

## MISSION

To serve as the lead justice planning agency for the state of Ohio.

## VISION

Through research, technology, evaluation, grants administration and programmatic initiatives, the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) strives to positively impact the state of Ohio in the prevention and reduction of crime and delinquency throughout Ohio.

## VALUES

### **Collaboration**

OCJS seeks solutions to critical issues in criminal and juvenile justice by working with other state and local agencies, associations and citizens.

### **Commitment to Service**

Continuous improvement is the mark of service. OCJS is committed to applying this principle to the services we offer and to the development of our employees.

### **Striving for Excellence**

OCJS serves the public and criminal justice organizations by delivering quality services in a highly professional and cost-effective manner.

### **Innovation**

OCJS develops creative solutions and programs for continued advancement in the criminal justice arena.



## DRIVER TRAINING

Driver Training is responsible for overseeing all the driver education schools in Ohio. These schools include Class D, Commercial Driver License, Adult remedial, Juvenile remedial and Mature Driver schools. Driver Training licenses and regulates the schools and instructors, inspects the schools on a biennial basis to ensure compliance, and investigates complaints against schools and/or instructors.

## MOTORCYCLE OHIO (MO)

The primary purpose of MO is training to reduce the severity and frequency of motorcycle crashes. This is accomplished through the three major components of the program: rider education, public information campaigns and licensing improvement. The most important component of the program is rider education.

Training was first made available to the public in September 1988 and is aimed at providing training for all ages of riders, new and experienced. Through MO's offerings of four training classes, a rider can learn to ride in our basic riding class (BRC), gain additional skills through our intermediate class (BRC-2) and gain advanced skills in our advance riding class. (ARC). Our fourth offering (BRC-RR) is aimed at riders who have basic skills but have been away from riding and wish to return with updated skills. All of our classes have a low \$50.00 tuition fee and the BRC and BRC-RR classes can lead to receiving a motorcycle endorsement.

MO always welcomes motorcyclists wishing to be part of our motorcycle training program. An Instructor preparation course is also available for motorcyclists interested in becoming Ohio approved motorcycle safety instructors.

Go to: [www.motorcycle.ohio.gov](http://www.motorcycle.ohio.gov) for more information.

## ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING COORDINATOR

Through the Governor's Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force, OCJS houses the State Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, implements state and federal anti-trafficking grants, and conducts research on issues relevant to human trafficking. OCJS works to protect victims and increase prosecution of offenders through a variety of anti-trafficking initiatives, including creating the statewide public awareness campaign and providing extensive training and technical assistance to local service providers and responders (see the Toolkit for Serving Victims of Trafficking in Ohio at <http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/ht/>).

For more information on the variety of programs and services offered by the Office of Criminal Justice Services, contact:

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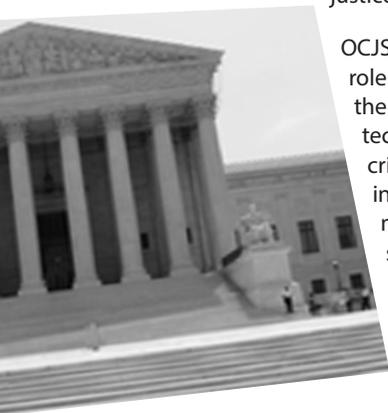
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## WHAT IS OCJS?

The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) was created to administer grant funds to Ohio's criminal justice constituents and to coordinate Ohio's comprehensive criminal justice plan. The agency safeguards federal and state criminal justice funds against waste to maximize the resources available in Ohio's fight against crime. Grants are monitored for compliance, audited for accuracy and evaluated for effectiveness.

OCJS houses its own team of researchers and policy specialists who provide practitioners and policy makers with valuable information on many of the critical criminal justice issues facing our state.



OCJS serves an important role in understanding the value of information technology on deterring crime. Years ago, OCJS invested in and currently maintains one of the state's most significant justice technology links — the Ohio Incident-Based Reporting System (OIBRS).

## GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

OCJS administers state and federal criminal justice grants to both state agencies and local subgrantees.

**The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)** funds projects that prevent and control crime based on specific local needs and conditions while increasing the effectiveness of state and local criminal justice systems.

**The Violence Against Women Act Program (VAWA)** funds projects that enhance advocacy and improvement of the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women.

**The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Grant** funds prevent incidents of family violence and provide immediate shelter and related assistance for victims of family violence and their dependents.

**The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program** funds projects and community-based programs focused on creating and maintaining community based aftercare services for offenders.

**The Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement (PCFSI) Grants Program** provides funding to projects that help improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services, work to eliminate a backlog in the analysis of forensic science evidence or train, assist and employ forensic laboratory personnel as needed to eliminate such a backlog.

**The Drug Law Enforcement Fund (DLEF)** provides funding to drug task forces in order to defray expenses the organization incurs in performing its functions related to the enforcement of the state's drug laws and other state laws related to illegal drug activity.

**The Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVFPF)** provides funding to family violence shelters throughout Ohio to assist the shelters with annual operating expenses that are incurred as a result of serving victims of family violence and their dependents.

Additionally, OCJS administers various competitive-based programs related to the criminal justice field that are awarded to Ohio by the federal government.

Grants administration staff provides technical assistance to subgrantees regarding the purpose areas of programs, allowable costs and eligibility. Basic grant writing trainings are also offered several times throughout the year and are free of cost to participants.

## GRANTS MONITORING AND FISCAL COMPLIANCE

**On-site Fiscal Reviews** are performed by the Grants Monitoring and Fiscal Compliance section to ensure subgrantees are spending dollars in accordance with federal and state guidelines.

**Technical Assistance** is provided by Grant Monitors to local subgrantees regarding compliance, accuracy, and accountability of reported expenses and budgeting issues.

## POLICY AND RESEARCH

The Policy and Research section of OCJS serves many functions:

**Research and Evaluation** - OCJS researchers study emerging criminal justice trends and evaluate the effectiveness of criminal justice programs, often in conjunction with researchers from some of Ohio's finest universities.

**The Statistical Analysis Center (SAC)** collects, analyzes, and disseminates criminal justice data. There are SACs in every state in the U.S., and Ohio's SAC is located within the Policy and Research section of OCJS.

**The Ohio Family Violence Prevention Center** was established at OCJS in 1999. Prior to the Center, no similar body existed in Ohio. The Center serves as an information clearinghouse for public and private organizations as they provide assistance to crime victims. The Center promotes awareness, intervention, and prevention of domestic violence and family violence-related issues in Ohio. The Center is host to the Ohio Family Violence Prevention Advisory Council, which is comprised of Ohio's top experts in domestic and family violence intervention and prevention disciplines.

**On-site Programmatic Monitoring** of OCJS subgrantees across the state is performed by the Policy and Research staff. These subject matter experts ensure projects are executing their programs as specified in their grant applications. While on site, staff can also provide technical assistance to subgrantees.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

The mission of the Law Enforcement Services Section is to build relationships with and support the efforts of local law enforcement agencies throughout Ohio as they work to effectively prevent and suppress criminal activity. This is accomplished by facilitating collaboration, encouraging innovation, and ensuring the efficient and effective use of federal financial resources at the local level of delivering services. OCJS works in continuing partnership with the Ohio Task Force Commanders Association (OTFCA) to enhance and maintain the presence and performance of localized task forces across the state.

### **Ohio Incident-Based Reporting System (OIBRS)** is

Ohio's version of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). OIBRS is a voluntary crime reporting program in which Ohio law enforcement agencies submit crime statistics directly to the state and federal government in an automated format. OIBRS enables law enforcement and the public access to valuable crime data for analysis purposes. Along with processing monthly crime data from Ohio law enforcement, OCJS assists agencies and software vendors with the OIBRS reporting guidelines and processes.

