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Introduction

The Florida State University (FSU) Center for Criminology and Public Policy Research (Center) is part 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 simultaneously advance criminal justice policy.

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

To further those objectives, the Center is undergoing structural changes. These changes include 1) the creation of Institutes within the Center that will focus on particular research and policy areas and 2) the hiring of new staff. Figure 1 below illustrates the organizational structure that the Center will implement over the next several years. Currently, there is the potential for six Institutes within the Center that conduct research and inform policy. Those Institutes include law enforcement, crime victimization, financial fraud and exploitation, corrections, juvenile justice, and cybersecurity. Moreover, it is anticipated that the Center's

Institutes will grow in relation to expanded faculty expertise and needs in crime research and policy.



Figure 1. Revised Structure of the Center for Criminology and Public Policy Research.

Each Institute will have a director who manages projects, grants, and coordinates project activities with faculty affiliates and graduate students. Each Institute will also have faculty affiliates. These faculty affiliates will be experts in the substantive area of their affiliated Institute and actively pursue and direct funded research in that area.

The remainder of 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. Under Goal 2: Pursuing

Funded Research describes proposals submitted by the Center and those that were awarded.

Under Goal 3: Conducting Research, a review of the publications accepted and the presentations given at academic conferences are listed. Goal 4: Collaborative Partnerships, describes the current 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. Under Goal 7: Marketing and Outreach, the Center's initiatives to showcase its activities through traditional and social media sources are described.

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

In 2016-2017, the Center received a gift of \$50,000 with an additional pledge of \$211,493 in future funding.

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

Table 1 provides information on research projects submitted and contracts pursued, and Table 2 provides information on research projects awarded. As shown in Table 1, during the 2016-2017 academic year, sixteen proposals, totaling \$105,573,051, were submitted. Seven of the projects were submitted to federal agencies, including three to NIJ. Table 2 shows that seven research projects were awarded to the Center in 2016-2017. Three were awarded through federal agencies, two from NIJ and one from the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC). The awards totaled more than \$1,000,000 and include four projects that operate through 2019.

Table 1: Research Proposals Submitted & Contracts Pursued

Proposal	Funding Source	Source Type	PI(s)	Amount
Adolescent Self-Harm & Substance Use: Co-Development, Peer networks, & Prevention	NIH/NIDA	Federal	Siennick	\$443,650
An Evaluation of the Education Services Provided to Juveniles in the Polk County Jail	Polk County School Board	County	Pesta	\$15,636
Assessing the Department of Juvenile Justice's (DJJ) Sourcebook of Delinquency Interventions	DJJ	State	Pesta	\$24,675
Assessment of Florida's Adult Criminal Justice Data	Florida Legislature	State	Blomberg Bales	Letter of Interest
Center for Mass Violence	OVC through ICF	Federal	Blomberg Copp Turanovic	\$3,613,389
Elder Financial Exploitation	Retirement Research Foundation	Private	Blomberg	Letter of Interest
Elder Fraud Victim Services	OVC	Federal	Blomberg Flannigan	\$419,508
Evaluation and Consulting Services for the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission Jail Risk Assessment	Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission	County	Blomberg	\$30,000
National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Early Career Award	NIJ	Federal	Copp	\$199,771
Parental Incarceration and Child Well-Being: Mechanisms Underlying the Intergenerational Transmission of Health Disparities	NIH through Bowling Green	Federal	Copp	\$51,844
Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women: Teen Dating Violence, Sexual Violence, and Intimate Partner Violence	NIJ	Federal	Copp	\$335,364
Residential Mobility and Desistance from Crime and Substance Use (NIJ Fellowship)	NIJ	Federal	Widdowson Siennick	\$32,000
Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) Validation	DJJ	State	Hay	\$55,000
Validation & Evaluation of the Broward County Jail's Risk Assessment	Broward County Sheriff's Department	County	Bales	\$152,217
Total				\$5,373,387

Table 2: Research Projects Awarded					
Proposal Name	Funding Source	Source Type	PI(s)	Dates	Amount
Examining Race and Gender Disparities in Restricted Housing Placements	Sam Houston State University/NIJ	Federal	Turanovic	1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017	\$44,088
Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) Validation	DJJ	State	Hay	4/2017 - 8/2017	\$55,000
An Evaluation of the Education Services Provided to Juveniles in the Polk County Jail	Polk County School Board	County	Pesta	11/2013 - 7/2017	\$15,636
Assessing the Department of Juvenile Justice's (DJJ) Sourcebook of Delinquency Interventions	DJJ	State	Pesta	4/14/2017 - 8/31/2017	\$24,675
Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Related Deaths Demonstration Project	OVC through Palm Beach County Victim Services	Federal	Blomberg Bales	1/1/2017 - 12/31/2019	\$150,000
Evaluation and Consulting Services for the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission	Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission	County	Blomberg	11/1/2016 - 10/31/2017	\$30,000
The Impacts of Restrictive Housing on Inmate Behavior, Mental Health, and Recidivism, and Prison Systems and Personnel	NIJ	Federal	Bales Mears	1/1/2017 - 12/31/2019	\$730,615
Total					\$1,050,014

Table 3 provides information on all of the Center's projects that received funding during the 2016-2017 academic year. There were eighteen funded projects with operating budgets totaling \$3,228,844. Projects include four funded through NIJ, two through DJJ, two through OVC, one through the National Institute of Health (NIH), and one through the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Table 3: 2016/2017 Funded Research

Proposal Name	Funding Source	Source Type	PI(s)	Dates	Amount
Disproportionate Minority Contact: A Statewide Assessment	DJJ	State	Warren Stewart	1/1/2016 - 12/31/2016	\$100,000
Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Related Deaths Demonstration Project	OVC through Palm Beach Victim Services	Federal	Blomberg Bales	1/1/2017 - 12/31/2019	\$150,000
An Evaluation of the Education Services Provided to Juveniles in the Polk County Jail	Polk County School Board	County	Pesta	11/2013 - 7/2017	\$15,636
Assessing the Department of Juvenile Justice's (DJJ) Sourcebook of Delinquency Interventions	DJJ	State	Pesta	4/14/2017 - 8/31/2017	\$24,675
Evaluation and Consulting Services for the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission	Palm Beach Criminal Justice Commission	County	Blomberg	11/1/2016 - 10/31/2017	\$30,000
Examining Race and Gender Disparities in Restricted Housing Placements	Sam Houston State University/NIJ	Federal	Turanovic	1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017	\$44,088
Friendship Networks and Substance Use in Adolescence	NIH	Federal	Siennick	1/1/2013 - 12/31/2018	\$303,311
FSU and Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnership	NIJ	Federal	Bales	1/1/2014 - 12/31/2017	\$495,000
Leon County Jail Forecast	Leon County Sheriff's Office	County	Blomberg Bales	6/2017 - 11/2017	\$10,000
Individual, Institutional, and Community Sources of School Violence: A Meta-Analysis	NIJ	Federal	Turanovic	2016 - 2017	\$54,292
School Safety and Student Performance Partnership	NIJ through Palm Beach Schools	Federal	Mears Siennick	1/1/2015 - 12/31/2017	\$981,481
Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) Validation	DJJ	State	Hay	4/2017 - 8/2017	\$55,000
The Impacts of Restrictive Housing on Inmate Behavior, Mental Health, and Recidivism, and Prison Systems and Personnel	NIJ	Federal	Mears Bales Siennick	1/1/2017 - 12/31/2019	\$730,615
Understanding Differences in the Relationship Between Prison Visitation and Recidivism	NSF	Federal	Turanovic	2015 - 2017	\$168,946
FSU Planning Grant	FSU CRC	FSU	Turanovic	2017 - 2018	\$13,000
FSU Planning Grant	FSU CRC	FSU	Copp	2017 - 2018	\$13,000
First Year Assistant Professor Grant	FSU CRC	FSU	Chouhy	2017	\$20,000
First Year Assistant Professor Grant	FSU CRC	FSU	Wenger	2017	\$20,000
Total					\$3,228,844

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.*

Table 4 provides information on the number of publications that were generated from Center research projects and accepted for publication. In 2016 five research publications were generated for funded research projects and published in peer-reviewed journals, book chapters, and academic encyclopedias. This year’s publications included contributions by eight different faculty members, eight graduate students, and three project partners in more than ten different publications.

Table 4: Publications Accepted/Published					
Publication Title	Publication	Authors	Faculty	Student	Partner
Juvenile Court Contemporary Division: Helpful, Harmful, or Both?	Criminology and Public Policy	Mears Kuch Lindsey Siennick Pesta Greenwald Blomberg	4	2	1
Assessing the Statewide Impact of the Specter Vocational Program on Reentry Outcomes: A Propensity Score Analysis	Journal of Offender Rehabilitation	Hill Scaggs Bales	1	2	0
Advancing Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy	New York: Routledge	Blomberg Brancale Beaver Bales	3	1	0
New Students' Peer Integration and Exposure to Deviant Peers: Spurious Effects of School Moves?	Journal of Early Adolescence	Siennick Widdowson Ragan	1	1	1
Predicting Recidivism Among Released Juvenile Offenders in Florida: An Evaluation of the Residential Positive Achievement Tool	Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice	Hay Widdowson Bates Baglivio Jackowski Greenwald	1	3	2

*table reflects publications from 2016 calendar year

Table 5 provides information on presentations at academic conferences. In 2016-2017 Center projects were represented by twenty-three presentations at five different conferences. Most

presentations were conducted at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology (ASC). Presentations represent projects and work done by eight faculty members, nineteen graduate students and three project partners.

Table 5: Presentations at Academic Conferences					
Presentation Title	Conference	Authors	Faculty	Student	Partner
The Palm Beach County School Safety and Student Performance Partnership Research Project	ASC	Mears Pesta	2	0	0
Understanding Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Differences in the Relationship Between Prison Visitation and Recidivism	ASC	Tasca Turanovic Wright	1	0	2
From Enforcing the Law to Serving Time in Prison: How Police Officers Reenter Society	ASC	Garduno Bales Zurburg	1	2	0
In-Prison Vocational Training and Post-Release Employment in Florida	ASC	Brown	0	1	0
Crossing the Finish Line: An Exploratory Analysis of Inmate Participation in An Equine Rehabilitation Program	ASC	Hill Bales	1	0	0
A Wrinkle Over Time: The Growth in Florida's Older Prisoner Population	ASC	Scaggs Widdowson Bales	1	2	0
Adolescent Depression and Social Network Integration: Differences by Gender and Substance Use Status	ASA	Siennick	1	0	0
Exploring the Risk and Protective Factors of Elder Financial Exploitation using Life Course Theory	ASC	Brancale Blomberg Pesta	0	1	0
Declining Returns: Explaining Trends in Recidivism Rates of Florida Inmates, 2004-2010	ASC	Clark Bales Gaes Scaggs	1	3	0
Building Effective Partnerships Between Universities and State Agencies	ASC	Bales	1	0	0
From Serving One's Country to Serving Time: An Examination into Veterans' Likelihood of Recidivism in Florida	ASC	Borkowski Bales	1	1	0
A School District and Juvenile Court Partnership for Working with Low-Risk Delinquent Youth	ASC	Lindsey Mears Siennick Pesta Collier	3	2	0
School-Based Delinquency Interventions: Are They Needed and How Might They Work?	ASC	Collier Mears Siennick Pesta Lindsey	3	2	0

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School-Based Efforts to Help At-Risk Youth	ASC	Pesta Mears Siennick	3	0	0
Exploring the School-Based Labeling Effects of an In-School versus Out-Of-School Arrest on a Cohort of Florida Youth	ASC	Brown Brancale Greenwald Pesta Siennick	2	2	1
Assessing the Effectiveness of Work-Release on Recidivism and Employment	ASC	Singer Siennick Pesta Brancale Brown	2	3	0
Developing a Model for Translational Criminology: The Use of Research to Inform Policy and Practice in Florida's Adult and Juvenile Correctional Systems	ASC	Ramos Pesta Ranson	1	2	0
The Influence of School-Level Characteristics on the School to Prison Pipeline	ASC	Singer Siennick Pesta Brancale Brown	2	3	0
To See or Not to See: Factors Affecting the Likelihood of Visitation in Juvenile Residential Facilities	ASC	Nadel Bales Pesta	2	1	0
The Impacts of Restrictive Housing	ASC	Mears	1	0	0
Disproportionate Minority Contact: An Assessment Across Jurisdictional Contexts	ASC	Warren Stewart Rosario	2	1	0
Translational Criminology: Toward Validated Best Practices	William T. Grant Meetings	Pesta	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, Florida DOC, and Palm Beach County continued this year with several projects. The Center has partnered with DJJ for the DJJ Sourcebook Evaluation, Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol, and Researcher-Practitioner Partnership projects. 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. Continuing the partnership with DOC, the Center is using DOC data, as well as conducting surveys and focus groups, to assess the impact of restrictive housing on inmates, prison systems, and prison personnel. The Center has also partnered with the Palm Beach County School District to research a school-based intervention for safer schools and reduce delinquency. In addition to the Palm Beach County School District, the Center has partnered with Palm Beach County Victim Services to evaluate the implementation and impact of a DUI homicide victim services program for the family and friends of fatal DUI crash victims. The Center will also be providing the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission with consultation for reforming the county jail to reduce the inmate population and racial disparities in pre-trial release. Discussions of future projects are ongoing with DJJ, DOC, 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 levels.*

Tables 6 and 7 identifies presentations to policymakers and practitioners and completed research reports. During the 2016-2017 academic year, Center staff presented made a series of presentations to practitioner groups. This included four presentations on elder financial exploitation to groups such as the Governor's Club and Westminster Oaks Retirement Community and the FSU Westcott Legacy Society. Further, research reports were submitted for the Elder Financial Exploitation, Polk County Jail, DJJ Sourcebook, Disproportionate Minority Contact, and Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol projects.

Table 6: Presentations to Policymakers and Practitioners					
Title	Conference	Authors	Faculty	Student	Partner
Research Brought to Life: Discussing the Epidemic of Elder Financial Fraud	Governor's Club and Westminster Oaks Retirement Community	Brancale Blomberg Pesta	2	1	0
Elder Financial Exploitation: An Overview of the Research	Florida State University Westcott Legacy Society	Brancale	0	1	0
Elder Financial Exploitation in a Large Florida Retirement Community	Florida State University Association of Retired Faculty	Blomberg Brancale	1	1	0
Elder Financial Exploitation in a Large Florida Retirement Community	Florida State University Emeritus Alumni Society	Blomberg Brancale	1	1	0

Table 7: Research Reports					
Title	Publication	Authors	Faculty	Student	Partner
Elder Financial Exploitation in a Large Retirement Community	Final Report to Merrill Lynch	Brancale Blomberg Pesta Ranson Campion	2	3	0
An Evaluation of the Education Services Provided to Juveniles in the Polk County Jail Final Report	Final Report to Polk County School Board	Pesta	1	0	0
Assessing the DJJ's Sourcebook of Delinquency Interventions Final Report	Final Report to DJJ	Pesta	1	0	0
Disproportionate Minority Contact: A Statewide Assessment Final Report	Final Report to DJJ	Warren Stewart	2	1	0
Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) Validation	Final Report to DJJ	Hay	1	0	0

*table reflects research reports from 2016 calendar year

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

Tables 8, 9, and 10 provide information on graduate research assistants funded through the Center, directed individual studies (DIS) offered through the Center, and dissertations, theses, and area papers associated with the Center. During the 2016-2017 academic year, the Center was able to fund 16 graduate research assistants for a total of 28 semesters.

As presented in Table 12, both graduate and undergraduate students are provided an opportunity to become involved in Center research activities through DISs with PIs and Center faculty. In 2016-2017, six undergraduate students worked with faculty members on topics such as elder financial exploitation, racial bias, and DUI victim services. During the 2016 year, three dissertations and one area paper related to the Center research activities were completed.

Table 8: Graduate Research Assistants		
Project	Students	Semesters
Assessing DJJ's Sourcebook of Delinquency Interventions	1	1
Disproportionate Minority Contact: A Statewide Assessment	1	2
FSU and DJJ Researcher-Practitioner Partnership	3	9
Leon County Jail Forecast	1	1
General Center Support	1	2
School Safety and Student Performance Partnership	3	9
Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol Validation	2	1
The Impacts of Restrictive Housing on Inmate Behavior, Mental Health, and Recidivism, and Prison Systems and Personnel	1	1
FSU Planning Grants	3	2
Total	16	28

Table 9: Directed Independent Studies			
Grad/Undergrad	Faculty	DIS Title	Semester
Undergraduate	Pesta, Blomberg, Brancale	Elder Financial Exploitation	Fall 2016
Undergraduate	Pesta, Blomberg, Brancale	Elder Financial Exploitation	Fall 2016
Undergraduate	Pesta, Nadel	Juvenile Civil Citation	Fall 2016
Undergraduate	Pesta	Zero Tolerance and Racial Disparity in Schools	Spring 2017
Undergraduate	Pesta, Blomberg, Brancale	Racial Bias in the Presentencing Process	Spring 2017
Undergraduate	Pesta, Blomberg, Brancale	DUI Victim Services	Spring 2017
Total			6

Table 10: Dissertations, Theses, and Area Papers			
Title	Student	Faculty	Type
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	Bales	Dissertation
The Aging Inmate Crisis: Institutional Adjustment and Post-Prison Outcome Differences Between Older and Younger Prisoners	Scaggs	Bales	Dissertation
Exploring the Influence of Life Course Turning Points on Elder Financial Exploitation	Brancale	Blomberg	Dissertation
Examining the Argument for School-Based Interventions (SBIs) for Identified Delinquents	Collier	Mears	Area Paper
Total			4

*table reflects dissertations, theses, and area papers from 2016 calendar year

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

During the 2016-2017 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. The website is also currently being updated with information on the Institutes shown in Figure 1. Press releases are being written for the policing and cybersecurity institutes. A one-sheet was created on the Center for development purposes and the Center was featured in both the Senate Listening Tour and the College’s Excellence Initiatives handout.

A large amount of marketing and outreach was generated by the Elder Financial Fraud Project sponsored by Merrill Lynch. This marketing included an article and photographs of the presentation given to Merrill Lynch clients and residents of Westminster Oaks, the creation of an executive summary handout, and a printed and bound copy of the Elder Financial Fraud final report. In addition, University Communications featured a news article and radio feature of the

Westminster Oaks presentation and organized a WCTV television interview with the research team. In addition, a joint press release was written for the DUI Related Deaths Demonstration Project.

Conclusions:

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 2016-2017 academic year, the Center pursued and achieved several strategic initiatives. In 2016-2017, the Center pursued over \$100,000,000 in funding, and was awarded over \$1,000,000 in new research funding. Current funded projects for the year totaled \$3,228,844.

The Center's collaborative partnerships with agencies, local government, and industry grew stronger as evidenced by the addition of more projects with DJJ and Palm Beach County.

In addition, academic research generated from Center projects included "Advancing Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy" a major book edited by Center faculty and a graduate student, four accepted peer-reviewed publications, and twenty-three presentations at academic conferences. Center staff produced research reports for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Polk County School Board, and Merrill Lynch, and presented at four practitioner/policymaker meetings.

The Center provided major opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students to gain research experience, earn assistantships, and present and publish research findings. Finally, the Center is now undergoing major expansion with the implementation of research and policy

Institutes. In the future, it is anticipated that the number of Institutes will grow in relation to expanding faculty, their interests and expertise, and needs in crime research and policy.