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MEMBERSHIP YEAR IN REVIEW

- 53 State members
- 1,112 Membership event attendees
- 560 Members
- 17,309 Total social media followers, +26%
- 275,815 Total website hits, +123%
- 127 Experts who shared their expertise at member events
- 21 Membership meetings and convenings held
- 27 Promising practices shared with membership
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

THE NCJA MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT

As we prepare to celebrate NCJA’s 50th anniversary, we take the opportunity of our 2023 Annual Membership Report to note how the association, our membership and our work has grown and evolved. In 2023, NCJA counted 53 of the 56 states and territories as members, the largest number in recent history. In addition, the board approved a new membership category for Colleges and Universities. This new category joins state/local agencies, tribal governments, criminal justice planning boards, nonprofit organizations, corporations, individual practitioners and students in increasing NCJA’s reach beyond the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant State Administering Agencies (SAAs).

This year, NCJA embarked on an exciting new venture with the launch of the Crime and Justice Research Alliance (NCJA CRJA). The NCJA CJRA is a centralized resource featuring criminal justice researchers and experts from across the justice spectrum. The goal of the NCJA CJRA is to provide policymakers, practitioners, journalists and the public with direct access to
new, objective and relevant research on crime and criminal justice issues. Through this new partnership, NCJA will have the opportunity to promote the work of these experts and have access to new research, data and evaluation to share with our members and inform policy and practice.

NCJA’s membership team has also expanded its networking and training offerings to include additional opportunities to learn from and engage with experts and peers. Through our topical policy sessions, government affairs updates, advisory council meetings and learning lunches, members have much more frequent and regular opportunities to meet and discuss important issues with colleagues across the country. These opportunities supplement our annual Public Policy Summit, Forum on Criminal Justice and the TTA teams’ offerings.

The overall vision of NCJA’s work is guided by the idea that NCJA exists to strengthen criminal justice communities and improve lives by empowering stakeholders through training, collaboration, and advocacy. As such, NCJA’s strategic plan is focused on the four pillars of NCJA’s role and work:

- Convener & Facilitator
- Advocate & Liaison
- Thought Leader
- Technical Assistance Provider

This annual report is structured to mirror these pillars and will highlight the work of NCJA’s membership department in the first three categories. NCJA’s Center for Justice Planning, the OVC Center for VOCA Administrators and the NCJA Data Center all work in the fourth pillar providing training and technical assistance to help states and other stakeholders maximize the impact of their federal funding. The Centers have produced their own annual reports highlighting this important work.
NCJA as a CONVENER AND FACILITATOR

Facilitate peer-to-peer exchanges and stakeholder engagement to be the leading non-partisan convener of SAAs and other criminal justice system partners.

Membership

Members of the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) represent all facets of the criminal justice community from the state and local criminal justice agencies to the judiciary, law enforcement, corrections, prosecution, defense, victim witness services and educational institutions.

53 of 56 states and territories represented

560 total current members
Through membership in NCJA, members can keep updated on federal legislation and policy; learn about promising practices and new research, access a regularly updated library of funding solicitations; attend conferences, meetings and convenings on a variety of topics and network with colleagues and peers across the country.

In 2023 NCJA was proud to represent 53 of 56 states and territorial Byrne JAG State Administering Agencies. This is the largest number of member states and territories in recent history.

In July of 2023, NCJA launched a new membership category specifically for Colleges and Universities. Through this new category academic institutions will have access to NCJA’s networking events and trainings, our Connect2JusticeJobs Career Center, speaking opportunities and opportunities to submit research for inclusion in our publications at our events.
NCJA’s annual Virtual Public Policy Summit is an opportunity for NCJA members to take part in the national conversation about how to work across systems to improve outcomes for justice-involved individuals. The Summit brings together panelists from across the justice system and the political spectrum to share their views and discuss how they work together to shape criminal justice policy.

The 2023 Public Policy Summit was held on May 1 with 68 attendees representing 26 states and Washington, DC. The agenda included the following topics:

- Priorities and Partnerships from the Department of Justice
- Crisis Response and 988 Implementation in the Federal Agencies and on Capitol Hill
- What’s Really Happening with Crime: What’s Up, What’s Down and What are the Trends?
- The View from Capitol Hill
- Fentanyl, Trafficking and Treatment: A Focus on Issues in Federal Drug Policy
- U.S. Government Support for Justice Reform Overseas
- Issues in Law Enforcement Alternative Response

The information was very valuable from an information standpoint of what DC is thinking/working on.
NCJA’s monthly Learning Lunch series is a time for NCJA Advisory Council members to learn and share with their peers. Topics cover best practices and research, managing federal programs, and emerging policies and trends. These sessions are a blend of learning about topics of common interest and sharing issues Advisory Council members face in their day-to-day work.

In 2023 we hosted Learning Lunches on the following topics:

- January: Gun Violence and Suicide Prevention
- February: National Judicial Task Force to Examine State Courts’ Response to Mental Illness
- March: State Engagement in Justice Counts
- May: 30 x 30 initiative
- June: Mental Health Responses in Rural Counties
- September: Implementing President Biden’s Executive Order On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government and how agencies are thinking about these issues.
- October: 10 Ways States Can Take Action to Reduce Crime
- December: How Business Improvement Districts operate in coordination with the mayor’s office and collaboratively with local law enforcement, engaging with people on the streets, referring to services and shelters and performing a wide range of crime prevention activities.

“I’m so grateful for this - can’t wait to keep learning.”
Topical Policy Sessions

In January 2022 NCJA launched its Topical Policy Sessions. These members-only sessions are opportunities for all members to learn and engage with each other and focus more deeply on criminal justice policy topics that are of interest to the broader NCJA membership. These virtual sessions provide members an opportunity to engage experts and ask questions in more detail than other formats often provide.

NCJA hosted three Topical Policy Sessions in 2023:

February

Reducing Racial Inequities in the Justice System

Joining us for this session were the principal authors of the new National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine comprehensive report on tackling racial inequalities in the criminal justice system called Reducing Racial Inequality in Crime and Justice: Science, Practice and Policy.

The report provides evidence-based recommendations for reducing racial disparities across all stages of the criminal justice system and explores coordinated reforms that can be undertaken in education, health and economic development to address the root causes of racial inequality. View the report summary

Presenters:

- Khalil Gibran Muhammad is the Ford Foundation Professor of History, Race and Public Policy at Harvard Kennedy School
- Steven Raphael is a Professor of Public Policy at UC Berkeley and holds the James D. Marver Chair at the Goldman School of Public Policy

Registrants: 76
• María B. Vélez is an Associate Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland

**July**

*New Recommendations from the Taskforce on 21st Century Policing*

Following Tyre Nichols’ death at the hands of police in Memphis, TN in January, the co-chairs of President Obama’s White House Task Force on 21st Century Policing, Laurie Robinson and Charles Ramsey, called task force members back together to try to answer the question why killings of this kind keep happening. The task force members, acting unofficially, adopted a “Call to Action” that supports policing’s mission of embracing not just crime reduction but, more broadly, community safety. This, they said, will involve a “whole of government” and community working together to achieve community safety goals. Action steps in the report include the need for national standards for police, rebuilding the culture of policing organizations, and addressing leadership development.

**Presenter:**

• Taskforce Co-chair Laurie Robinson, former DOJ Assistant Attorney General and George Mason University Professor Emeritus

**December**

*Nationwide Trends in Incarceration, Community Supervision and Behavioral Health*

This session summarized national trends in incarceration, community supervision and behavioral health, focusing on how evolutions in the size and composition of these populations present unique challenges and opportunities for state and local leaders as they consider how best to enhance public safety, reduce recidivism and allocate limited resources effectively.
The presentation highlighted examples from states across the country, showcasing how policy changes grounded in data and research on best and promising practices have been implemented in response to criminal justice system challenges. From the establishment of presumptive probation in Alabama to Wyoming’s integration of treatment into its supervision model, states are applying data-driven, research-supported, and cost-effective approaches to meet their unique needs.

**“** THESE CALLS HELP BRING A REAL WORLD AWARENESS TO THE WORK THAT OUR OFFICE DOES. **”**

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**Presenters:**
- Dr. Carrie Chapman, Senior Data and Policy Specialist, Crime and Justice Institute (CJI)
- Maura McNamara, Esq, Manager, Crime and Justice Institute (CJI)

All of NCJA’s Topical Policy Sessions are recorded and posted along with additional resources in the library in the members only section of the NCJA website. This allows all members access to these resources at any time and allows access for members who could not attend the event live.

Figures 3 and 4. Headshots of Dr. Carrie Chapman, top, and Maura McNamara, Esq, bottom.
NCJA Director of Government Affairs Elizabeth Pyke hosts virtual calls, open to all NCJA members, throughout the year to provide a general update on Congressional and Administration activities. These updates highlight the status of legislation NCJA is watching and items of interest that NCJA members care about. It also includes the opportunity for members to ask questions and for more candid discussion than available in writing.

In 2023 we hosted three calls in February (70 registrants), September (68 registrants) and November (82 registrants).

Members have responded positively to these sessions as they allow NCJA staff to share timely, and in some cases, up to the minute information. For example, the November session was held just prior to a potential government shutdown, which allowed agencies to prepare.

In addition, Advisory Council members receive a government affairs briefing as part of NCJA’s quarterly Board of Directors meetings. During those meetings, members receive updates and handouts detailing current legislation and the status of appropriations.
Member Welcome Webinars

These new webinars were launched in April. Offered on a quarterly basis, they provided an opportunity for new and veteran members to learn how to maximize their NCJA membership.

Hosted by a rotating group of NCJA’s Regional Representatives, and joined by NCJA staff, these webinars provided an introduction to membership in NCJA from the point of view of colleagues and peers and created opportunities for networking and engagement.

Webinars took place in April, June, September and December, with registration for each session averaging around 12 people.

NCJA Advisory Council Meetings

The NCJA Advisory Council is composed of all member State Administering Agency Directors and 12 elected regional representatives. It helps the NCJA Board of Directors formulate and guide the policy and direction of the association. The Advisory Council also selects board members and NCJA officers from the Council membership each year.

This year an in-person meeting was held on July 24 in conjunction with the Forum on Criminal Justice in Long Beach, California. The agenda included opportunities for Council members to introduce themselves and their agencies and to highlight their states’ top criminal justice priorities. In addition, representatives from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) discussed agency priorities and NCJA staff shared new information and resources that were available.
Fifty-four people attended this meeting either in person or online, including Advisory Council members, their senior staff and invited guests.

Advisory Council members are also invited to attend portions of the quarterly NCJA Board of Directors meetings. During these sessions members hear from representatives from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office for Victims of Crime and others to receive Government Affairs updates.

Member Spotlight

In this new feature, NCJA spotlights a member agency or practitioner monthly in the NCJA News issue of the Justice Bulletin with the hope that learning about each other will help foster increased connection, collaboration and networking opportunities. Each spotlighted member answers the following four questions:

- Please describe how your agency is structured (standalone agency, within the Department of Public Safety, housed somewhere else etc.)
- Please list the federal and state grants your agency administers.
- Please list your top three current priority or focus areas.
- What is the main thing you would like other NCJA members to know about your agency?

Launched in October 2023, the following three member SAAs were spotlighted this year:

- Arizona
- North Carolina
- Tennessee

Spotlights are also being added to the NCJA website for increased exposure.
In early 2023 NCJA redesigned its website home page to better reflect the full spectrum of work that we do, increasing the accessibility to our ever-growing offerings.

The re-design included:

- Ensuring that NCJA’s Centers and TA providers were prominently listed and easily accessible.
- Providing quick link access to Connect2Justice, our member-only portal, Connect2Learning, our LMS system, Connect2Grants, our library of grant solicitations and Connect2JusticeJobs, our career center.
- An event calendar with all of NCJA meetings and events listed in one place.

NCJA has seen a 171 percent increase in returning visitors, and has a 1:43 average session duration, much longer than average. This can be partly attributed to the site being well organized, easily capturing visitors and not losing them to frustration as they search for relevant content.
Advocate for and communicate with local, state, and federal partners to ensure ongoing funding in Byrne JAG and other federal public safety programs, sharing information on federal policy and funding with SAAs and an expanded NCJA membership.
NCJA’s flagship publication provides weekly coverage of issues and developments affecting state and local criminal justice highlighting promising practices, government affairs, new research and updates on NCJA news and activities.

Among the promising practices articles included in the Justice Bulletin this year were:

- Using Byrne JAG Funding for Support: The It Takes a Library Program
- Improving the Issuance of Protective Orders in Arizona: The Creation of AZPOINT
- Promising Practices: Support for Crisis Intervention
- Targeted Interventions to Combat Gun Violence: Chicago’s READI Program
- The Impact of Community Engagement: Seattle’s Rainier Beach - A Beautiful Safe Place for Youth
- Creating Opportunities for Stable Employment: The Last Mile
- Aim4Peace: A Promising Violence Prevention Program
- A Promising Model in Juvenile Reentry: Café Momentum
- Disrupting the Cycle and Supporting High-Risk, High-Need Individuals: The FUSE Model
- The Prison Arts Collective: An Art-Based Therapeutic Program in a Correctional Setting
- Using Kauhale Communities to Support People Experiencing Homelessness in Hawaii

Through our new relationship with the NCJA Crime and Justice Research Alliance, NCJA also highlights new and important research from top experts in the field.
The *InfoLetter*, published weekly when Congress is in session, covers Congressional, Administration and other federal government activities of interest to the criminal justice community. It details legislation, appropriations and policies that could impact state policy and SAA practice.

Throughout the year, members received the most up-to-date and balanced information on important and new legislation and on federal budget and appropriations issues, which included up-to-the-minute information on the potential government shutdowns that were narrowly avoided late in the year.

The *InfoLetter* is distributed to select staff of all organizational members. The subscriber list averages around 450.

**Lifeline: The 988 Podcast**

NCJA, in partnership with the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute and the National Alliance on Mental Illness launched a nine-episode podcast series to increase awareness about 988 which is the new national suicide and crisis lifeline launched by the U.S. government.
Podcasts covered the following topics:

- What 988, what it does, and – most importantly – what we can expect in the future.
- How does 988 actually work?
- 988 “went live,” on July 16, 2022, what changed, what still needs to take place, and what communities across the country are doing to ensure 988’s success.
- The Police and 988, many crisis calls do not require law enforcement intervention. What does an alternative response system look like?
- How 988 differs from 911, what the goal of each system is, and how the two systems work together.
- What resources are necessary to effectively implement 988 and what resources are available to assist communities with that process.
- Federal Funding for 988
- State Funding for 988
- What’s Next for 988?

## SAA Member Support

Throughout the year, NCJA membership staff can provide support for SAAs on issues that fall outside the timing or boundaries of the TA Centers’ current grant deliverables, including topics on which SAAs feel they need clarification or greater detail. A few examples include:

- Calls open to all member SAAs about the new Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP) program and legislative intent and with BJA staff on Byrne SCIP grant procedures and requirements. (These calls were held in late 2022 and early 2023.)
- Gather and circulate initial impressions about Byrne SCIP allowable uses and structure.
- Call for Byrne SCIP SAAs in states with Extreme Risk Protection Order laws about the
development of BJA’s certification process and timing.

- Quarterly calls for Advisory Council members during Board meetings with BJA and Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) grants staff to provide updates and answer questions.
- Frequent questions from SAAs to glean how BJA might interpret state issues of grants management or policy.

**SAA Survey**

NCJA membership is conducting a survey of all SAA offices to learn about their wider roles and responsibilities within state government, including the administration of not only Byrne JAG, VOCA and other federal formula grant but also state funds and policy responsibilities. The survey also asks SAAs to provide a summary of their key Byrne JAG- and VOCA-funded programs to use for outward-facing education about how states invest these funds.

Figure 11. NCJA Board Members Andrew LeFevre and Katie Howard kick off the Forum on Criminal Justice
NCJA works with congressional offices to help shape legislation that will impact NCJA members, responding regularly to Hill offices considering new legislation that would create a new grant program, an expanded use of Byrne JAG, or involve a penalty on Byrne JAG. These conversations typically require detailed discussion about how grant funds flow, how decisions are made, who receives the funding, who would benefit or be disadvantaged, etc. NCJA leads the coalition in support of Byrne JAG and is consulted as a key expert on Byrne JAG by congressional offices and the wider stakeholder community. NCJA also is a key participant in the coalition in support of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding. More generally, NCJA is routinely consulted on the mechanics of how DOJ grants to state and local governments work and can be structured in legislation to achieve a Member’s goals.

With the knowledge that nothing in Washington, DC gets done by one group or voice alone, NCJA actively builds coalitions with other national associations to communicate to congressional offices about relevant legislation.

**Appropriations**
NCJA assembles and leads the coalition in support of annual funding for Byrne JAG that involves one or more stakeholder letters, meetings with appropriations staff and encouraging SAAs to engage with their delegation members in support of funding. Funding has climbed slowly and incrementally since the sequester in FY11 and FY12.

**Grants and Policy Bills**
A few examples from the past year include:

- RSAT reauthorization bill – After having passed unanimously by the Senate and stalled in the House in the last Congress, the bill has been reintroduced. NCJA, the Major County Sheriffs Association and the Correctional Leaders Association are co-leading the effort to build the stakeholder coalition, develop resource materials and encourage House and Senate co-sponsorship.
Law enforcement de-escalation training – NCJA was very involved in the structure of the bill and design of the grant program, which will flow through SAAs. Since passage in late December, 2022, NCJA has been working with the COPS Office, BJA and the national law enforcement groups on initial implementation.

VOCA funding bridge – The promise of the VOCA Fix bill has not yet been fully realized. NCJA and the other stakeholders are working with OVC and congressional offices on possible options for stabilizing the Fund.

Medicaid and crisis response – NCJA is among the many voices urging Congress to allow Medicaid to cover services pre-trial and 90 days prior to release.

Several bills this Congress would amend or impact the Byrne JAG program so NCJA is involved in helping to inform the bill text.

Numerous bills every Congress include a penalty to Byrne JAG. Because of congressional rules requiring “germaneness,” it is common for Members of Congress to draft bills penalizing Byrne JAG as incentive for complying with a broad range of criminal justice policy. NCJA educates congressional offices on the inefficacy and impact of this approach and gathers allies when needed.

Hostile Bills
Because of congressional rules requiring “germaneness,” it is common for Members of Congress to draft bills penalizing Byrne JAG as incentive for complying with a broad range of criminal justice policy. NCJA educates congressional offices on the inefficacy and impact of this approach and gathers allies when needed. A recent example is a bill sponsored by Rep. Nancy Mace that would require reporting on state and local rape kit backlogs and tracking systems. Failure to comply would forfeit a state’s entire Byrne JAG grant.
A major focus of NCJA’s work is engagement with staff from other national stakeholder organizations to raise awareness about the roles and responsibilities of SAAs in their states, SAAs’ investment of their federal grant funds, the work of NCJA, and to build personal and policy connections across groups and interests. Part of this work involves being aware of other groups’ expertise and priorities so as to connect them with each other and with congressional staff as issues arise. Primary activities this year include:

- Continued leadership of the Brown Baggers criminal justice stakeholder organizations that operates as a listserv for sharing of government affairs-related information of common interest and a monthly meeting to hear from outside speakers and share intelligence. The listserv includes over 300 people representing over 150 groups, as well as senior OJP staff. The monthly meetings are typically attended by 35-60 people. Speakers this year included senior committee staff, other congressional staff working on relevant legislation, Department of Justice staff, and reports on recent relevant research.
- Biweekly calls with key mental health advocacy and law enforcement associations on crisis and behavioral response issues and legislation.
- Monthly calls with the VOCA advocacy organizations.
- Regular calls about legislation and strategy with the law enforcement national associations, other system groups (courts, prosecutors, corrections, etc.), issue advocacy and faith-focused groups.
- Engagement with Office of Justice Programs staff on the conference cost approval process that led to a significant process revision and invitation into a pre-approval program.
Connect2Grants Library

Connect2Grants is a continually updated listing of open grant solicitations from dozens of funding sources, both public and private, all in one place. This searchable catalogue of grant opportunities ensures that NCJA members have access to the most up-to-date listing of open solicitations specifically tailored to criminal justice practitioners.

Funding announcements in the library are organized by topic, with the most recent deadlines listed first. Each listing below contains a summary of the funding solicitation; deadline information; and link to the original funding announcement.

There are 32 searchable topics including COVID-19; behavioral health; children and families; innovative programs; reentry and recidivism; rural communities; substance use disorders and drug related crime; victims and violence prevention. In 2023 the search functions of this database were improved to make searches by date and by open solicitation easier.

Questions or comments? Please contact Emma Montgomery at emontgomery@ncja.org

RFK National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice Training Institute

The Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice has launched a new training institute, featuring a portfolio of on-site training opportunities that address critical topics in juvenile justice. The RFK National Resource Center training programs bring experts and experienced facilitators into local jurisdictions, ensuring that all vital leaders, staff, and stakeholders have the opportunity to benefit from the experience. Each curriculum uses well-established frameworks for reform that have been applied in numerous jurisdictions throughout the nation, while also incorporating current research and emerging best practices. This training approach balances traditional presentations with dynamic discussions and facilitated activities aimed at applying the information to each individual jurisdiction.
LinkedIn, Instagram and Threads

NCJA has been successfully engaging with our audience on LinkedIn for years, but in 2023 NCJA joined both Instagram and Threads. These new social media accounts were initially created to help NCJA reach and connect with a younger audience. In November of 2022 NCJA decided to pause its popular Twitter account (now called X) directing people to engage with us on LinkedIn. However, in late 2023 NCJA joined Threads with the intention of re-engaging with this community that prefers this type of social media content. We are looking forward to growing this channel and increasing this engagement.

LinkedIn

@nationalcriminaljusticeassoc

Our Instagram account was launched in July with the announcement of our new membership category for Colleges and Universities. Its reach is steadily growing and we currently have 74 followers.

LinkedIn

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Linkedin is NCJA’s primary social media avenue, and our followers have grown exponentially. Our 11,032 followers engage with us and share content on a regular basis, reaching a wide and diverse audience. We post events, news, and information that pertain not only to NCJA, but to our partners and members as well.
NCJA as a THOUGHT LEADER

Publish and disseminate at least three thought pieces each year on critical policy areas facing states and the various successful approaches being taken by different states and entities.

Forum on Criminal Justice

NCJA’s annual conference highlights programs, research and practices that help justice practitioners, researchers and decision-makers move the criminal justice system forward.

The 2023 conference was co-hosted with SEARCH and the Justice Research and Statistics Association in Long Beach, California on July 24-26. There were almost 500 attendees from 49 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. This year’s conference agenda was designed around four major themes impacting policymakers and practitioners. Each theme will be highlighted by a keynote presentation:

- Justice and Policing Reform, with a keynote presentation by Steven Raphael, Ph.D., Professor of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley
- Gun Violence and Prevention, with a keynote presentation by Thaddeus Johnson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Georgia State University
- Crisis Response and Alternatives to Incarceration, with a keynote presentation by Rebecca Neusteter, Ph.D., Executive Director, University of Chicago Health Lab
- Measuring Crime and Justice Operations, with a keynote presentation by Alexis R. Piquero, Ph.D., Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice

In addition, a special roundtable session featured the Directors of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Bureau of Justice Statistics and the National Institute of Justice who highlighted current priorities in research, funding and program development.

In the closing plenary session Marshall Clement, deputy director of the Council of State Governments Justice Center, and Adam Gelb, president and CEO of the Council on Criminal Justice discussed new tools to help state and local jurisdictions grapple with the recent rise in crime and violence. Both the CSG Justice Center and CCJ have released 10-point plans and new data sets to help guide effective responses.
In July of 2023 NCJA officially became the new home of the NCJA Crime and Justice Research Alliance. The NCJA Crime and Justice Research Alliance (NCJA CJRA) is a centralized resource featuring criminal justice researchers and experts from across the justice spectrum. The goal of the NCJA CJRA is to provide policymakers, practitioners, journalists and the public with direct access to new, objective and relevant research on crime and criminal justice issues.

NCJA CJRA boasts over 100 researchers and experts across 22 policy areas including crime prevention, criminal justice reform, gender and crime, gun violence, juvenile justice, policing, race and inequality, reentry, substance use, victimization and violent crime.

Since its relaunch the NCJA CJRA has:

- Relaunched its monthly newsletter that includes news and information, Q&As with experts, upcoming events and articles featuring research by NCJA CJRA researchers. The newsletter currently has 1,092 subscribers.
- Responded to 50 reporter inquiries and secured 39 interviews.
- Launched research campaigns to promote the new research from six experts on the following topics:
  - Cyberstalking
  - Decarceration
  - The First Step Act
  - Community Policing
  - Police Training
  - Crowd Control
Partnership with Crime and Justice News

NCJA has continued its fruitful partnership with Crime and Justice News (CJN) which is a nonpartisan daily news digest of criminal justice stories from across the nation. Compiled by Ted Gest, CJN includes an email digest and a website highlighting news and research in the criminal justice community. It is a partnership between NCJA, Criminal Justice Journalists and Arizona State University.

In 2023 Crime and Justice News subscriber base grew exponentially, it currently stands at 821. NCJA provides both the website and the email capabilities for CJN. This drives people to the NCJA website and NCJA maintains this mailing list. This partnership allows NCJA to promote news and information to a wider audience. In addition, our affiliation with Crime and Justice News has allowed NCJA to be associated with research and thought pieces on a variety of criminal justice topics.

Figure 18. The Crime and Justice News Home Page

![The Crime and Justice News Home Page](image)

Welcome to Crime and Justice News

A daily report co-sponsored by Arizona State University, Criminal Justice Journalists, and the National Criminal Justice Association

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