



**Successes in Smaller Jurisdictions
Criminal Justice Coordinating
Councils**

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The Justice Management Institute

- Arlington, VA non-profit organization
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NNCJCC was created in 2010 to provide a forum for CJCCs to learn from each other and to build capacity for local system improvement.




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30 Network Members




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Role of a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

CJCCs are a forum for justice system decision-makers and other officials to collaborate on coordinating and improving the local criminal justice system.



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How CJCCs Are Formed

- County/City Creation (Most common)
- Executive Branch (Wisconsin, Pennsylvania)
 - WI Executive Order #65 (April 2012) and Executive Order #41 (Aug 2019)
 - PA Criminal Justice Advisory Boards
- Legislative Branch (Oregon, New Mexico, Virginia)
 - ORS 423.560 Local Public Safety Coordinating Council
 - NM Stat § 31-28-3 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
 - VA Code § 9.1-178 Community criminal justice boards



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National Survey of CJCCs

- CJCC members reported that their coordinating council improved:
- Communication (94%)
 - Cooperation (92%)
 - System efficiency (85%)

92% of the CJCC members surveyed indicated that the coordinating council played an important role in the criminal justice system.



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High-Functioning CJCCs – Smaller Jurisdictions

	Member of NNCJCC	Year CJCC Created	County Size
Charlottesville, VA	Yes	1994	48,117
Chippewa County, WI	No	2012	64,658
Clinton County, IA	Yes	2009	46,429
Coconino County, AZ	Yes	2005	143,476
Douglas County, OR	No	2015	110,980
Eau Claire County, WI	Yes	2006	104,646
Lewis and Clark County, MT	Yes	2012	69,432
Winona County, MN	Yes	2007	50,484



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Focus and Projects

- Substance abuse and mental health programming for justice-involved individuals
- Alternatives to incarceration, i.e. problem-solving courts, specialized dockets, deferred prosecution
- Jail reduction – smart use of jail beds
- Pretrial programs



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Benefits of CJCC

- Brings a unified approach and message to the community.
- Provides an environment for discourse and discussion about matters impacting the community and justice system.
- Supports and elevates work of sub-committees.
- Break down barriers between agencies and decrease the silo-effect of information.



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Challenges of CJCC

- Dedicated staff is critical (consider at least ½ time for small county).
- Choosing a coordinator/director who can remain neutral and is perceived to be neutral to ensure all members feel they are part of the decision-making process.
- Funding can be challenging.



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