center Research Projects

Aranda-Hughes, Vivian, Daniel P. Mears, George B. Pesta, & Jennifer M. Brown. The Contemporary Salience of Deprivation Theory: Prison Personnel Perceptions of Inmates and the Pains of Solitary Confinement. *Crime and Delinquency*. Forthcoming.

Aranda-Hughes, Vivian, Jillian J. Turanovic, Daniel P. Mears, & George B. Pesta. Women in Solitary Confinement: Relationships, Pseudofamilies, and the Limits of Control. *Feminist Criminology*. Forthcoming.

Brancale, Julie, Thomas G. Blomberg, Sonja Siennick, George B. Pesta, Nic Swagar, Kaylee Noorman, Jonathan Caswell, & Cecilia Chouhy. Building Collaborative Evidence-Based Frameworks for Criminal Justice Policy. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*. Forthcoming.

- Brown, Samantha J., Daniel P. Mears, Nicole L. Collier, Andrea N. Montes, George B. Pesta, & Sonja E. Siennick. 2020. Education vs. Punishment? Silo Effects and the School-to-Prison Pipeline. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 57(4), 403-443.
- Chouhy, Cecilia, Nic Swagar, Julie Brancale, Kaylee Noorman, Sonja E. Siennick, Jonathan Caswell, William D. Bales, George B. Pesta, & Thomas G. Blomberg. Forecasting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Proposed Criminal Justice Legislation. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. Forthcoming.
- Montes, Andrea N., Daniel P. Mears, Nicole L. Collier, George B. Pesta, Sonja E. Siennick, & Samantha J. Brown. 2020. Blurred and Confused: The Paradox of Police in Schools. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*. Forthcoming.
- Nadel, Melissa R., George B. Pesta, Thomas G. Blomberg, & William D. Bales. Community Context and Individual Characteristics in Decisions to Divert or Arrest. *Law and Society Review*. Forthcoming.
- Noorman, Kaylee, Julie Brancale, & Thomas G. Blomberg. Criminal Justice Policy Reform Through Researcher-Practitioner/ Policymaker Partnerships. In Elizabeth Jeglic and Cynthia Calkins (Eds.). *Handbook of Issues in Criminal Justice Reform*. Springer. Forthcoming.
- Siennick, Sonja E., Alex O. Widdowson, & Mark E. Feinberg. 2020. Youth with co-occurring delinquency and depressive symptoms: Do they have better or worse delinquent outcomes? *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 49(6), 1260-1276.
- Siennick, Sonja E., Mayra Picon, Jennifer M. Brown, & Daniel P. Mears. Revisiting and unpacking the mental illness and solitary confinement relationship. *Justice Quarterly*. Forthcoming.
- Siennick, Sonja E., Samantha J. Brown, Daniel P. Mears, George B. Pesta, Andrea N. Montes, & Nicole L. Collier. 2020. School-Based Wraparound Services for Youth with Prior Police Contact: A Randomized Controlled Trial. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, 16(2), 207-226.
- Turanovic, Jillian J., Travis C. Pratt, Teresa C. Kulig, & Francis T. Cullen. *Confronting School Violence: A Synthesis of Six Decades of Research*. New York: Cambridge University Press. In press.

Presentations at Academic Conferences

Due to the cancellation of all major academic conferences as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, there were no Center related presentations at academic conferences in 2020.

Goal 4 – Impacting Criminal Justice Policy and Practice

Facilitate the use of research to impact criminal justice policy and practice at the federal, state, and local levels.

The list below includes 8 presentations that were given to criminal justice policymakers and practitioners based upon Center research projects. Several of these presentations were delivered remotely in accordance with COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Translational Presentations

Blomberg, Thomas G. *Juvenile Justice Education Partnership*. Presentation to the Maryland JSES Education Coordinating Council, December 2020.

Blomberg, Thomas G. & Julie Brancale. *United States Criminal Justice: Past to Present*. Presentation to the Inn of Court, September 2020.

Blomberg, Thomas G. & Julie Brancale. *Aging Adults, Turning Points, and Thresholds Resulting in Financial Exploitation*. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Florida State University, February 2020.

Copp, Jennifer E. *A Life Course Perspective on Parental Incarceration and Other Family-Based Sources of Risk and Resilience*. 28th Annual National Symposium on Family Issues. The Pennsylvania State University, October 2020.

Siennick, Sonja E., George B. Pesta, & Mayra Picon. *New Research to Better Understand Recidivism: A Two-State Examination of Varied Measurement Strategies for Juvenile Reoffending*. Paper presented at the National Conference on Juvenile Justice, 2020.

Turanovic, Jillian J. *Heterogeneous Effects of Violent Victimization on Young Adult Outcomes for Black and White Youth*. Panel sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, 2020.

Turanovic, Jillian J. *Deadly Mass Shootings in America: Trends and Features across Four Decades*. Webinar, Office of Counterterrorism, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 2020.

Turanovic, Jillian. *Deadly Mass Shootings in America: Trends and Features across Four Decades. Advancing Understanding and Informing Prevention of Public Mass Shootings: Findings from NIJ Funded Studies*. Webinar, National Institute of Justice, 2020.

Research Reports

The list below includes 17 research reports that were submitted to Center funding agencies during 2020.

Blomberg, Thomas G., George B. Pesta, Julie Brancale, Jeanine Blomberg, & Nicole L. Collier. *The Juvenile Justice Education Partnership Phase 1 Report: Discovery*. Submitted to the Maryland Department of Education, July 2020.

Brancale, Julie, Thomas G. Blomberg, George B. Pesta, Cecilia Chouhy, Kaylee Fitzpatrick, Nic Swagar, William D. Bales. *Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement on SB1866-Assault and Battery Against Special Populations*. Submitted to the Florida Senate Criminal Justice Committee, January 2020.

Brancale, Julie, Thomas G. Blomberg, George B. Pesta, Cecilia Chouhy, Kaylee Fitzpatrick, Nic Swagar, William D. Bales. *Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement on SB1716-Prison Releasee Reoffender*. Submitted to the Florida Senate Criminal Justice Committee, January 2020.

Brancale, Julie, Thomas G. Blomberg, George B. Pesta, Cecilia Chouhy, Kaylee Fitzpatrick, Nic Swagar, William D. Bales. *Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement on SB1504-Driving with a Suspended, Revoked, or Canceled License*. Submitted to the Florida Senate Criminal Justice Committee, January 2020.

Brancale, Julie, Thomas G. Blomberg, George B. Pesta, Cecilia Chouhy, Kaylee Fitzpatrick, Nic Swagar, William D. Bales. *Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement on SB1396-Driving Under the Influence Diversion Program*. Submitted to the Florida Senate Criminal Justice Committee, January 2020.

Brancale, Julie, Thomas G. Blomberg, George B. Pesta, Cecilia Chouhy, Kaylee Fitzpatrick, Nic Swagar, William D. Bales. *Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement on SB1308-Resentencing of Youthful and Young Adult Offenders*. Submitted to the Florida Senate Criminal Justice Committee, January 2020.

Brancale, Julie, Thomas G. Blomberg, George B. Pesta, Cecilia Chouhy, Kaylee Fitzpatrick, Nic Swagar, William D. Bales. *Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement on SB1288-Solicitation of Legal Services*. Submitted to the Florida Senate Criminal Justice Committee, January 2020.

Copp, Jennifer, Thomas G. Blomberg, William Casey. *Pretrial Risk Assessment in Palm Beach County, Florida: Final Report*. Prepared for the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission, September 2020.

Copp, Jennifer. *Relationship Dynamics in the National Survey of Teen Relationships and Intimate Violence*. U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice, 2020.

Hay, Carter., Jennifer Copp, & Brian Stults. *Predicting Reoffending and Informing Treatment for Florida Residential Youth*. Final report prepared for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, June 2020.

Mears, Daniel P., George B. Pesta, Vivian Aranda-Hughes, Jennifer M. Brown, Sonja E. Siennick, Joshua C. Cochran, & William D. Bales. *The Impacts of Restrictive Housing on Inmate Behavior, Mental Health, and Recidivism, and Prison Systems and Personnel*. Final report submitted to the National Institute of Justice, September 2020 (Award No. 2016-IJ-CX-0014).

Siennick, Sonja E. *Florida Juvenile Justice Residential Program Recidivism and Cost-Effectiveness Study*. Final report submitted for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, 2020.

Turanovic, Jillian J., Thomas G. Blomberg, George B. Pesta, Julie L. Kuper, & Julie Brancale. *Palm Beach County Victim Services Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Related Deaths Demonstration Project. Final Report prepared for the Office for Victims of Crime*, October 2020 (Award No. 2016-XV-GX-K018).

Goal 5 – Creating a Unique Learning Environment

Provide unique learning opportunities for post-graduate, graduate, and undergraduate students.

Beyond providing funding for graduate students, which includes the opportunity to collaborate with Center and College faculty on research projects, the Center also provides the opportunity for unique learning experiences for students through directed individual study (DIS) courses, dissertations, theses, and area papers. The number of DIS and supervised research activities are listed below.

- Eleven graduate research assistants worked on various Center research projects.
- Five graduate students completed DIS courses on Jillian Turanovic’s Mass Shootings Project.
- One graduate student completed a PhD dissertation using data from a Center project.
- Six undergraduate students completed DIS courses in the Center.
- Sixteen students were supervised on Center related research projects through the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP).

Goal 6 – Marketing and Outreach

Market the Center’s services and research through traditional and social media sources.

The Center faculty works closely with the College’s Communications Manager, Natalie Edwards-Heller, to create marketing materials that showcase the Center’s research and outreach activities. The specific reoccurring marketing materials that are developed include pamphlets, handouts, news briefs, press releases, social media postings on Facebook and Twitter, and webpage revamps. For example, Center and Institute Directors were featured in nine College

newsletters highlighting their awards and honors and press releases were issued for the Oregon Youth Authority and Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Project.

In addition, the Center has been frequently featured in promotional email campaigns organized by the College during 2020. The Center's website has been updated and expanded. These initiatives have been vital in maintaining a marketing presence during the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, several Center and Institute faculty members were featured in College articles for awards they received from work completed through the Center.

Summary and Future Directions

The Center continues to seek external funding to conduct juvenile and criminal justice policy and practice research. The funding and its related research projects help to support faculty research initiatives and provide students with opportunities for research experience, professional presentations, publications, and funding.

The Center has continued to build upon its established trajectory of excellence. During 2020, the Center pursued and achieved several strategic initiatives including the establishment of additional Research and Policy Institutes, the strengthening of existing and additional new partnerships, and the awarding of new funded research projects. The Center applied to or received research funding from 21 different public and private organizations. This resulted in applications for \$4,451,557 and management of \$3,513,945 in new and ongoing research funding. Involvement in the Center included 17 faculty, 17 graduate students, and 22 undergraduate students, which was an increase in all categories of involvement from 2019.

As the Center continues to expand, it has become necessary to increase the number of staff and amount of office space. The COVID-19 pandemic has slowed the progress on some of

these initiatives, but plans are in place to continue to grow and sustain the Center and the associated Research and Policy Institutes. In addition, the Center has plans to establish a full-time internship program for undergraduate students to work with Center and College faculty on research projects while simultaneously earning credit for their undergraduate degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. The Center has continued to meet its goals and purpose throughout the trying and uncertain times associated with an unprecedented global pandemic. Importantly, many of the adaptations, such as completion of many project activities through Zoom and an increased online presence, will remain valuable additions to the Center's ongoing operations. Moreover, as the Center continues with its research and policy objectives, the increasingly important role of "public service entrepreneurship" will be essential for ultimate sustainability of the Center. This will involve explicit consideration and implementation of activities by the Center's Institutes that not only inform policy and practice but also result in citizen education and related public services that can be marketed for funding.