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A Message from the Executive Director:

With this quarterly report even ICJI can signal that summer is nearing an end. Many of us have already begun to look forward to the crisp fall air and vibrant colors that accompany the change of season. As you enjoy this report, two important themes start to emerge: ICJI activities to promote the safety of our youth and a chance to honor victims and those who support them.

In many ways, the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute facilitates safety. In fact, if there is a truly shining star in the work of saving human lives, the story of reducing injury and death on our highways is that star. In this past quarter, ICJI has spent an increasing amount of time working on the issue of distracted driving. While many consider this issue to be more relevant to our newest drivers, the national statistics clearly point out that even the seasoned drivers among us need to heed the warning. There are three main types of distracted driving: visual-taking your eyes off the road; manual - taking your hands off the wheel; and cognitive - taking your mind off of driving. Every driver who decides to send a message while they're on the road increases the risk of doing harm to themselves and others by that seemingly simple act.

According to our partners at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 5,870 people were killed and an estimated 515,000 people were injured due to distracted driving in 2008. Dangerous driving actions were a contributing factor in 14 percent of fatal collisions. The message should be easy to understand, keep your hands on the wheel and your eyes (and mind) on the road. While a great deal of the distracted driving message is aimed at youthful drivers, all of us need to be reminded of these facts.

ICJI also spent the last week of June and most of July engaged in a radio

campaign entitled "The Choice is Ours to End Underage Drinking." The overarching goal of this advertising campaign was to empower Indiana teens to make positive choices related to abstaining from alcohol consumption, specifically before they are of legal drinking age. We elected to launch this campaign in the summer months due to the many social activities that take place throughout the season, which places teens/ young adults (under 21) in a high-risk category, hence they are more likely to be in situations where they are tempted and persuaded to drink alcohol. These ads focused on making positive choices "cool" and negative choices socially unacceptable.

Finally, a significant opportunity arose that allowed Indiana, our Governor, our Attorney General and ICJI to honor a very special person. In this edition of the newsletter, please take a few minutes to read about Michelle Corrao. This very special Hoosier survived sexual assault and a very brutal attack. Michelle has gone on to serve victims of crime in the most admirable manner. She now works at Prevail, Inc. serving victims of Hamilton County. It is not often that any of us can say we have seen a truly courageous person. In our state, Michelle Corrao is that person.

Helping to protect youth, saving lives on our highways and acknowledging those serving victims, it's all in a day's work at ICJI.

Enjoy the upcoming fall!

Sincerely,



T. Neil Moore
Executive Director

Agency Nomination Garner High Honors for Hoosier

ICJI Executive Director Moore and Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller recently presented Michelle Corrao of Noblesville with a Distinguished Hoosier award for her selfless advocacy and empowerment of victims of crime.

In April, Corrao was honored by U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder with the Special Courage award for her outstanding work with crime victims.

The award, given to those who exhibit extraordinary bravery in the aftermath of a crime or a courageous act on behalf of a crime victim, was presented in April as a part of National Crime Victims' Rights Week observances in Washington D.C. The first Hoosier to receive the award, Corrao was nominated by ICJI to receive the

honor. After being abducted from the front of her Ft. Wayne home 13 years ago, Corrao was sexually assaulted and held captive in the trunk of her own car. She was discovered in the parking lot of a convenience store by an observant, off-duty police detective.



Attorney General Greg Zoeller presents Corrao with the Distinguished Hoosier Award. Executive Director Moore pictured far right.

Since the attack, she has dedicated her career to working with law enforcement, medical personnel, clergy, and criminal justice professionals to help them understand the impact of crime.

"This is an amazing honor, not only for me, but for all victims of crime and those who serve them," said Corrao. "By faith, family and friends I am here to pay it forward to provide inspiration and hope to those victims in need.

Continued Initiatives Help Advance Juvenile Justice in Indiana

ICJI's Youth division has recently participated in several activities geared towards improving the juvenile justice system in the state of Indiana.

In April, the division cosponsored and served on the planning committee for the 8th annual Indiana Juvenile Detention Association (IJDA) Summit. The event brought together more than 130 juvenile justice professionals from across the state in an effort to provide relevant training to those who work with incarcerated youth.

In May, ICJI staff traveled to New Jersey with a delegation of state-level stakeholders to learn about the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI). Since that time, the delegation has continued to meet and plan for the statewide expansion of the program using the successful New Jersey model.

New Grant Managers Join Division

ICJI's Victim Services division recently welcomed two new grant managers. Christy Huston and Susan Harrington join Sarah Davis and Kathy Teachout in the management of STOP and VOCA programs. Mary Clemens rounds out the grant management team with responsibility for four additional state and federal domestic violence and sexual assault programs.

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"Nothing is to be preferred before justice." - Socrates

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Grant Proceeds Improve BAC Testing in Indiana

ICJI's Traffic Safety division has recently been awarded a \$67,000 grant from the national office of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

An innovative grant proposal has been credited for the successful outcome of their application. Funding has helped initiate a program to improve blood alcohol testing (BAC) on individuals involved in fatal crashes.

The project began in March of this year and will end in October. Preliminary results from the project are encouraging with a 14 point increase in the testing rate since last year.

Board Efforts Advancing Victims Services in Indiana

ICJI's Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Standards & Certification Board has been working to develop state professional standards and a certification process for advocates and victims of sexual assault. The certification is intended for experienced practitioners who meet certain levels of qualification. ICJI staff member, Sharon Langlotz reports that the proposed administrative rules have entered the state's rules promulgation process and that work is proceeding in the advances certification level training curriculum. The Board is also pleased to have Dr. Henry Merrill, former Chair of the Department of Adult Education at IUPUI join them as an educational liaison.

Busy Months Yields Rewards for Youth Division

The last few months have been hectic for ICJI's Youth division. Four federal block grant applications, as well as two applications for discretionary finding were submitted to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). The division has since been notified that they have been successfully awarded three federal awards and are awaiting word on the other three.

The division was also found to be in compliance with the federal Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) core requirement of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP), which makes the state eligible to for the full amount of Title II Formula Grant funding.

THE HEAT IS ON! IN INDIANA

Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.
Impaired Driving Crackdown
August 22 - September 12

Indiana Black Expo



In July, ICJI hosted an exhibitors booth at the Indiana Black Expo in Indianapolis. Currently the largest African-American event in the nation, the event draws more than 300,000 visitors to downtown Indianapolis each year. Pictured ICJI's John Bodecker and his daughter, Elizabeth.

Board Approves Funding Awards

At their June meeting, ICJI's Board of Trustees approved over \$10.1 million in grants for STOP and VOCA. This gave the green light for ICJI to award more than \$7.5 million in VOCA assistance and more than \$2 million in STOP funding to support more than 200 programs statewide.

Motorcycles Are Everywhere



ICJI Executive Director Moore speaks at the kickoff of Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. (TOP); The Boogie: Held in July, this event allows ICJI to directly promote its *Ride Safe, Ride Sober* messaging to motorcycle riders and enthusiasts from around the state.

Division Announces Grant Solicitation, Award News

The Drug & Crime division recently awarded 33 JAG 10K & Under Equipment grants to help state and local law enforcement meet compliance rule 617, which requires the audio/ video recording of felony interrogations.

Plans to open the 2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) solicitation, as well as another 10K & Under Equipment solicitation are set for August 16.

Annual grant trainings will also be announced at that time. Visit the ICJI website homepage for more information in the coming weeks.

The division has also lent it support to the Indiana Gang Network through an award of ARRA funds.



A component of the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center's (IIFC's) Gang Intelligence Sharing Project, the INGangNetwork is a secure platform for entering, querying and analyzing gang intelligence by authorized Indiana criminal justice authorities.

For more information on the INGangNetwork, visit <http://www.in.gov/iifc>.

The Drug & Crime division also welcomes its newest grant manager, Beth Hampshire, who will primarily oversee Byrne/JAG and RSAT funding streams.

Taskforce Working to Help Immigrant Victims

The Indiana Business Center predicts that Indiana's non-native born population will increase exponentially over the next 20 years. Hispanic and Latino residents are expected to double, and residents from Burma, Africa, Asia and Europe will also relocate to the state in growing numbers. As more immigrants begin to call Indiana home, there is an increased need for improved response and services to immigrant victims of abuse.

To meet this need, ICJI's Victim Services division and the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence have

created the Statewide Taskforce for Immigrant Victims. The group will work specifically to serve non-native victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking and their children.

In January, a group of Indiana immigration attorneys, law enforcement personnel, service providers and program specialists attended an Immigration Summit in Savannah, GA. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women, the program helped states identify issues for immigrant victims and

determine their capacity to provide enhanced services to this segment of the population. As a result of their findings, Indiana's taskforce was expanded.

Beginning in August, the multi-disciplinary statewide taskforce will begin to work on implementing a new strategy towards dealing with this issue.



New, Existing Projects Benefit Agency Efforts

The Research and Planning division has made strides in several key areas over the last few months. Work on this year's State Justice Statistics grant project, which focuses on victimization, will include the administration of statewide victimization survey. This will be a first for the state and will compliment law enforcement records to help determine a clear picture of Indiana crime trends.



The division has also made headway in expanding its relationship with IUPUI's Center for Criminal Justice Research (formerly the Urban Center for Urban Policy and the Environment). ICJI and the Center have partnered on many successful projects in the past and are currently in the process of formalizing an agreement to undertake another that will benefit ICJI far into the future.

The project seeks to develop a best practices matrix that will

help ICJI direct funding to programs and practices that have demonstrated successes in the past. Other facets of the project include a statewide juvenile justice assessment and an evaluation of Indiana's multi jurisdictional drug taskforces.

The division also continues to work on projects that measure the impact of motorcycle safety courses on rider safety. The FACT evaluation, which has been discussed in earlier issues of *Inside CJJ*, is also moving forward. Field work for this evaluation is set to begin in August.

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