



STATE OF INDIANA



Eric J. Holcomb, Governor
Devon McDonald, Executive Director

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Dear Juvenile Court Judge,

In December 2018, the Juvenile Justice Reauthorization Act (JJRA) of 2018 was signed into law, reauthorizing, and substantially amending the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974. The amendments made by the JJRA took effect in the federal fiscal year 2020. One such amendment related to addressing “disproportionate minority contact” has been revised, and now states must identify and reduce racial and ethnic disparities (RED) (as defined in Section 103(41)).

Enclosed are documents concerning your county’s racial and ethnic disparities data. This information is collected to comply with the JJRA and the Indiana Court Rules: Administrative Rule 1(G). Additionally, collecting this information is used to determine if racial and ethnic disparities exist in a jurisdiction and, if so, to what magnitude. Please review the enclosed documents to identify your county’s stage regarding racial and ethnic disparities.

The documents enclosed are:

1. **The Data Entry** sheet shows the number of events provided by your county at each of the decision points disaggregated by race and ethnicity.
2. Your county’s 2021 **Relative Rate Index (RRI)**¹, which is used to measure disparities at each of the decision points disaggregated by race and ethnicity.
3. The **Technical Assistance Sheet** provides the next steps and a list of resources and funding options.
4. A **Frequently Asked Questions** sheet regarding the racial and ethnic disparities data and the RRI matrix.

As the designated state agency for assuring Indiana’s compliance with the JJRA, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) needs your continued support in addressing racial and ethnic

¹ The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention no longer recommends using the Relative Rate Index (RRI).

disparities issues. The Relative Rate Index values provide jurisdictions with a quantitative account of minority representation at eight decision points. All disparate contact should be reviewed in-depth to determine the specific contributing factors. ICJI encourages counties to continue to examine and assess the Relative Rate Index values where the highest degree of disparate contact is identified.

ICJI is happy to assist you in this review, analysis, and discussion in hopes we can reduce disparities within the juvenile justice system. Please contact ICJI's Interim Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) Coordinator, Shelby Price, with questions, concerns, or if technical assistance is needed. If you would like for ICJI to work with someone else in your county, please let us know and we would be happy to contact that individual.

Thank you for working with ICJI to ensure the State of Indiana maintains compliance with federal requirements and Indiana's Court Rules: Administrative Rule 1(G).

Respectfully,



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