



ABOUT US

The Justice Lab is an initiative of the state Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) that will publish timely, relevant, objective and research-based evidence on justice programs, policies, and strategies in New York State and use that research to inform justice policy and planning.

The Justice Lab will leverage the expertise of DCJS staff and build upon the agency's commitment to promoting evidence-based policymaking to improve the state's criminal and youth justice systems.



RESEARCH PARTNERS

The Justice Lab seeks bona fide researchers and research organizations to become Research Partners for projects contracted through the Justice Lab. Research Partners will work closely with Lab staff to develop pre-analysis plans that outline the research questions, data sources, and methodology. Research Partners will conduct the research and summarize results in reports and/or presentations.



REVIEW PANEL MEMBERS

Each research project will have a Review Panel consisting of researchers and practitioners who have experience and data, analytic and/or subject-matter expertise on the subject of the research. The Panel will provide feedback on research projects, methodology and final reports, for example, but is not a decision-making body and will not decide whether a research project is funded.



PRE-ANALYSIS PLAN

A pre-analysis plan describes all aspects of the proposed research project before the analysis begins. The level of detail of each plan will vary and depend on the specific research project. The plan may include, but not be limited to, the research questions to be asked, proposed data sources and proposed methodologies.

OBJECTIVES

- Publish relevant, objective evidence on justice programs and strategies
- Provide meaningful, actionable information for policymakers and criminal justice practitioners
- Leverage expertise of DCJS staff to improve the quality, accuracy and relevancy of justice research

JOIN THE JUSTICE LAB

DCJS seeks Justice Lab Affiliates: Research Partners and/or Review Panel members. Individuals will be invited to participate on projects based on their subject-matter or analytic experience and/or expertise.

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