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### **OCJS Announces Ohio Consortium of Crime Science**

*Association provides evidence-based solutions to real-world problems*

(COLUMBUS) – The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, is leveraging the state's university partners to help bridge the gap between research, policy and practice.

The office's new Ohio Consortium of Crime Science (OCCS) is an association of researchers from academic institutions around the state, focused on providing evidence-based solutions to the real-world problems faced by local criminal justice agencies. Managed by OCJS and overseen by a 10-person advisory board, OCCS brings together social science researchers to conduct research, disseminate knowledge, and foster relationships between practitioners, policy makers and academics.

"By leveraging the tremendous expertise we have in our state, the practitioner-researcher partnerships created as a result of the OCCS will promote practical, evidence-based solutions to obstacles faced by communities," said OCJS Executive Director Karhlton Moore. "The OCCS will allow the state and communities across Ohio to better utilize limited resources, reduce implementation errors and further our mission of creating a safer Ohio."

With a bank of more than 30 researchers from across the state's public and private universities, OCCS provides state and local agencies with assistance on research and evaluation, data collection and/or analysis, technical assistance, training, targeted problem solving and assistance with translating research into practice.

Unlike many technical assistance strategies, OCCS tries to provide applicants with a university partner that is part of their extended community or from the same region within the state, whenever possible.

For more information on the OCCS, visit <https://ext.dps.state.oh.us/OCCS/Pages/Public/Welcome.aspx>.



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*OCJS serves as the lead justice planning and assistance agency for the state. Through research, technology and grants, OCJS serves a wide variety of agencies committed to reducing and preventing crime across Ohio.*