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Introduction

The Florida State University (FSU) Center for Criminology and Public Policy Research (Center) is a part of the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice (College). The Center is designated as a Type II Research Center by the FSU Office of the Provost and secures and expends both public and private research funds. The Center's primary purposes are to expand the influence of scholarship on public policy and to promote evidence-based criminal justice policymaking and practice at the local, state, and national levels. The Center facilitates and supports data collection and research initiatives that simultaneously advance criminology and criminal justice policy and practice.

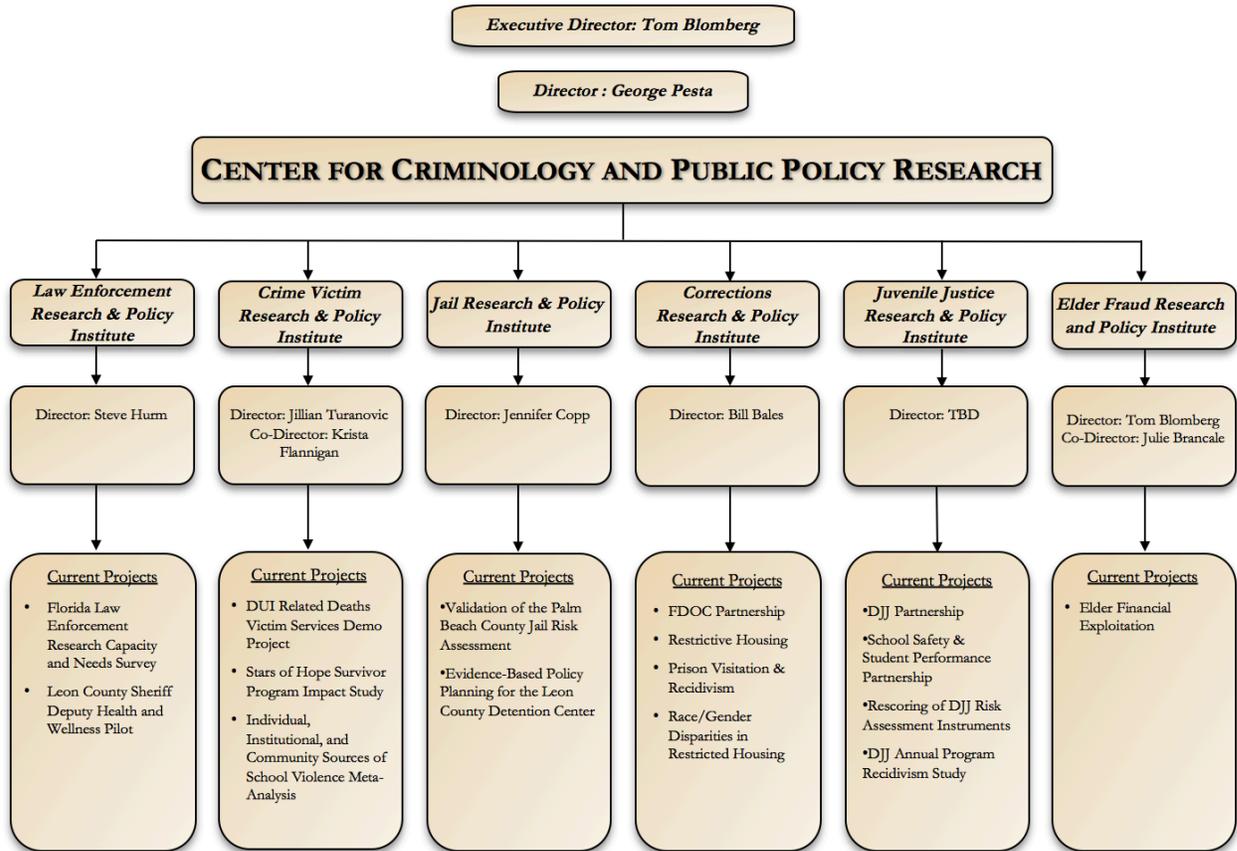
Specifically, the Center works to achieve the following objectives:

- Obtain and maintain external funding to support policy-relevant research
- Conduct rigorous, policy-relevant empirical research
- Contribute to the field of criminology with theoretically-relevant and methodologically sound research
- Disseminate and promote evidence-based policy and practice at the national, state, and local levels
- Provide opportunities for students to participate in research and policy-related activities

To further these objectives, the Center is undergoing structural changes. These changes include 1) the creation of Research and Policy Institutes within the Center that will focus on specific research and policy areas and 2) the hiring of new staff such as a Director for the Law Enforcement Research and Policy Institute and the sharing of new Post-Doctoral positions with the College. Figure 1 below illustrates the organizational structure that the Center will implement over the next several years.

In Fall 2018, there will be six Research and Policy Institutes established within the Center. The Institutes include law enforcement, crime victimization, jail, corrections, juvenile justice, and elder fraud. Moreover, it is anticipated that the Center's Institutes will grow in relation to expanded faculty expertise and needs in crime research and policy. In addition, it is also anticipated that the Institutes will increase in number as the Center and College continue to grow.

Figure 1. Revised Structure of the Center for Criminology and Public Policy Research



Each Institute will have a director who manages projects, grants, and coordinates project activities with faculty affiliates and graduate students. The directors and faculty affiliates will be

experts in the substantive area of their Institute and will actively pursue and direct funded research in that area.

This report includes information gathered from the 2017 – 2018 academic year. The remainder of this annual report presents descriptive statistics and summary information relating to each of the goals set forth in the Center’s strategic plan. Under Goal 1: Sustainability, information about the development and awarding of long-term contracts is reported. Under Goal 2: Pursuing Funded Research describes proposals submitted by the Center and those that were awarded. Under Goal 3: Conducting Research, a review of the publications accepted and the presentations given at academic conferences are listed. Goal 4: Collaborative Partnerships, describes the current partnerships with the Center. Under Goal 5: Impacting Criminal Justice Policy and Practice, research reports and presentations to practitioner audiences are listed. Under Goal 6: Learning Environment, the report describes how the Center has worked to create a unique learning experience for both undergraduate and graduate students. Under Goal 7: Marketing and Outreach, the Center’s initiatives to showcase its activities through traditional and social media sources are described.

Goal 1 - Sustainability *Establish base or reoccurring funding to support the overall sustainability and general budget needs of the Center.*

In 2017-2018, the Center received a gift of \$50,000 with an additional pledge of \$211,493 in future funding.

Goal 2 – Pursuing Funded Research *Pursue project specific funding that encourages faculty participation and fulfills the mission of the Center to conduct policy relevant research.*

Table 1 provides information on research projects submitted and contracts pursued, and Table 2 provides information on research projects awarded. As shown in Table 1, during the

2017-2018 academic year, twenty-one proposals, totaling \$3,907,714 were submitted. Seven of the projects were submitted to federal agencies, including four to the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). Table 2 shows that four research projects were awarded to the Center in 2017-2018. The awards totaled more than \$300,000.

Proposal	Funding Source	Source Type	PI(s)	Amount
Evaluation of the Cumulative Impact of Work Schedules and Assignments, Overtime, and Secondary Employment on Police Officer Health and Wellness	NIJ – Palm Beach Sheriff’s Office	Federal	Blomberg Panton Hurm	\$876,660
Assessing the Impact of Pretrial Detention on Pretrial Outcomes and Defendants’ Stability	Laura & John Arnold Foundation	Private	Copp	\$232,354
Local Validation of the VERA Point Scale Pretrial Risk Assessment	Leon County Office of the Attorney General	County	Copp Bales Blomberg	\$133,623
Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents with Minor Children	Miami Dade County – BJA	County/ Federal	Copp	\$112,455
Santa Rosa Sheriff Population, Crime, and Jail Forecasting	Santa Rosa County	County	Copp Bales Hurm	\$96,936
Second Chance Act Comprehensive Community-based Adult Reentry Program	Tallahassee Ready4Work – BJA	Federal	Blomberg Copp Turanovic	\$200,000
Investigator-Initiated Research and Evaluation on Firearms Violence	NIJ	Federal	Turanovic	\$289,810
The Context of Racial Disparity in Arrest	NIJ	Federal	Lantz	\$249,917
NIJ Graduate Student Fellowship	NIJ	Federal	Turanovic Ogle	\$32,000
Incorporation and Well Being of Generations of Immigrant and Minority Men and Women in Cities, 1880-1940	NIH	Federal	Stults	\$336,256
Florida Victim Services Statewide Survey	The Office of Florida Attorney General	State	Turanovic Flannigan	\$34,999
Florida Victim Services Needs Assessment	The Office of Florida Attorney General	State	Turanovic Flannigan	\$283,425
Maryland Juvenile Justice Education Evaluation	Maryland Department of Education	State	Blomberg Bales Pesta Brancale	\$1,498,336
Chinese Crime and Justice Research and Policy Institute	China	Inter-national	Blomberg Vickers	Negotiating

The Florida Juvenile Justice Residential Program Recidivism and Cost-Effectiveness Study (+ resubmission)	DJJ	State	Siennick	\$30,898
Prosecutorial Decision Making and Punishment Outcomes	The Office of Florida Attorney General	State	Blomberg Logan Hightower Stewart Bales	\$258,459
Department of Juvenile (DJJ) Justice PACT Rescoring	DJJ	State	Hay Copp Stults	\$207,000
Relationship Dynamics in the National Survey of Teen Relationships and Intimate Violence	NORC University of Chicago (NIJ)	Private	Copp	\$69,193
Stars of Hope Mass Shooting Survivor Survey	Stars of HOPE	Private	Turanovic Flannigan	\$25,000
Evaluation of FDC's Spectrum Intake Assessment Pilot Program	Florida Department of Corrections	State	Copp	\$14,310
Walton County Jail Evaluation	Walton County	County	Blomberg	Negotiating
Total				\$3,907,714

Table 2: Research Projects Awarded					
Proposal Name	Funding Source	Source Type	PI(s)	Dates	Amount
The Florida Juvenile Justice Residential Program Recidivism and Cost-Effectiveness Study	DJJ	State	Siennick	2/23/2018 – 6/30/2018	\$30,898
Department of Juvenile (DJJ) Justice PACT Rescoring	DJJ	State	Hay Copp Stults	11/1/2017 – 6/30/2018	\$207,000
Relationship Dynamics in the National Survey of Teen Relationships and Intimate Violence	NORC University of Chicago (NIJ)	Private	Copp	1/1/2018 – 12/31/2020	\$69,193
Stars of Hope Mass Shooting Survivor Survey	Stars of HOPE	Private	Turanovic Flannigan	5/1/2018 – 8/3/2018	\$25,000
Total					\$332,091

Table 3 provides information on all of the Center's projects that operated during the 2017-2018 academic year. There were twelve projects with operating budgets totaling \$3,258,980. Projects include six funded through NIJ, one through the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), one through the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC), one through the National Institute of

Health (NIH), one through Leon County Sherriff’s Office, one through the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission, and one through the New York Says Thank You Foundation.

Table 3: 2017/2018 Funded Research					
Proposal Name	Funding Source	Source Type	PI(s)	Dates	Amount
FSU and Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnership	NIJ	Federal	Bales	1/1/2014 – 12/31/2017	\$495,000
Leon County Jail Forecast	Leon County Sheriff’s Office	County	Blomberg Bales Copp	6/2017 – 11/2017	\$10,000
Friendship Networks and Substance Use in Adolescence	NIH	Federal	Siennick	12/1/2018– 11/30/2022	\$303,311
School Safety and Student Performance Partnership	Palm Beach County Schools (NIJ)	Federal	Mears Siennick	1/1/2015 – 12/31/2018	\$981,481
Evaluation of the Palm Beach County Jail Risk Assessment	Palm Beach County CJC (MacArthur Foundation)	County	Blomberg Copp Bales	11/1/2016– 10/31/2019	\$190,000
Individual, Institutional, and Community Sources of School Violence: A Meta-Analysis	NIJ	Federal	Turanovic	2016-2018	\$54,292
Examining Race and Gender Disparities in Restricted Housing Placements	Sam Houston State University (NIJ)	Federal	Turanovic	1/1/2017 – 12/31/2017	\$44,088
Department of Juvenile (DJJ) Justice PACT Rescoring	DJJ	State	Hay Copp Stults	11/1/2017 – 6/30/2018	\$207,000
Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Related Deaths Demonstration Project	Palm Beach County Victim Services (OVC)	Federal	Blomberg Turanovic Bales	1/1/2017 – 12/31/2019	\$150,000
The Impacts of Restrictive Housing on Inmate Behavior, Mental Health, and Recidivism, and Prison Systems and Personnel	NIJ	Federal	Mears Bales	1/1/2017 – 12/31/2019	\$730,615
Relationship Dynamics in the National Survey of Teen Relationships and Intimate Violence	NORC University of Chicago (NIJ)	Private	Copp	1/1/2018 – 12/31/2020	\$69,193
Stars of Hope Mass Shooting Survivor Survey	New York Says Thank You Foundation	Private	Turanovic Flannigan	5/1/2018 – 8/3/2018	\$25,000
Total					\$3,258,980

Goal 3 – Conducting Research *Conduct research that is germane to the interests of the College and Center faculty and fulfills the mission of the Center to conduct policy relevant research.*

Table 4 provides information on the number of accepted publications that were generated from Center research projects. In 2017 – 2018, twelve research studies were published in peer-reviewed journals and book chapters. This year’s publications included contributions by seven faculty members, eight graduate students, and nine project partners in twelve different publications.

Table 4: Publications Accepted/Published					
Publication Title	Publication	Authors	Faculty	Student	Partner
Making a Difference in Criminology: Past, Present, and Future	American Journal of Criminal Justice	Blomberg	1	0	0
Self-control Stability and Change among Incarcerated Juvenile Offenders	Journal of Criminal Justice	Hay Widdowson Young	1	2	0
Tracing the Rise of Evidence-Based Juvenile Justice in Florida	Victims & Offenders	Hay Ladwig Young	1	2	0
Predicting Recidivism among Released Juvenile Offenders in Florida: An Evaluation of the Residential Positive Achievement Change Tool	Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice	Hay Widdowson Bates Baglivio Jacowski Greenwald	1	1	4
The Benefits, Risks, and Challenges of Get-Tough and Support-Oriented Approaches to Increasing School Safety	Criminal Justice Policy Review	Mears Montes Collier Siennick Pesta Ladwig Blomberg	4	3	0
Civil citation: Diversion or net widening?	Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency	Nadel Pesta Blomberg Bales Greenwald	3	1	1
Unlocking Knowledge: Florida's Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships Work	Corrections Today	Ranson Ramos Pesta Blomberg	2	2	0
Inmates' Experiences with Prison Visitation	Justice Quarterly	Turanovic Tasca	1	0	1

Elder Financial Exploitation in the United States	Current Problems of the Penal Law and Criminology (Book Chapter)	Brancale Blomberg Pesta	2	0	1
Courtroom Context and Sentencing	American Journal of Criminal Justice	Arazan Bales Blomberg	3	0	0
Recidivism and Inmate Mental Illness	International Journal of Criminology and Sociology	Bales Nadel Reed Blomberg	2	1	1
Electronic Monitoring	Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice	Brancale Blomberg Bales	3	0	0
In Florida, Introducing Civil Citations for Young Offenders Has Met with Mixed Results	London School of Economics	Nadel Pesta Blomberg Bales Greenwald	3	1	1
Unlocking Knowledge: Florida's Researcher Practitioner Partnerships Work	Corrections Today	Ranson Ramos Pesta Blomberg	2	2	0

Table 5 provides information on presentations at academic conferences. In 2017-2018 Center projects were represented in 14 presentations. Most presentations were conducted at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology (ASC). Presentations represent projects and work done by six faculty members, seven graduate students, and three project partners.

Table 5: Presentations at Academic Conferences					
Presentation Title	Conference	Authors	Faculty	Student	Partner
Exploring the Goals, Uses, and Impacts of Restrictive Housing	ASC	Mears Bales Pesta	3	0	0
Results from a Process Evaluation of a School-Based Delinquency Prevention Program	ASC	Pesta Lindsey Collier Mears Siennick Ladwig	3	3	0
The Shifting Tide of Zero Tolerance: School Administrator and School Safety Staff Views on the Blending of Zero Tolerance and Support-Oriented Policies	ASC	Collier Ladwig Lindsey Pesta Mears Siennick	3	3	0

Impacts of a School-Based Delinquency Prevention Program	ASC	Siennick Ladwig Mears Pesta Lindsey Collier	3	3	0
Examining How Juvenile Courts Respond to School-Based Offending	ASC	Greenwald Brown Brancale Pesta Siennick	2	1	2
School Safety in The Age of Social Media	ASC	Ladwig Collier Lindsey Pesta Mears Siennick	3	3	0
Examining the Deterrent and Labeling Effects of School- versus Community-Based Juvenile Justice Referrals	ASC	Brancale Brown Pesta Greenwald Siennick	2	1	2
Using Diversion: The Contextual and Individual Level Predictors of Civil Citation	ASC	Bales Nadel Pesta Greenwald	2	1	1
An Examination of Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Men's Restrictive Housing Placements	ASC	Tasca Turanovic	1	0	1
Treatment Quality and Behavioral Change Among Incarcerated Offenders: Assessing a Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol	ASC	Hay Campion Widdowson	1	2	0
Balancing Punishment-Oriented and Support-Oriented Policies in Schools: Recommendations from School Safety Staff	ACJS	Collier Brown Lindsey Pesta Mears Siennick	3	3	0
School Administrators' Experiences Navigating Social Media Issues and Leveraging Social Media to Improve School Safety	ACJS	Brown Collier Lindsey Pesta Mears Siennick	3	3	0
Implementing Innovative Victim Services to Survivors of DUI Homicides: A Process Evaluation	ACJS	Blomberg Bales Pesta	3	0	0
Institutionalizing the use of Research in Juvenile Justice Practice: The Case of Florida	Society for Prevention Research	Pesta	1	0	0

Goal 4 – Collaborative Partnerships *Establish and maintain collaborative partnerships with government agencies, professional organizations, and private industry.*

The Center's longstanding collaborative partnerships with the Florida DJJ, Florida Department of Corrections (FDC), and Palm Beach County continued this year with several projects. The Center has partnered with DJJ for the DJJ Sourcebook Evaluation, Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol, School Safety and Student Performance Partnership, Juvenile Justice Residential Program Recidivism and Cost-Effectiveness Study, PACT rescoring, and Researcher-Practitioner Partnership projects. The Researcher-Practitioner Partnership includes assessing civil citations as alternatives to arrest, examining the outcomes associated with family visitation of committed youths, and assessing the school-to-prison pipeline. Continuing the partnership with FDC, the Center is using FDC data, as well as conducting surveys and focus groups, to assess the impact of restrictive housing on inmates, prison systems, and prison personnel.

The Center has also partnered with the Palm Beach County School District to research a school-based intervention for safer schools and to reduce delinquency. In addition to the Palm Beach County School District, the Center has partnered with Palm Beach County Victim Services to evaluate the implementation and impact of a DUI homicide victim services program for the family and friends of fatal DUI crash victims. The Center will also provide the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission with a risk assessment validation and pre-trial bias study for the county jail to reduce the inmate population and racial disparities in pre-trial release. Discussions of future projects are ongoing with DJJ, FDC, and Palm Beach County.

Goal 5 – Impacting Criminal Justice Policy and Practice *Facilitate the use of research to impact criminal justice policy and practice at the federal, state, and local levels.*

Tables 6 and 7 identify presentations to policymakers and practitioners and completed research reports. During the 2017-2018 academic year, Center staff conducted a series of presentations to practitioner groups. This included three presentations: one on school-based referrals, another on civil citation, and another on family visitation with juvenile offenders. All of these presentations were presented to leadership and senior management at DJJ. Further, research reports were submitted for completed projects to DJJ, NIJ, Leon County Sheriff’s Office, and New York Says Thank You Foundation.

Table 6: Presentations to Policymakers and Practitioners					
Title	Conference	Authors	Faculty	Student	Partner
Assessing the Causes and Consequences of School-Based Referrals	Presentation to Leadership and Senior Management at DJJ	Nadel Young Brown Blomberg Pesta	2	3	0
An Assessment of the Effectiveness of Civil Citation as an Alternative to Arrest Among Youth Apprehended by Law Enforcement	Presentation to Leadership and Senior Management at DJJ	Nadel Young Brown Blomberg Pesta	2	3	0
Family Contact Among Incarcerated Juvenile Offenders	Presentation to Leadership and Senior Management at DJJ	Nadel Young Brown Blomberg Pesta	2	3	0

Table 7: Research Reports					
Title	Publication	Authors	Faculty	Student	Partner
Stars of HOPE Program Impact Study 2018	Final Report to New York Says Thank You Foundation	Turanovic Flannigan	2	0	0
Predicting Reoffending: Improving the Validity of Risk Assessment in the Florida Juvenile Justice System	Phase II Report to DJJ	Hay Copp Stults Young Tomlinson	3	2	0
An Assessment of the Effectiveness of Civil Citation as an Alternative to Arrest among Youth Apprehended by Law Enforcement	Research Project	Nadel Bales Pesta	2	1	0

Family Attachment and Juvenile Justice Outcomes: An Assessment of Visitation of Juvenile Delinquents in Residential Facilities	Research Project	Young Nadel Pesta Bales	2	2	0
Assessing the Impact of Individual-, School, and District-Level Factors on School-Based Arrests to the Department of Juvenile Justice	Research Project	Brancale Brown Pesta Bales	2	1	1
Evidence-Based Policy Planning for the Leon County Detention Center: Population Trends and Forecasts	Final Report to Leon County Sheriff's Office	Ranson Bales Blomberg Casey Copp Pesta	4	2	0
Examining Race and Gender Disparities in Restrictive Housing Placements	Final Summary to the National Institute of Justice	Tasca Turanovic	1	0	1

Goal 6 – Creating a Unique Learning Environment *Provide unique learning opportunities for post-graduate, graduate, and undergraduate students.*

Tables 8 and 9 provide information on directed individual study (DIS) courses, internships, dissertations, theses, and area papers associated with Center-generated research. During the 2017-2018 academic year, the Center was able to fund 13 graduate research assistants for a total of 26 semesters. Currently the Center is working with seven graduate research assistants.

As presented in Table 8, both graduate and undergraduate students are provided opportunities to become involved in Center research activities through DISs with PIs and Center faculty. In 2017-2018, six undergraduate students worked with faculty members on topics such as cyber security, racial disparities in the juvenile justice system, and schools and delinquency. During the 2017 year, five dissertations related to the Center research activities were completed.

Table 8: Directed Independent Studies		
Grad/Undergrad	Faculty	DIS Title
Graduate	Blomberg and Pesta	Graduate internship with CARE Tallahassee – A Program Evaluation
Undergrad	Copp and Blomberg	History of Palm Beach Criminal Justice Commission
Three Undergrads	Blomberg, Pesta, and Ray	Cyber Security
Graduate	Blomberg	Survey of Center Research
Undergrad	Blomberg and Pesta	Schools and Delinquency
Undergrad	Blomberg and Pesta	Racial Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System

Table 9: Dissertations, Theses, and Area Papers			
Title	Student	Faculty	Type
The Effects of Military Service on Prison Misconduct and Post Release Recidivism	Borkowski	Bales	Dissertation
Prison Plus: The Impact of Sentencing Offenders to Prison-And-Supervision, Versus Prison Only, On Post-Prison Employment and Recidivism	Clarke	Bales	Dissertation
A Critical Analysis of Privatization: Examining the Theory, Logic, and Effects of Private Corrections	Lindsey	Mears	Dissertation
The Theoretical and Empirical Evidence for An Impact of Prison Architecture on Inmate Behavior	Nadel	Bales	Dissertation
The Effect of Inmate Occupational Prestige on Institutional Misconduct, Post-Prison Employment, And Recidivism	Zurburg	Bales	Dissertation

Goal 7 – Marketing and Outreach *Market the Center’s services and research through traditional and social media sources.*

During the 2017-2018 academic year, the website for The Center for Criminology and Public Policy Research was updated with project information about all previous and current awards. Information includes project descriptions, funding agencies, PI(s), assigned graduate research assistant(s), funding amounts, and major research reports and presentations. The Center website is currently being revamped to include separate pages for each Center Institute. Furthermore, a press release titled “College Partners with Palm Beach County to Address Victim Services Related to DUI/Impaired Driving Deaths” was issued in Fall 2017.

The Center was featured in a FSU Undergraduate marketing handout and will also be included in the FSU Graduate handout, which is currently in production. In addition, the Center is highlighted in email marketing pieces that are sent out to potential and accepted FSU Criminology graduate students through the University’s Canvas database.

Conclusions

The Center continues to seek external funding for the purpose of conducting policy relevant research. The funding and its related research projects help support faculty research initiatives

and provide students with opportunities for research experience, professional presentations, and publications.

During the 2017-2018 academic year, the Center pursued and achieved several strategic initiatives including the development of research institutes, the strengthening of its research partnerships, and the awarding of new funded research projects at the federal, state, and local levels. In 2017-2018, the Center applied for almost \$4 million in funding, and was awarded over \$300,000 in new research funding. Current funded projects for the year totaled \$3,258,980. The Center's collaborative partnerships with agencies, local government, and industry grew stronger as evidenced by the addition of more projects with DJJ.

In addition, academic research generated from Center projects included nine accepted peer-reviewed publications, and 14 presentations at academic conferences. Center staff produced research reports for the DJJ, New York Says Thank You Foundation, NIJ, and Leon County Sheriff's Office, and presented at three practitioner/policymaker meetings.

The Center provided opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students to gain research experience, earn assistantships, and present and publish research findings. Finally, the Center is now undergoing major expansion with the implementation of research and policy Institutes. In the future, it is anticipated that the number of Institutes will grow in relation to expanding faculty, their interests and expertise, and needs in crime research and policy.