



Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

CJCC (FJ)

MISSION

The mission of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is to serve as the forum for identifying issues and their solutions, proposing actions, and facilitating cooperation that will improve public safety and the criminal and juvenile justice system of the District of Columbia for its residents, visitors, victims and offenders.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

CJCC draws upon local and federal agencies and individuals to develop recommendations and strategies for accomplishing this mission. Its guiding principles are creative collaboration, community involvement and effective resource utilization. It is committed to developing targeted funding strategies and comprehensive management information through integrated information technology systems and social-science research in order to achieve our goal.

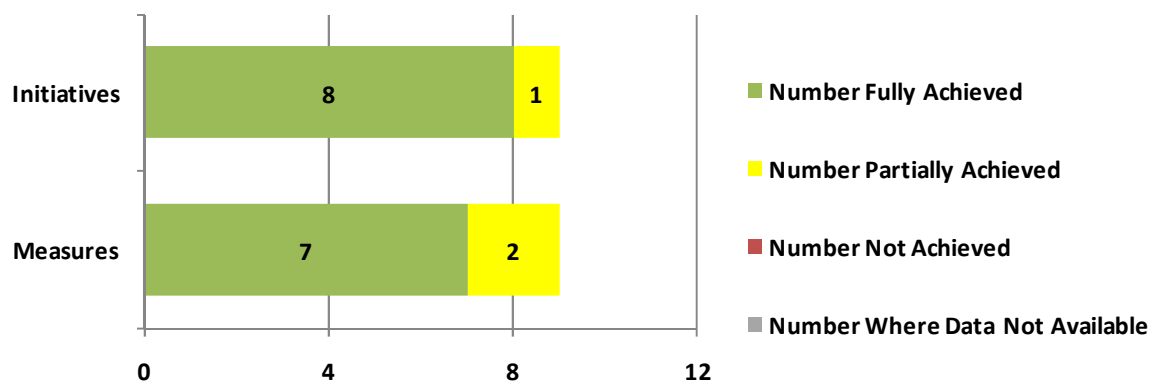
AGENCY OBJECTIVES

1. Improve multi-agency collaboration and planning and encourage data-driven decision making by providing CJCC members with updated information and analysis.
2. Provide a multi-agency structure to facilitate strategic planning, tracking priorities, evaluating progress, generating reports and implementing pilot projects.
3. Assist member agencies with information sharing across the federal and local criminal justice system.

3 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ Initiated and established the citywide criminal justice database (JUSTIS) for easy access for all agencies in the justice system.
- ✓ Facilitated and collaborated with other agencies and communities to comprehend the nature of homicide and unearth strategies towards its elimination in the District.
- ✓ Worked in collaboration with the US Marshal Service and other participating agencies to successfully implement the Fugitive Safe Surrender (FSS) program.



OVERVIEW OF AGENCY PERFORMANCE








Performance Initiatives – Assessment Details


Performance Assessment Key:

 Fully achieved  Partially achieved  Not achieved  Data not reported

OBJECTIVE 1: Improve multi-agency collaboration and planning and encourage data-driven decision making by providing CJCC members with updated information and analysis.

-  **INITIATIVE 1.1: Conduct a courthouse release process study.**
Fully Achieved. This courthouse release study was undertaken and commissioned in partnership with the Department of Corrections, DC Superior Court and the US Marshals Service. This collaborative study reviewed the transfer of court generated paperwork and focused on how the process could become more efficient and also reviewed and provided recommendations for the Court House Release Pilot program which was initiated in July 2008. The net result of this study led to the implementation of this program in courtrooms affecting misdemeanor, traffic and domestic violence defendants only. This program is scheduled to become permanent in the near future.
-  **INITIATIVE 1.2: Provide research and data analysis in support of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) in the District of Columbia.**
Fully Achieved. CJCC, together with all the various agencies and stakeholders met and continue to meet on a regular monthly basis to examine the accuracy of data within the juvenile justice system. CJCC ensures that all data collected are accurate and reflective of policy preferences on juvenile detention, supervisions and release. Data so gathered are examined by all agencies to assess the best approach to juvenile delinquency and crime. CJCC held a workshop where all stakeholders including member of the judiciary, including judges, were provided insight into the process by which data is collected and also how the JDAI initiative can best be served in the District. Feedback provided invaluable data for policy options and JDAI program.
-  **INITIATIVE 1.3: Measure the success of the of the Truancy Workgroup’s citywide prevention protocol through performance measures.**
Fully Achieved. Through the Byers’ Model which is an evidence-based practice, The Truancy Workgroup implemented a strategy to reduce chronic delinquency citywide. Through the Child and Family Services Agency, The Citywide Collaboratives, The DC Public School System, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Family Court, the Truancy Workgroup ensured that all issues connected with truancy are well-documented. Assistance and other help were sought for those in need. Intervention strategies put in place ensured reduction in truancy. Family re-enforcement and judicial initiatives and oversight enabled CJCC to support a well-documented working truancy reduction and prevention strategy. Overall truancy were reduced by an average of about 15% and school attendance sometimes were 100% for all participants in the Truancy prevention initiatives.

OBJECTIVE 2: Provide a multi-agency structure to facilitate strategic planning, tracking priorities, evaluating progress, generating reports and implementing pilot projects.

-  **INITIATIVE 2.1: Provide a public safety forum for identifying citywide priorities.**
Fully Achieved. Towards Homicide Reduction in the city, CJCC provided numerous community forums and developed comprehensive strategies towards the eventual elimination of homicide. Report generated as a result of this Comprehensive Homicide Elimination Strategy serves as an informed consensus on the various



suggestions and approaches towards homicide elimination in the District. CJCC also regularly holds forums, meetings and workshops with high policy officials on guns and homicide, truancy, recidivism, re-entry and youth service agencies with a view to helping address them. CJCC collaborated with USMS for the successful execution of the Fugitive Safe Surrender program. All these citywide priorities are discussed and solutions suggested. In addition, a planning session was held for 2008 to identify strategic priorities for CJCC member agencies.

● **INITIATIVE 2.2: Offer technical assistance and training.**

Fully Achieved. Through its initiatives, CJCC has collected and compiled data and research on various crimes through its JUSTIS system and had instructed numerous agencies including the Metropolitan Police Department, Child and Family Services Agency, Department of Youth and Rehabilitation Services, Office of the Attorney General and DC Courts, among others, in its usage. By coordinating and offering training and assistance, CJCC has been instrumental in informing all agencies and stakeholders in the comprehension and utilization of vital data and other information as well as enhancing data-sharing between parties. CJCC conducted conferences and provided site visits. It also developed a workplan where GunStats, Juvenile GunStats, CHEST, SAMHTI and Court Release Programs were initiated. All these have since been implemented and all agencies have been involved and have become regular partners in their execution.

● **INITIATIVE 2.3: Evaluate performance.**

Fully Achieved. CJCC evaluated many programs funded through justice grants. In so doing it helped in measuring programs with successful outcomes and in addressing public concerns in the interest of safety and priorities. These evaluations also made recommendations for program strengthening. CJCC also surveyed JUSTIS users and received a 97% satisfaction rating from users.

OBJECTIVE 3: Assist member agencies with information sharing across the federal and local criminal justice system.

● **INITIATIVE 3.1: Develop new architecture in JUSTIS to support user requests and needs.**

Partially Achieved. CJCC has strengthened the architecture of JUSTIS and informed stakeholders of its reliability and response time of its application. It has also conducted several workshops for members to introduce them to the complexities and intricacies of JUSTIS. Our targeted user satisfaction of 98% was based on previously sampled users of 285. However, based on current 570 sampled users, we achieved a 97% or 553 satisfied users. This is important since JUSTIS usage is expanding and we expect a higher user satisfaction, numerically, in future. Data elements provided by agencies are easily captured and disseminated with the least possible time. Requests for data and information are expeditiously responded to and all issues and concerns from users are effectively addressed.

● **INITIATIVE 3.2: Offer technical assistance and training.**

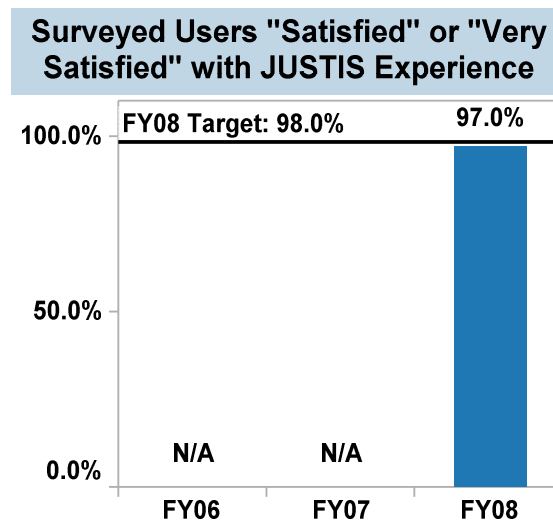
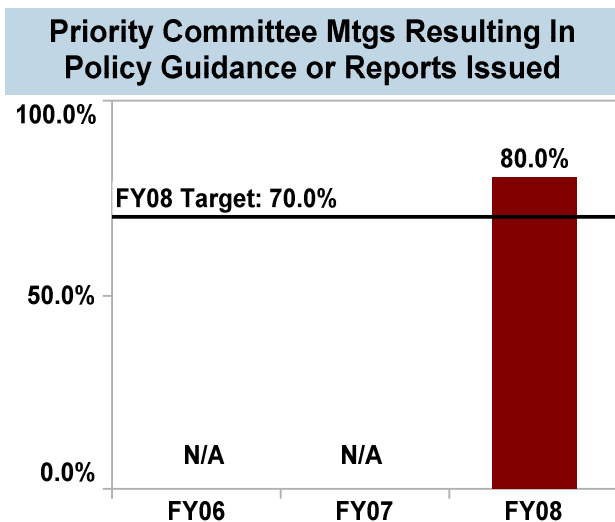
Fully Achieved. CJCC provides timely training and classes on new modifications to JUSTIS and its users so as to enhance their know-how and increase their comfort zone in the utilization of its data and information. All these aid in data dissemination to agencies working to enhance public safety and security.

● **INITIATIVE 3.3: Hire the necessary staff to support JUSTIS.**

Fully Achieved. Skilled and reliable professionals and other staff have been hired to ensure the continuous utilization and efficient access to JUSTIS by stakeholders and all. The system support staff provide the necessary directions and guidance to all users and address their needs and requests.



Key Performance Indicators – Highlights



FULLY ACHIEVED

PARTIALLY ACHIEVED

More About These Indicators:

How did the agency's actions affect this indicator?

- Facilitated these meetings and recorded action items for follow-up. As a coordinating agency, consulted regularly with stakeholders to ensure that "action" items at meetings were consistently and judiciously followed. These resulted in policies such as truancy prevention, gunstats and alternatives to juvenile detention initiatives.

What external factors influenced this indicator?

- The availability of willing agency participants and the access to meeting venues and information-sharing, before the meetings, made the meetings more productive.
- The diverse background and participants of the agencies provided a holistic approach when it came to providing a workable and acceptable consensus.

How did the agency's actions affect this indicator?

- Has well-informed and knowledgeable staff who are available and willing to address concerns for easy problem resolution.
- Has integrated a survey into the JUSTIS application for ongoing feedback from users on the benefits of the system or on things that need to be addressed.

What external factors influenced this indicator?

- Time lags in the input of information and non-availability of certain information can be a hindrance. However, these kinks are being ironed-out and data availability can be a click away.
- Training sessions for agencies have facilitated the access of data and other pertinent information.



Key Performance Indicators – Details

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 ● Partially achieved
 ● Not achieved
 ● Data not reported

	FY06 Actual	FY07 Actual	FY08 Target	FY08 Actual	FY09 Projection
KPIs NOT ASSOCIATED WITH ONE OBJECTIVE					
● Issue research reports within the agreed upon timeframe (%).	N/A	N/A	80%	85%	86%
● Priority committee meetings resulting in policy guidance or reports issued (%).	N/A	N/A	70%	80%	75%
● Registered agencies using the technology information system (#).	N/A	N/A	28	28	30
● Registered users engaged in technology information sharing system (%).	N/A	N/A	50%	51%	55%
● Registered users cumulative (#).	N/A	N/A	2,500	3,759	2,750
● New tasks for facilitating data sharing by member agencies (#).	N/A	N/A	3	3	4
● Registered JUSTIS users responding to survey (%).	N/A	N/A	15%	15%	25%
● Surveyed users “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with JUSTIS experience (%).	N/A	N/A	98%	97%	98%
● Surveyed users respond that JUSTIS is easy to navigate, user-friendly “agree” or “strongly agreed” (%).	N/A	N/A	95%	91%	95%