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Introduction

The Florida State University (FSU) Center for Criminology and Public Policy Research (Center) is a branch of the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice (College) that focuses on expanding the influence of scholarship on public policy and promoting evidence-based criminal justice policymaking and practice at the local, state, and national levels. 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 support data collection and crime and justice policy research initiatives that promote social justice.

Specifically, the Center works to achieve the following objectives:

- Obtain and maintain external funding to support policy-relevant research
- Conduct rigorous, policy-relevant empirical research
- Disseminate and promote evidence-based policy and practice at the national, state, and local levels
- Contribute to the field of criminology with theoretically relevant and methodologically sound research
- Provide opportunities for students to participate in research and policy related activities

This annual report presents descriptive statistics and summary information relating to each of the Center's strategic plan goals. Under Goal 1: Sustainability, information about the development and awarding of long-term contracts is reported. Pursuing Funded Research: Goal 2, describes solicited proposals submitted by the Center and those that were successfully awarded. Under Goal 3: Conducting Research, a review of the publications submitted and accepted and the presentations given at academic conferences is provided. Goal 4: Collaborative Partnerships, describes the current and developing partnerships with the Center. Under Goal 5: Impacting Criminal Justice Policy and Practice, research reports and presentations to practitioner

audiences are listed. Under Goal 6: Learning Environment, the report describes how the Center has worked to create a unique learning experience for both undergraduate and graduate students. Finally, under Goal 7: Marketing and Outreach, the report examines the Center’s initiatives to showcase the Center through traditional and social media sources.

Goal 1 - Sustainability: *Establish base or reoccurring funding to support the overall sustainability and general budget needs of the Center.*

Table 1 provides information on contracts pursued. In 2015-2016, the Center was involved in two initiatives to establish long-term contracts with private sector corporations currently in negotiations. These include funding from Merrill Lynch for a research and policy institute on elder abuse and fraud and funding from G4S for security management degree programs.

Table 1: Contracts Pursued		
Funding Agency Name	Funding Agency Type	Amount
Merrill Lynch Institute for Research and Policy on Elder Abuse and Fraud	Private Industry	Negotiating
G4S Bachelors and Masters Security Management Program	Private Industry	Negotiating
Total		N/A

Goal 2 – Pursuing Funded Research: *Pursue project specific funding that encourages faculty participation in funded research and fulfills the mission of the Center to conduct policy relevant research.*

Tables 2 and 3 provide information on solicited proposals submitted and awarded respectively. As shown in Table 3, during the 2015-2016 academic year twelve proposals, totaling \$2,323,413 were submitted. Five of the proposals were submitted to federal agencies, including three to NIJ. Table 3 shows that eight solicited proposals were successfully awarded to the Center in 2015-2016. Two were awarded through federal agencies, one from NIJ and one from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The awards totaled more than \$700,000 and include four projects that operate through 2017.

Proposal	Funding Source	Source Type	PI(s)	Amount
Florida Disproportionate Minority Contact Statewide Assessment	DJJ	State	Warren Stewart	\$100,000
Incarceration and Family Life	NSF	Federal	Copp	\$400,000
The Impacts of Restrictive Housing on Inmate Misconduct, Mental Health, and Recidivism, and Prison Systems and Personnel	NIJ	Federal	Mears Bales	\$729,089
The Impacts of Incarceration on Parents, Children, and Family	NIJ	Federal	Copp Bales	\$767,752
Examining Race and Gender Disparities in Administrative Segregation Placements	Sam Houston State University/NIJ	Federal	Turanovic	\$44,088
DUI Homicide Victim Response Demonstration Initiative	Palm Beach County	State	Blomberg	\$148,466
AHPEG Award: Theodor Abel's Nazi Women	FSU CRC	FSU	Maier-Katkin	\$17,500
Planning Grant: The Effects of Parental Incarceration on Child Well-Being	FSU CRC	FSU	Copp	\$13,000
FYAP: Parental Incarceration and Child Well-Being: An Examination of Mediating Mechanisms and Conditional Effects	FSU CRC	FSU	Copp	\$20,000
FYAP: The Heterogeneous Consequences of Adolescent Victimization in Early Adulthood	FSU CRC	FSU	Turanovic	\$20,000
Assessing the Effects of Public and Community Accessibility on Reentry Outcomes	University of South Florida/NIJ	Federal	Mears Bales	\$38,908
The Use of Coercion, Mandated Services, and Leverage in the Social Services: Moving Toward Empirically Based, Effective, Socially Just Practices and Policies	Multidisciplinary Support Grant Program	FSU	Gomory (College of Social Work) Bales	\$24,610
Total				\$2,323,413

Proposal Name	Funding Source	Source Type	PI(s)	Start	End	Amount
Juvenile Disproportionate Minority Contact in Florida	DJJ	State	Warren Stewart	2016	2017	\$100,000
Understanding Differences in the Relationship Between Prison Visitation and Recidivism	Arizona State University/NSF	Federal	Turanovic	2015	2017	\$168,946
Individual, Institutional, and Community Sources of School Violence: A Meta-Analysis	Arizona State University/NIJ	Federal	Turanovic	2016	2017	\$380,122
FYAP: Parental Incarceration and Child Well-Being: An Examination of Mediating Mechanisms and Conditional Effects	FSU CRC	FSU	Copp	5/1/2016	8/10/2016	\$20,000

FYAP: The Heterogeneous Consequences of Adolescent Victimization in Early Adulthood	FSU CRC	FSU	Turanovic	5/1/2016	8/10/2016	\$20,000
AHPEG Award: Theodor Abel's Nazi Women	FSU CRC	FSU	Maier-Katkin	5/1/2016	9/30/2016	\$17,500
Planning Grant: The Effects of Parental Incarceration on Child Well-Being	FSU CRC	FSU	Copp	5/16/2016	5/15/2017	\$13,000
Total						\$719,588

Table 4 provides information on all of the Center's projects that received funding during the 2015-2016 academic year. There were eight funded projects with operating budgets totaling \$2,605,405. Projects include four funded through NIJ, one through DJJ, one through the National Institute of Health (NIH), one through the National Science Foundation (NSF), and a privately funded project from Merrill Lynch.

Table 4: All Funded Research						
Proposal Name	Funding Source	Source Type	PI(s)	Start	End	Amount
Friendship Networks and Substance Use in Adolescence	NIH	Federal	Siennick	1/1/2013	12/31/2018	\$303,311
Elder Financial Exploitation	Merrill Lynch	Private	Blomberg	1/1/2015	6/30/2016	\$118,000
Disproportionate Minority Contact: A Statewide Assessment	DJJ	State	Warren Stewart	1/1/2016	12/31/2017	\$100,000
Understanding Differences in the Relationship Between Prison Visitation and Recidivism	NSF	Federal	Turanovic	2015	2017	\$168,946
Developing Knowledge About What Makes Schools Safe	NIJ through Palm Beach County Schools	Federal	Mears Siennick	1/1/2015	12/31/2017	\$981,481
FSU and Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnership	NIJ	Federal	Bales	1/1/2014	12/31/2017	\$495,000
Translational Criminology: Research and Public Policy	NIJ	Federal	Pesta	1/1/2015	6/30/2016	\$58,545
Individual, Institutional, and Community Sources of School Violence: A Meta-Analysis	NIJ	Federal	Turanovic	2016	2017	\$380,122
Total						\$2,605,405

Goal 3 – Conducting Research: *Conduct research that is germane to the interests of the College and Center faculty and fulfills the mission of the Center to conduct policy relevant research.*

Tables 5 and 6 provide information on the number of publications that were generated from Center research projects and submitted and accepted for publication. In 2015-2016 four research publications were generated for funded research projects and submitted to peer-review journals, book chapters and academic encyclopedias. Additionally, three publications were accepted and published. Some submitted publications are awaiting acceptance and, if published, will be captured in next year’s annual report. This year’s publications included contributions by seven different faculty members, ten graduate students, and fourteen project partners in more than ten different publications.

Table 5: Publications Submitted						
Publication Title	Project	Publication	Authors	Faculty	Student	Partner
The Use of Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships in Florida’s Correctional Agencies	FSU & DOC Researcher-Practitioner Partnership	Corrections Today	Ranson Ramos Pesta Blomberg	2	2	0
Assessing the State-Wide Impact of the Specter Vocational Program on Reentry Outcomes: A Propensity Score Matching Analysis	FSU & DOC Researcher-Practitioner Partnership	Journal of Offender Rehabilitation	Hill Scaggs Bales Clark	1	3	0
Juvenile Court Contemporary Division: Helpful, Harmful, or Both?	NIJ through Palm Beach County Schools	Criminology and Public Policy	Mears Kuch Lindsey Siennick Pesta Greenwald Blomberg	4	2	1
Hanging out with the wrong crowd? Unstructured socializing, delinquency and characteristics of the present peers	Friendship Networks	Social Problems	Hoeben Osgood Siennick Weerman	1	0	3
Early sexual initiation and mental health: A fleeting	Friendship Networks	Journal of Research on	Wesche Lefkowitz	1	0	3

association or enduring change?		Adolescence	Kreager Siennick			
Moving Visitation Research Forward: The Arizona Visitation Project	Prison Visitation and Recidivism	Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law and Society	Tasca Wright Turanovic White Rodriguez	1	0	4

Table 6: Publications Accepted

Advancing Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy	Center	Book: Routledge	<u>Editors:</u> Blomberg Mestre- Brancale Beaver Bales	3	1	0
Education and Delinquency	JJEEP	Advancing Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy	Pesta Blomberg	2	0	0
The Use of Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships in Florida's Correctional Agencies	FSU & DOC Researcher-Practitioner Partnership	Corrections Today	Blomberg Pesta Ramos Ranson	2	2	0
New students' peer integration and exposure to deviant peers: Spurious effects of school moves?	Friendship Networks	Journal of Early Adolescence	Siennick Widdowson Ragan	1	1	1
Risk factors for substance misuse and adolescents' symptoms of depression	Friendship Networks	Journal of Adolescent Health	Siennick Widdowson Woessner Feinberg Spoth	1	2	2

Table 7 provides information on presentations at academic conferences. In 2015-2016 Center projects were represented by fourteen presentations at five different conferences. Most presentations were conducted at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology (ASC) and the American Criminal Justice Society (ACJS). Presentations represent projects and work done by five faculty members, thirteen graduate students and eleven project partners.

Table 7: Presentations at Academic Conferences

Presentation Title	Project	Conference	Authors	Faculty	Student	Partner
Understanding the Relationship between First Arrest, School Disciplinary Practices, and Involvement in the Juvenile Justice System	FSU & DJJ Researcher-Practitioner Partnership	ASC	Mestre-Brancale Pesta Greenwald Woodard	1	2	1
Civil Citations in Florida: The Potential Net-widening Effect in Juvenile Sanctions	FSU & DJJ Researcher-Practitioner Partnership	ASC	Nadel Bales Greenwald Pesta	2	1	1
The Effect of a Workplace and Community Transition Training Program on Employment and Recidivism Outcomes	FSU & DOC Researcher-Practitioner Partnership	ASC	Hill Bales Scaggs	1	2	0
Assessing the Impact of Work-Release Programs on Employment, Recidivism, and Re-Imprisonment	FSU & DOC Researcher-Practitioner Partnership	ACJS	Scaggs Ensley Bales Coltharp Clark	1	2	2
Assessing the Effectiveness of Work-Release on Recidivism and Employment	FSU & DOC Researcher-Practitioner Partnership	ACJS	Singer Clark Bales Ensley Coltharp	1	2	2
Elder Financial Exploitation in Florida: An Exploratory Study of the Risk and Protective Factors	Merrill Lynch	ASC	Mestre-Brancale Blomberg Campion Ranson Pesta	2	3	0
Life Course, Turning Points, and Elder Financial Fraud	Merrill Lynch	Law and Society Association	Blomberg Mestre-Brancale Pesta Ranson Campion	2	3	0
Translational Criminology: Research and Public Policy in Florida's Adult and Juvenile Correction's System	Translational Criminology	ASC	Pesta Ramos	1	1	0
Adolescent depression and social network integration: Differences by gender and substance use status	Friendship Networks	ASC	Siennick Feinberg	1	0	1
The magnitude of peer influence: An instrumental variable analysis	Friendship Networks	ASC	Ragan Osgood Siennick	1	0	2
An empirical test of Moffitt's social mimicry hypothesis	Friendship Networks	ASC	Widdowson Ranson	1	2	1

			Siennick Rulison			
Parental depression and the moderating effects of peer networks on adolescent behavior	Friendship Networks	ASC	Woessner Siennick Feinberg	1	1	1
Sexual intercourse, making out, and depression in adolescence	Friendship Networks	Society for Research on Child Development Biennial Meeting	Wesche Lefkowitz Kreager Siennick	1	0	3
Examining Prisoners' Varied Experiences with Visitation	Prison Visitation and Recidivism	Western Society of Criminology Annual Conference	Turanovic	1	0	0

Goal 4 – Collaborative Partnerships: *Establish and maintain collaborative partnerships with government agencies, professional organizations, and private industry.*

The Center’s collaborative partnerships with the Florida DJJ, DOC, and Palm Beach County continued this year with several projects. The Center has partnered with DJJ for the Disproportionate Minority Contact project and Researcher-Practitioner Partnership. The Researcher-Practitioner Partnership includes assessing civil citations as alternatives to arrest, examining the outcomes associated with family visitation of committed youths, and assessing the school-to-prison pipeline. Dr. William Bales is currently working with DOC to determine the predictive accuracy of and provide recommendations for, the FDOC Corrections Integrated Needs Assessment System (CINAS). The system is designed to place inmates in the most appropriate programs to reduce risk of post-prison recidivism. The Center has also partnered with the Palm Beach County School District to research a school-based intervention to make schools safer and reduce delinquency. Discussions of future projects are ongoing with DOC, DJJ, and Palm Beach County.

Goal 5 -- Impacting Criminal Justice Policy and Practice: *Facilitate the use of research to impact criminal justice policy and practice at the federal, state, and local level.*

Tables 8 and 9 provide information regarding presentations to policymakers and practitioners and completed research reports respectively. During the 2015-2016 academic year Center staff presented seven times to practitioner groups. This included five presentations on elder financial exploitation to groups such as the board members of the St. Joe Company and the Florida State University Development Council. The center also presented at the Association of Paroling Authorities International Annual Training Conference and the State Appropriations Subcommittee on Civil and Criminal Justice. Research reports were also submitted for the Elder Financial Exploitation project funded by Merrill Lynch and the Translational Criminology project funded by NIJ.

Table 8: Presentations to Policymakers and Practitioners

Title	Conference	Project	Authors	Faculty	Student	Partner
The Effectiveness of Global Positioning Systems (GPS) Monitoring on the Outcomes of Florida Offenders Placed on Post-Prison Conditional Release Supervision	Association of Paroling Authorities International 2016 Annual Training Conference	FSU & DOC Researcher-Practitioner Partnership	Blomberg Bales Clark	2	1	0
Elder Financial Exploitation: An Overview of the Research	Florida State University Westcott Legacy Society	Merrill Lynch	Mestre-Brancale	0	1	0
Exploring the Risk and Protective Factors of Elder Financial Exploitation	Florida Senate President-Designate Joe Negron's University Listening Tour	Merrill Lynch	Mestre-Brancale	0	1	0
Elder Financial Exploitation in The Villages	The Villages Property Owners Association	Merrill Lynch	Blomberg	1	0	0
Elder Financial Exploitation	Florida State University Development Council	Merrill Lynch	Blomberg Mestre-Brancale	1	1	0
Elder Financial Exploitation in The Villages	Board members of The St. Joe Company	Merrill Lynch	Blomberg Mestre-Brancale	2	1	0

			Pesta			
Update from the Center on the Effectiveness of Reentry Programs	Committee Meeting for Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice	FSU & DOC Researcher-Practitioner Partnership	Bales	1	0	0

Table 9: Research Reports						
Title	Project	Publication	Authors	Faculty	Student	Partner
Elder Financial Exploitation in a Large Retirement Community	Merrill Lynch	Final Report to Merrill Lynch	Mestre-Brancale Blomberg Pesta Ranson Campion	2	3	0
Translational Criminology – Research and Public Policy: Final Summary Report	Translational Criminology	NIJ Final Report	Pesta Ramos Ranson Singer Blomberg	2	3	0

Goal 6 – Creating a Unique Learning Environment: *Provide unique learning opportunities for post-graduate, graduate, and undergraduate students.*

Tables 10, 11, and 12 provide information on graduate research assistants funded through the Center, directed individual studies (DIS) offered through the Center, and dissertations, theses, and area papers tied to the Center, respectively. During the 2015-2016 academic year, the Center was able to fund 11 graduate research assistants for a total of 25 semesters.

As presented in Table 12, both graduate and undergraduate students are provided an opportunity to become involved in Center research activities through DIS with PIs and Center faculty. In 2015-2016 ten graduate students and four undergraduate students worked with faculty members on topics such as elder financial exploitation, schools and delinquency, and outcomes for delinquent youth. During the 2015-2016 year, one dissertation and one area paper related to Center activities were completed. In addition to the information provided in the tables, the Center hosted one Entrepreneur in Residence, Raymond Vickers, to lead the Institute for the Prevention of Financial Fraud.

Table 10: Graduate Research Assistants		
Project	Students	Semesters
FSU and Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnership	2	6
Elder Financial Exploitation	2	4
Palm Beach School Based Interventions	3	8
Friendship Networks and Substance Use in Adolescence	1	1
General Center Support	2	5
Florida Disproportionate Minority Contact Statewide Assessment Study	1	1
Total	11	25

Table 11: Directed Independent Studies			
Grad/Undergrad	Faculty	DIS Title	Semester
Undergraduate	Mestre Brancale, Blomberg	Elder Financial Exploitation	Fall 2015
Graduate	Pesta	Schools and Delinquency	Fall 2015
Graduate	Pesta	Translational Criminology	Fall 2015
Undergraduate	Pesta	Homeland Security	Fall 2015, Spring 2016
Undergraduate	Mestre Brancale, Blomberg	Elder Financial Exploitation	Spring 2016
Undergraduate	Pesta	Schools and Delinquency	Summer 2016
Graduate	Bales	Adjudication Withheld/Juvenile Offenders	Fall 2015
Graduate	Bales	Strain/Low Self Control Prison	Fall 2015
Graduate	Bales	Prison Misconduct	Spring 2016
Undergraduate	Bales	Juveniles Incarcerated in Prisons	Summer 2016
Graduate	Bales	Veterans and Recidivism	Summer 2016
Graduate	Bales	Domestic Violence Offenders and Recidivism	Summer 2016
Graduate	Siennick	Randomized Trials with Interactions	Fall 2015
Graduate	Siennick	Outcomes for Delinquent Youth	Fall 2015
Total			15

Table 12: Dissertations, Theses, and Area Papers			
Title	Student	Faculty	Project
Becoming the Person Your Dog Thinks You Are: An Assessment of Florida Prison-Based Dog Training Programs on Prison Misconduct, Post-Release Employment and Recidivism	Hill Dissertation	Bales	FSU & DOC Researcher-Practitioner Partnership
Examining the argument for school-based interventions (SBIs) for identified delinquents	Collier Area Paper	Mears	School Safety and Student Performance Partnership
Total			

Goal 7 – Marketing and Outreach: *Market the Center’s services and research through traditional and social media sources.*

During the 2015-2016 academic year, the website for The Center for Criminology and Public Policy Research was updated with project information about all previous and current awards. Information includes project descriptions, funding agency, PI(s), assigned graduate research assistant(s), funding amount, and major research reports and presentations.

A large amount of marketing and outreach was generated by the Elder Financial Fraud Project sponsored by Merrill Lynch. This included flyers, postcards, media outlet alerts, press releases, event photos on social media, newspaper advertisements, and an article posted to the College’s webpage on the presentation to the St. Joe’s Company. In addition, a press release was written to announce School Safety and Student Performance Partnership with DJJ and the Palm Beach County School District. Also, the Florida Department of Corrections announced in a press release that it would be implementing the Spectrum pilot project to improve the rehabilitation and re-entry of inmates suffering from substance use disorders.

Conclusion:

In sum, the Center continues to seek external funding for the purpose of conducting policy relevant research. The funding, and its related research projects, help support faculty research initiatives and provide students with opportunities for research experience, professional presentations, and publications.

During the 2015-2016 academic year, the Center pursued and achieved several strategic initiatives. In 2015-2016, the Center responded to research solicitations and contracts that totaled over \$2 million in funding, was awarded \$719,588 in new research funding. Current funded projects for the year totaled \$2,605,405.

The Center's collaborative partnerships with agencies, local government, and industry grew stronger as evidenced by more joint papers and presentations by FSU and partnership personnel.

In addition, academic research generated from Center projects included "Advancing Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy" a new book edited by Center faculty and graduate students, eight submitted peer-reviewed publications, three accepted publications, and fourteen presentations at academic conferences. Center staff produced research reports for the National Institute of Justice and Merrill Lynch, and presented at seven practitioner/policymaker meetings.

Finally, the Center provided major opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students to gain research experience, earn assistantships, and present and publish research findings. During the 2015-2016 academic year the Center funded eleven different graduate students for a total of twenty-five semesters. The Center also offered directed individual studies to ten graduate students and four undergraduate students.