

# **VIOLENCE PREVENTION & PUBLIC SAFETY HEARING**

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## Value Statement

*Violence remains a public health crisis and a leading cause of death for individuals in Illinois. However, research and evidence-based practices have taught us that violence can be prevented.*

# Violence Prevention Guiding Principles

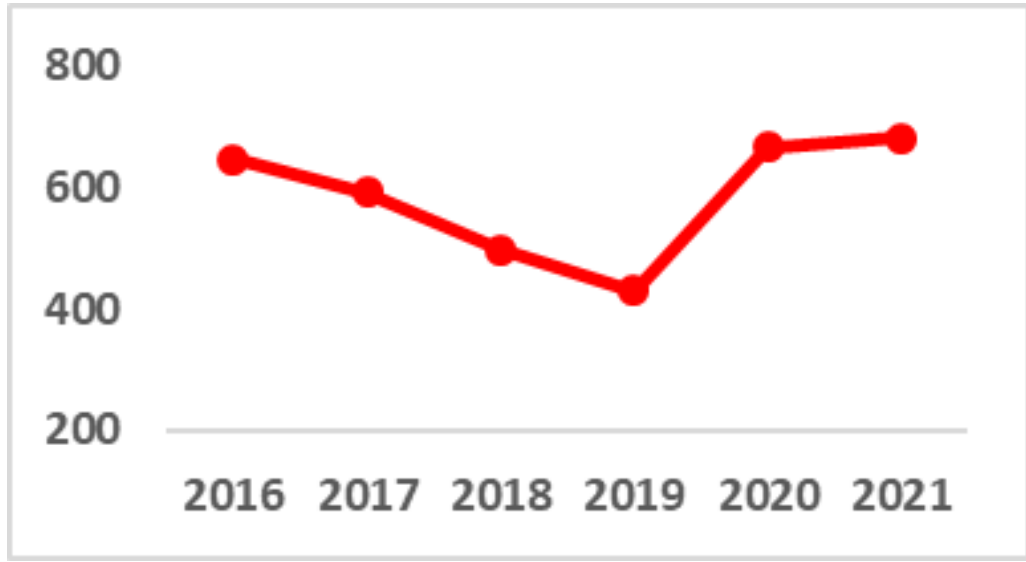
- Foster Belonging and Social Connectedness
- Advance Equity
- Promote Safety
- Support Health
- Engage State Agencies In Collaboration

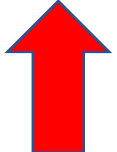
# Key Strategies

- Statewide Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan
- Alignment of Reimagine Public Safety Act
- American Rescue Plan Act Funds
- Illinois Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity Act  
(SAFE-T) Act

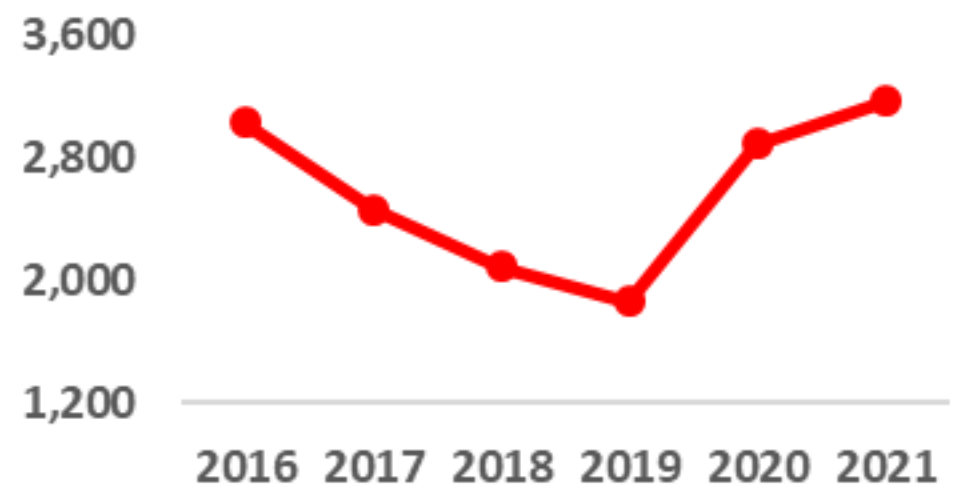
# Violent Crime in Chicago

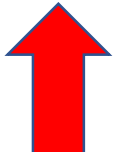
Murder Totals – Jan-Oct 2016-2021



2019 to 2020:  **54.9%**

Non-Fatal Shooting Victim Totals – Jan-Oct 2016-2021

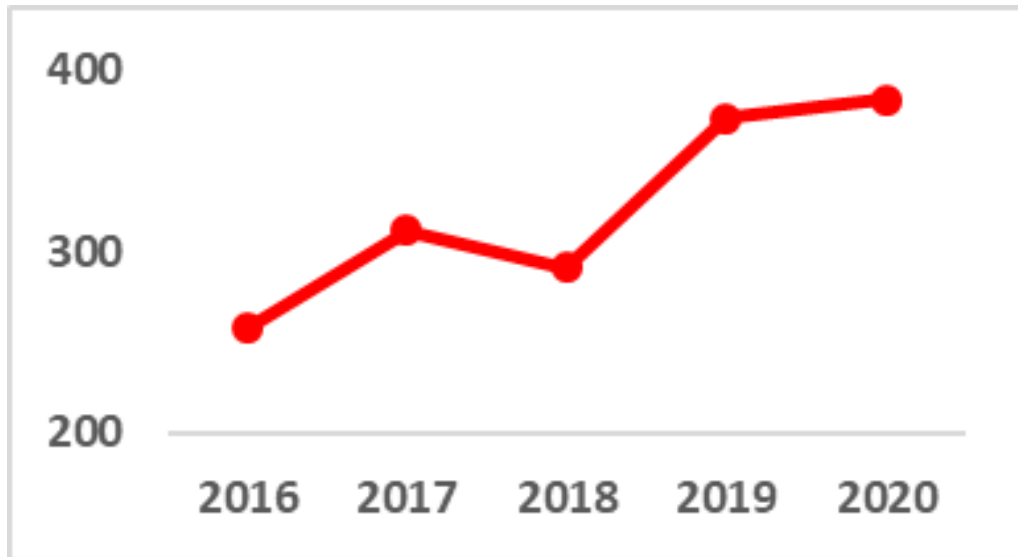


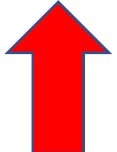
2019 to 2020:  **55.3%**

Sources: ICJIA analysis of Chicago Data Portal – Crime 2001 to present data; City of Chicago Violence Reduction Dashboard

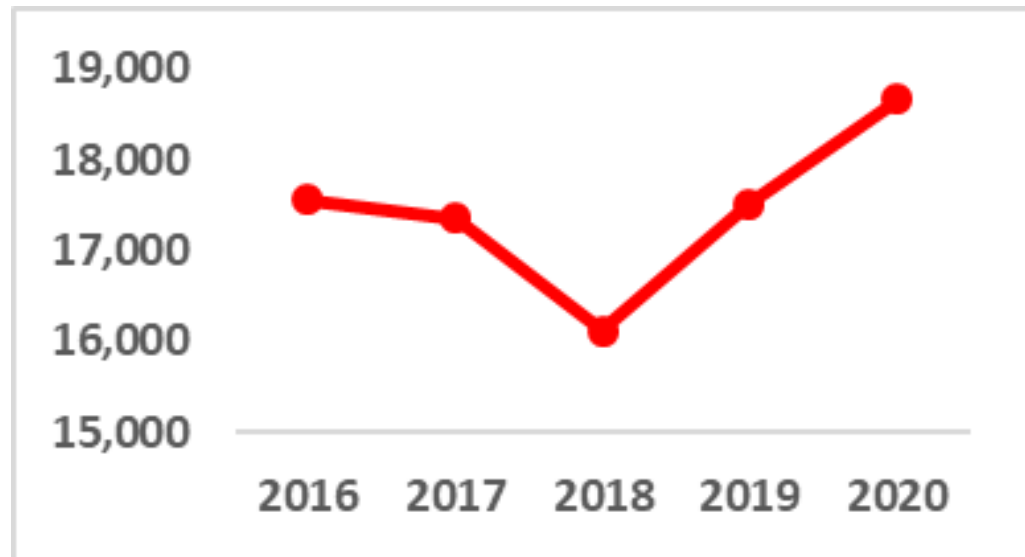
# Violent Crime in Illinois – Outside Chicago

Murder Totals – 2016-2020



2018 to 2019:  **28.2%**

Aggravated Assault/Battery Totals – 2016-2020



2018 to 2019:  **8.9%**



# ICJIA Statewide Violence Prevention Plan

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- Mandate designed to coordinate statewide violence prevention efforts.
- Developed through a multi-level collaborative process, data collection, research and analysis.
- Incorporates public health and public safety approaches to violence prevention.
- Centers equity and community led strategies that will address root causes to violence.
- Intended to guide the development of future violence prevention funding.

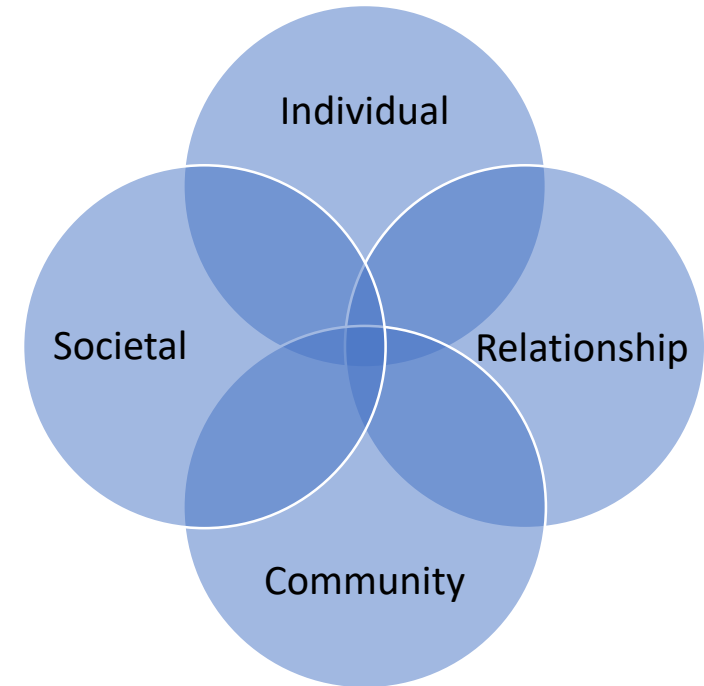


# Reimagine Public Safety Act (RPSA)

- Creates an Office Firearm Violence Prevention within IDHS
- Utilizes data to identify communities with the highest rates of firearm violence
- Coordinates / directs violence prevention resources to these areas
- Funds youth development and intervention services in these communities
- Provides for technical assistance in the areas of evidence-based violence prevention programming and capacity development
- Fosters community ownership, local services coordination, and data-driven local decision-making

The ICJIA Statewide Violence Prevention Plan creates a framework that:

- Utilizes a public health approach centered in equity
- Identifies Risk and Protective Factors for multiple forms of violence
- Acknowledges youth development and family services
- Invests in trauma-informed and restorative practices
- Builds community infrastructure needed to support healthy communities
- Coordinates all levels of government utilizing a multi-discipline approach



Uses data

Comprehensive approach

Risk/Protective Factors

Strengths-based

Evidenced based

Community Collaboration

# Statewide VP Goals & Funding Strategies

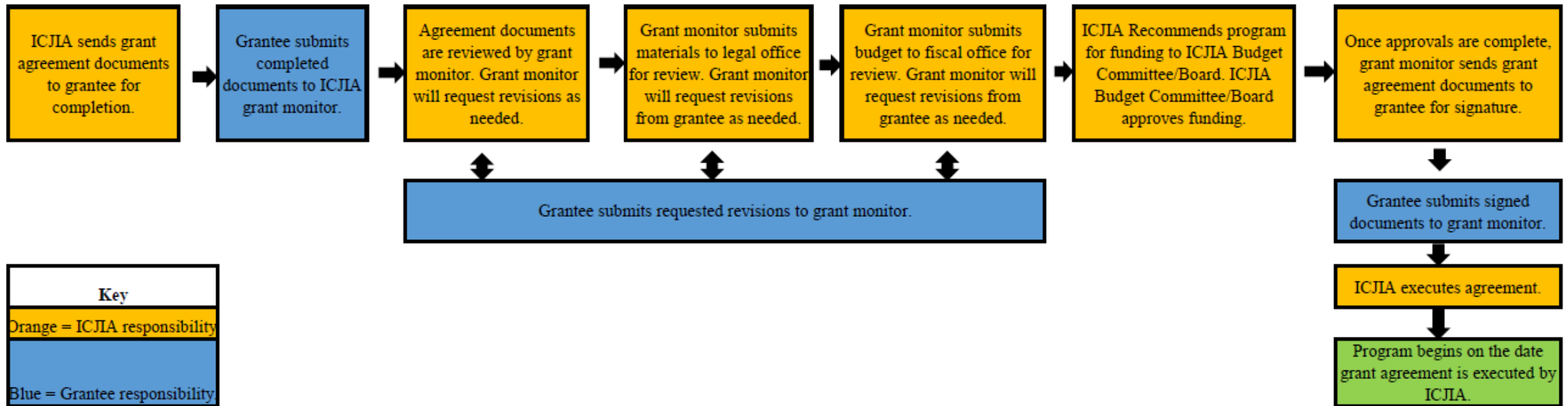
- Goal #1: Stop the Violence, Promote Safety
- Goal #2: Support Children, Youth, and Families
- Goal #3: Advance Equity
- Goal #4: Support Health
- Goal #5: Promote collaboration across state, municipal, and community-based agencies



# ICJIA Funding Opportunities



## ICJIA 60-Day Grant Agreement Process Overview



# FY22 State Violence Prevention Funding- \$34,118,300

Program	Number of Grants	Total Appropriation
Bullying Prevention	Two	\$443,000
Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention	Sixteen <i>(Anticipated)</i>	\$7,541,300
Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Councils	Eleven	\$525,000
Safe From the Start	Nine	\$1,200,000
Metropolitan Family Services Support of Street Intervention	One	\$6,094,300
Safer Foundation	One	\$1,000,000
Violence Prevention and Reduction	Fifteen	\$17,314,700

## Adult Redeploy Initiative (ARI)- \$10M

### **EQUITY \* INCLUSION \* ACCESS \* INVOLVEMENT \* EFFECTIVENESS \* INNOVATION**

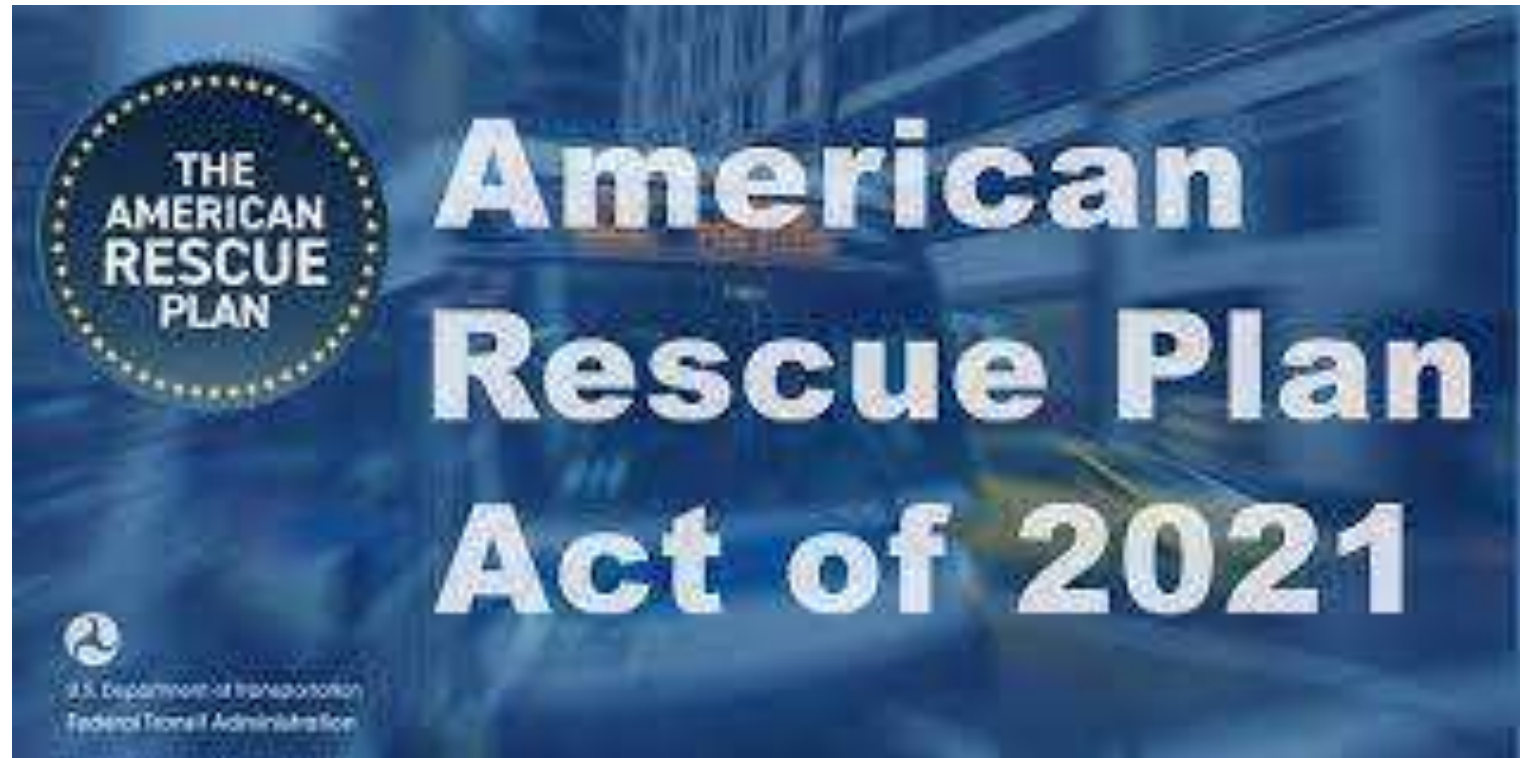
- Operates more than 50 funded diversion and intervention programs at 25 sites in 44 counties.
- Invest in results-oriented local programs that rehabilitate individuals in their community as an alternative to incarceration.
- Foster an equitable community corrections system through access to interventions that target individual needs and leverage their assets.
- Support community-led justice efforts that are consistent with ARI values and cost less than incarceration.
- Generate and collect evidence in support of decarceration efforts.

## Restore, Reinvest, Renew (R3)- \$76.5 M

- Established by Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (CRTA) in 2019
- Reinvests 25% of adult-use cannabis tax revenues into communities most impacted by the war on drugs, violence, and economic disinvestment
- Two separate cohorts of grantees will be funded during FY22
  - Inaugural cohort of \$31.5 million continued for another year until 1/31/2023
  - New NOFO for \$45 million for programs starting 7/1/2022



American  
Rescue Plan  
Act (ARPA)  
Fund



## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUND- CORE PRINCIPLES

- **Build on foundation** of existing state efforts, including *Comprehensive Statewide Plan, R3, DHS Mental Health and Youth Services, DCEO, IHDA, etc.*
- **Avoid duplication of resources** by leveraging existing efforts and infrastructure
- **Maximize all ARPA funding** by cross-mapping initiatives and mapping allocation of resources to target gap areas not covered by R3, RPSA. Coordinate with City and County to address uninvested areas with specific needs
- **Implement best practices** from the COVID-19 response and Offer technical assistance to local providers regarding effective administration of ARPA funds
- **Maintain flexibility** to reallocate funding as needs and federal guidance evolve
- **Address sustainability** by using one-time funds for one-time uses and using research and evaluation of programs to determine which programs have greatest impact

## ARPA Funding Proposal- \$55.8M Appropriation

- **\$25M-** ICJIA State-Wide Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan
- **\$5M-** Research and Evaluation of Violence Prevention programming and Technical Assistance of Grantees
- **\$15M-** Address Trauma through expanding Victim Services
- **\$5M-** Innovations Institute/ Capacity Building
- **\$5.8M-** District Line Appropriation Initiatives

# Future- Innovations Institute

## *Targeted Capacity Building for underinvested Small Grassroot Organizations*

- Refinement of program models and development of logic models
  - Adoption of Evidence-based practices in programs
  - Attention to the impacts of complex trauma to the persons served and their families
- Assistance with developing outcome measurement tracking systems
  - Increase data collection and analysis
  - Development of fiscal reporting capabilities specific to ICJIA and more generally
  - Infrastructure Development

## Cross Intergovernmental Work Group (August-November 2021)

- Established common definitions for violence reduction efforts, using a public health lens
- Reviewed data on current year funding at the program, grantee and geographic level
- Shared priorities for upcoming funding (including ARPA)
- Agreed on two priorities for coordination going forward, and
- Launched Grants and Capacity Building working groups to focus on these priorities (began meeting early Nov)



**Illinois Safety,  
Accountability, Fairness  
and Equity  
(SAFE-T) Act**

## Illinois SAFE-T Act

- The Illinois SAFE-T Act is a massive criminal justice reform effort that primarily focuses on policing, pretrial, and corrections.
- ICJIA will lead, or contribute to, certain areas of the Act, including
  - Police and first responder programs,
  - Task force on certain civil legal remedies for constitutional rights violations,
  - Working group on pretrial practices,
  - Workgroup specifically on pretrial practices in domestic violence cases
  - Data collection on use of force and death in custody



# Research and Analysis





# Capacity Building Through Measurement



## Research and Evaluation Strategies:

1. Build grantees' ability to measure performance throughout duration of grant
2. Infuse community-based research principles into violence prevention research and evaluation
3. Use technology to summarize progress toward goals and objectives
4. Select a sub-set of programs for full evaluation – in-house or out-sourced

# Research Centers

- **Center for Community Corrections Research-** conducts research and evaluation projects on interventions designed to divert individuals from prison; and, to improve re-entry for persons returning to their communities after incarceration.
- **Center for Criminal Justice Data and Analytics-** In partnership with the State Police, the Center is responsible for the dissemination of state criminal history record information (CHRI) data for research purposes, including in-house analytic use. The Center provides technical assistance in statistical methods, database design, data analysis and presentation.
- **Center for Justice Research and Evaluation-** conducts applied research and evaluation projects that examine critical criminal and juvenile justice topics and criminal justice program implementation and outcomes in Illinois.

# Research Centers

- **Center for Sponsored Research & Program Development-** secures experts in the field to conduct research and evaluate programs that inform policy, support evidence-based practices, and guide decision-making.
- **Center for Victim Studies-** conducts research examining the nature and scope of victimization in Illinois and evaluates programs that address victim needs. Staff manage the InfoNet System, a web-based data collection and reporting system used by more than 100 victim service providers in Illinois. The system is one of only a few known central repositories in the country for statewide, standardized victim service data. [Click here to learn more about InfoNet.](#)

# Desired Outcomes towards Public Safety

- Reduce gun and community violence
- Increase investments in under-served communities
- Build capacity of grassroots and community centered organizations
- Ensure more collaboration and alignment across city, county, and state
- Increase education and information to providers, communities and stakeholders through research and evaluation

