



ISSUING AUTHORITY: INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

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## 1.4 Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council

### APPLICABLE TO:

Entities who receive Community Corrections & Justice Reinvestment Grant Funding or Juvenile Community Corrections Grant Funding:

1. Adult Community Corrections;
2. Juvenile Community Corrections;
3. Probation;
4. Pretrial Services;
5. Court Recidivism Reduction Programs;
6. Prosecutor’s Diversion Programs; and
7. Jail Treatment;

## Summary

To provide an overview of the role of the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC) as it relates to the Community Corrections and Justice Reinvestment Grants.

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## Authority

IC 33-38-9.5

## Overview

The Community Corrections Division works collaboratively with the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC) in the review, assessment, and recommendation of the Community Corrections & Justice Reinvestment Grants.

The 18-member Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council consists of leadership from both the executive and judicial branches of state and local government. The Advisory Council is charged with conducting state level reviews of local correctional programs, county jails and probation services, and the processes used by the Department of Correction and the Division of Mental Health and Addiction in awarding grants.

Governor Pence signed House Enrolled Act 1006 into law on May 5, 2015 (the effective date was July 1, 2015). Also known as Public Law 179-2015, this legislation established the nine-member Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council [IC 33-38-9.5]. The statute was amended in 2019 and 2020 to add additional members to the Advisory Council.

The statute was further amended in 2021 (the effective date was July 1, 2021) which established nine-member local or regional advisory councils for each Indiana county.

## JRAC Members

The advisory council consists of the following members:

1. The executive director of the Indiana public defender council or the executive director's designee.
2. The executive director of the Indiana prosecuting attorneys council or the executive director's designee.
3. The director of the division of mental health and addiction or the director's designee.
4. The president of the Indiana Sheriffs' Association or the president's designee.
5. The commissioner of the Indiana department of correction or the commissioner's designee.
6. The chief administrative officer of the office of judicial administration or the chief administrative officer's designee.
7. The executive director of the Indiana criminal justice institute or the executive director's designee.
8. The president of the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties or the president's designee.
9. The president of the Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana or the president's designee.
10. The budget director or the budget director's designee.
11. The executive director of the Association of Indiana Counties or the executive director's designee.
12. The president of the Indiana Judges Association or the president's designee.
13. The chair of the Indiana Public Defender Commission or the chair's designee.
14. The chair of the Senate Corrections and Criminal Law Committee or the chair's designee.
15. The ranking minority member of the Senate Corrections and Criminal Law Committee or the ranking member's designee.
16. The chair of the House Courts and Criminal Code Committee or the chair's designee.
17. The ranking minority member of the House Courts and Criminal Code Committee or the ranking member's designee.



18. The governor or the governor's designee.

JRAC is chaired by the chief justice or the chief justice's designee shall serve as chairperson of the advisory council.

## Purpose

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The purpose of the justice reinvestment advisory council is to review policies, promote state and local collaboration, and provide assistance for use of evidence-based practices and best practices in community based alternatives and recidivism reduction programs, alternatives and recidivism reduction programs, including:

- probation services;
- problem solving courts;
- mental health and addiction treatment and recovery services;
- programs providing pretrial diversion;
- community corrections;
- evidence based recidivism reduction programs for currently incarcerated persons;
- pretrial services;
- other rehabilitation alternatives; and
- the incorporation of evidence-based decision making into decisions concerning jail overcrowding.

## Duties

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The duties of JRAC include:

- reviewing and evaluating state and local criminal justice systems and corrections programs, including pretrial services, behavioral health treatment and recovery services, community corrections, county jails, parole, and probation services;
- reviewing the processes used by the department of correction and the division of mental health and addiction in awarding grants;
- reviewing and evaluating jail overcrowding to identify a range of possible solutions;
- coordinating with other criminal justice funding sources;
- establishing committees to inform the work of the advisory council;
- performing other relevant duties as determined by the advisory council;
- assist local or regional advisory councils in implementation, promotion, and execution of evidence based practices, and the best practices of community-based alternatives recidivism reduction programs.

## Resources

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For additional information and meeting schedules, please visit: [JRAC: About \(in.gov\)](#)