

COOK COUNTY JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Under **COOK COUNTY BOARD PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE**, THE **COOK COUNTY JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL** works collaboratively with all stakeholders in the County's criminal and juvenile justice systems to implement systemic reforms, reduce the population of the Cook County Jail and Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (JTDC), and ensure community supports for the justice-involved population to reduce recidivism and increase public safety.



Improving Access to a Fair and Equitable Criminal Justice System

Cook County has led the push that includes **ROLLING BACK THE NUMBER OF JUVENILES SUBJECT TO AUTOMATIC TRANSFER TO ADULT COURT** and a reduction in the jail population by 20%.



Investing in Public Safety

Since taking office in 2010, President Preckwinkle has **INVESTED OVER \$6 MILLION DOLLARS TO HELP REDUCE THE OVERALL COST OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM** through capital improvements and detention reduction projects. The projects focus on individuals who have been convicted or adjudicated as juveniles and **INCLUDE OVER \$500,000 IN STATE FUNDS FOR SUMMER JOBS FOR AT-RISK YOUTHS**.



Reducing the Jail Population while Ensuring Public Safety

The Justice Advisory Council worked collaboratively with stakeholders in **PROVIDING OUTREACH AND INFORMATION TO JUDGES, DEFENDANTS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY** in Central Bond Court; and advocated for the use of a **VALIDATED RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF PRE-TRIAL DETAINEES** at the Cook County Jail.



Reducing the Over-Reliance on Secure Detention for Juveniles

The Justice Advisory Council **ADVOCATED FOR A DETENTION REVIEW OF YOUTH WITH LONG STAYS AT THE JTDC, AND A REVISED DETENTION SCREENING INSTRUMENT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF YOUTH DETAINED AT THE JTDC**. The Justice Advisory Council also helped implement the **DETENTION REDUCTION PROJECT AS A VEHICLE FOR REDUCING RECIDIVISM** for minors and families involved in Juvenile Court.



Expanding Community Stakeholder Support

The Justice Advisory Council held several **CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOPS** aimed at developing organizational capacity and sustainability for community based organizations, and also held the **BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS: FORUM ON REENTRY**, where stakeholders developed strategies to reduce recidivism, and examined current policy regarding barriers to reentry in order to implement changes to better serve this population, their families, and the communities.



Investing in Direct Services to the Justice Involved Population

Since 2010, the Justice Advisory Council **HAS ADMINISTERED \$10 MILLION DOLLARS IN COMMUNITY BASED GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS**. In FY16, \$1.9 Million will be invested in Violence Prevention Grants, and \$800,000 in Recidivism Reduction Grants. The County will also invest \$1 Million in Restorative Justice Grants which include FY15 funding of \$500,000.



Managing Federal Money for Justice Reform

The Justice Advisory Council is **RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL \$1.5 MILLION** in designated federal pass-through, state and private foundation funds including a **CURRENT INVESTMENT OF \$262,000 IN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMS AND EVALUATION**.



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