



Innovating Criminal Justice— Empowering Victims

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# **OUR FOCUS:**

### AGENCY IN BRIEF

Created by the Georgia General Assembly in 1981 as an Executive Branch agency, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is a statewide body that builds consensus and unity among the State's diverse and interdependent, criminal justice system. CJCC serves as the statewide clearinghouse for criminal justice information and research; administers grant funding that supports victim assistance and criminal justice programming; and serves as the governing body for financial assistance to victims of crime.

#### CJCC leads several statewide initiatives including:

- The Human Trafficking Task Force
- The Statewide Sexual Assault Response Team Expert Committee
- The Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group

The agency provides staff, financial, and/or policy support to:

- The Criminal Case Data Exchange Board
- The Juvenile Data Exchange Project
- The Council of Accountability Court Judges

## CJCC STATS

12,327

total number of juveniles and adults impacted by Incentive Grants and Accountability Courts

## \$142 million

state fiscal year 2018 grants and victims compensation expenditures

272,642

victims served with CJCC-administered federal funds by victim service providers

## RESEARCH AND DATA

Georgia's Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) has been a component of CJCC since 1995. The SAC is partially supported with funding from the Bureau of Justice Statistics of the U.S. Department of Justice and the division's mission is to be a statewide resource for criminal justice and victim services data and policy analysis. To that end, the SAC works with state and local agencies on independent research projects while also maintaining data collection and analysis for CJCC's internal divisions. The SAC strives to provide internal and external stakeholders with robust data to make informed policy and programming decisions.

## 11 In-house data collections managed





#### Notable research projects:

- Disproportionate Minority Contact Assessment
- Human Trafficking
  Needs Assessment
- Pathways to Desistance Study

To create a Georgia where criminal justice and victim service programs are **just**, **accessible**, and **compassionate**.

#### FUNDING STATE AND LOCAL INITIATIVES

CJCC serves as the State Administering Agency (SAA) for numerous federal grant programs and manages state grant programs funded by the Georgia General Assembly. As the SAA, CJCC applies for grants on behalf of the State of Georgia and then makes awards to subgrantees to carry out approved programs. In FY 2018, CJCC awarded nearly 700 grants to 267 unique criminal justice and victim service partners statewide.



#### Notably administering several criminal justice programs including:

- Accountability Courts
  Juvenile Justice Incentive Grants
- Gang Intelligence Platform Multi-jurisdictional Drug Task Forces

#### Victim assistance grant funding provided for:

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Domestic Violence Shelters 34 Sexual Assault 40 Child Advocacy

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Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Programs

### COMPENSATION FOR CRIME VICTIMS

The Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Program (CVCP) was created in 1988 by the General Assembly with the primary purpose of providing financial assistance to innocent victims of violent crime. In 1992, CJCC became the administrative agency for CVCP and the constitutionally created Crime Victims Emergency Fund, which sustains the program. The Crime Victims Emergency Fund is comprised of probation fees, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) compensation grant funds, DUI fines, and parole fees. CVCP has flourished exponentially since its inception - serving thousands of victims each year. Last year, CJCC awarded nearly \$20 million to victims in all of Georgia's 159 counties.

#### Programs Include:

- Victims Compensation
- Officers Initiative
- DUI Memorial Sign
- Victims Unclaimed Restitution
- Forensic Interviews
- Forensic Medical Exams
- With the 2017 initiation of the Victims Comp Portal, victims, service providers, and advocates may now submit and view their claims online. This has assisted with a 46.6% decrease in processing time over the last fiscal year.

In state fiscal year 2018, the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Program (GCVCP) awarded nearly

\$20 MILLION to more than

14,000 VICTIMS.

## FUNDING DISTRIBUTED BY AREAS OF IMPACT

STATE FEDERAL

**EMPOWERING VICTIMS** 

INNOVATING CRIMINAL JUSTICE





For every \$1 invested in administrative operations,

CJCC PUTS \$97

to work in the State of Georgia.

# CJCC MAJOR PROGRAM AREAS

