Mission and History

The National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) promotes just and equitable social systems for individuals, families, and communities through research, public policy, and practice.

NCCD was founded in 1907 to help reform the juvenile court movement as a means of keeping children out of the criminal justice system. Today NCCD’s expertise extends to the fields of child welfare, adult corrections, juvenile justice, adult protective services, and education. Our breadth and depth of experience uniquely positions us to work holistically across systems, breaking down traditional silos that hamper effective policy and practice for vulnerable populations.

Our Work

NCCD works with agencies and organizations across 79 jurisdictions in the United States and 9 jurisdictions in Australia, Canada, Bermuda, Taiwan, and Singapore to develop and implement evidence-based and data-driven practices in adult and juvenile justice settings, child welfare, adult protective services, and other social welfare arenas.

The NCCD Children’s Research Center (CRC) was established to help state and child welfare agencies reduce child abuse and neglect by developing decision-support systems and conducting research to improve service delivery to clients.

Other ways of fulfilling our mission include our focus on:

- **Systems and Assessments for Use in Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, and Criminal Justice.** The Structured Decision Making® (SDM) model incorporates a set of evidence-based assessment tools to provide child welfare workers with simple, objective, and reliable frameworks with which to make the best possible decisions for individual cases. SafeMeasures® provides managers and workers with information for improved planning, evaluation, and resource allocation. NCCD’s Juvenile Assessment and Intervention System™ (JAIS) helps caseworkers identify effective strategies for supervising juvenile offenders, while our Correctional Assessment and Intervention System™ (CAIS) helps agencies with offender supervision and treatment. Hundreds of thousands of children and families are being served by CRC’s partner agencies, who use our research to improve decision making and outcomes for families.

- **Data Analytics.** We use powerful data and analytics tools, along with expert knowledge, to develop key practice insights that can be leveraged into better outcomes for children, youth, families, and adults. Our training, technical assistance, and manage-by-data consulting services include annual analyses and special topic reporting.

- **Child Welfare Social Work Practice Skills.** Our practice model focuses on simple social work skills that workers, supervisors, and managers can use in day-to-day casework. The skills help everyone who is working with the child, while keeping a clear focus on assessing and enhancing child safety. Our staff teach this model through training, coaching, facilitation, and
other innovative adult learning approaches. As child welfare staff then learn to use these methods with families, they reinforce critical reflection across the organization while helping improve child safety, permanency, and well-being.

- **People in Prisons.** NCCD has worked for juvenile and criminal justice system reform for a century, and that passion continues today. An NCCD study on future bed space needs for youth detained in Baltimore’s criminal justice system halted plans for construction of a new juvenile facility there.

NCCD has a staff of about 90, at offices in Oakland, CA; Madison, WI; Washington, DC; and satellite offices across the country. Our sources of revenue and funding include local, state, and federal grants and contracts. We also receive private support from foundations such as Casey Family Programs, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Jessie Ball duPont Fund, Open Society Foundations, The California Endowment, The California Wellness Foundation, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Rosenberg Foundation, Fund for Nonviolence, Public Welfare Foundation, Evelyn & Walter Haas, Jr. Fund, Women’s Giving Alliance, Chartrand Foundation, Cowles Charitable Trust, Stein Family Foundation, DuBow Family Foundation, Henley & Lucy Gooding Endowment, Remmer Family Foundation, Weaver Family Foundation, U.S. Bank Foundation, Quest Foundation, Zellerbach Family Foundation, and from individual donors.

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