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Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency

Message from the Chair

Entering my third year at the helm of PCCD, I am honored to serve as Chair of the Commission and all the work it does to help make the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania a safer place to live.

During the 2024-25 fiscal year, PCCD awarded approximately \$331 million in state and federal grant programs to support over 2,100 grant projects across Pennsylvania. This funding ensures that our schools are safe places to learn, protects our houses of worship, and reduces violence in our communities. It supports treatment for individuals with mental health and substance use issues and provides vital services for victims of crime.

As you read through this annual report, I hope you will be as amazed as I am as to what this agency has accomplished over the past year. The Shapiro-Davis Administration remains committed to creating a safer, more just Commonwealth for all Pennsylvanians, and I am proud to be part of that effort.



Austin A. Davis

*Lt Governor of Pennsylvania
Chairman of the Pennsylvania
Commission on Crime & Delinquency*



After 22 Years at PCCD

In April 2025, PCCD bid farewell to its 15th Executive Director in its history, Mike Pennington, who served in this capacity since 2019. Mike retired after serving 32 years in juvenile justice and youth prevention related work, including 22 years at PCCD.

A graduate of Allegheny College (B.A.) and Shippensburg University (M.S.), Mike was the director of the PCCD Office of Criminal Justice and Juvenile Justice (now Office of Justice Programs) at PCCD just prior to his Executive Director appointment. He also served as the Director of PCCD's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and was a former director of the Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services at the PA Department of Human Services.



Mike was a member of several professional organizations, including the PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, the National Criminal Justice Association, the Coalition for Juvenile Justice, and the National Juvenile Justice Leadership Network. He also received the Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialist Award in 2019.



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Chair

Charles H. Ramsey, born in 1950, in Chicago, IL; Francis Parker H.S., 1967; Lewis Univ. (B.A.), crim. just., 1990; Lewis Univ. (M.S.), crim. just., 1992; Naval Postgrad. Sch. Cr. for Homeland Def. and Security (exec. dirship, prog.); 2008; Inter. cadetship; police officer/inter. crim. of patrol detectives and narcotics under time; dep. Chicago Police Dept.; Inter. chief; Metro. Police Dept. D.C.; Inter. security consult.; Wash. D.C. Conn. Cr. U.S. Sen. Sig. of Arms; Inter. police comm.; Phila. Police Dept.; Inter. law enforcement analyst CNR; Inter. pres. Police Exec. Research Forum; Major Cities Chiefs Assn.; deing. visiting fellow; Drexel Univ.; co-chair; Penn. Task Force; 21st Century Policing; asst.; Natl. Law Enforcement Mem. Lifetime Achiev. Award; 2016; Major Cities Chiefs Ldrship Award; 2015; Pres. Vol. Ser. Award; Pres. Crim. on Sci. and Crim. Justice; 2011; appnt. Chair, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Jan. 24, 2017; married Dr. Sylvia R. Ramsey; 1 child; 1 grandchild.



MICHAEL D. PENNINGTON

Executive Director

Michael D. Pennington, born Oct. 2, 1970, in New Philadelphia, son of Tony and Marlene Pennington; New Philadelphia H.S., 1989; Allegheny Coll. (B.A.), comm., 1993; Shippensburg Univ. (M.S.), crim. justice admin., 2002; Inter. dir. PCCD Office of Criminal Justice and Juvenile Justice; Inter. dir. Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services/Dept. of Human Services; Inter. dir. PCCD Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; Inter. PA Crim. of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers; Natl. Criminal Justice Assn.; Coalition for Juvenile Justice; Natl. Juvenile Justice Leadership Network; asst.; Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialist Award; Marjorie Morris Award; PA Com. Providers Award; 2011; appnt. Executive Director, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency September 16, 2019; married; Phoebe; 2 children.

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Established by law in 1978, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) serves as the justice planning and policymaking agency for the Commonwealth. PCCD's mission is to enhance the quality, coordination, and planning within the criminal and juvenile justice systems, to facilitate the delivery of services to victims of crime, and to increase the safety of our communities. By bringing together a wide range of experts in these fields, PCCD coordinates the collective examination of problems, proposes solutions, and evaluates the impact of those solutions.

PCCD facilitates partnerships among federal, state, and local policymakers; fosters interagency coordination and cooperation; develops and coordinates policy issues; provides statewide criminal statistical and analytical services; fosters community-based initiatives in the areas of delinquency prevention and offender reentry; promotes the use of information technology and information sharing to enhance operational effectiveness in criminal justice agencies; and grants federal and state funds to provide monies to support best practices and innovation.

The agency is specifically tasked with providing services to the victims of crime (e.g., administration of the state's Crime Victims' Compensation Fund; Children's Advocacy Centers; etc.); implementing Act 115 of 2019 specifically related to sentences of probation with restrictive conditions of supervision; administering support for County Adult Probation Services pursuant to Act 114 of 2018; coordinating training for sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and constables per their respective statutes; and administering the school safety and security program.



Building on a Legacy of Service

Kirsten E. Kenyon Appointed Executive Director

Ms. Kenyon previously served as Director of PCCD's Office of Research, Evaluation, and Strategic Policy Development (ORESPD) since 2014, where she helped lead some of the Commonwealth's most significant public safety and violence prevention initiatives. During her tenure, ORESPD played a central role in the implementation of programs supporting school safety, violence intervention and prevention (VIP), BOOST, nonprofit security, and child abuse treatment and investigation efforts.

She also led PCCD's work as Pennsylvania's Statistical Analysis Center, strengthening the agency's use of research, evaluation, and data-driven decision-making to guide investments that improve community safety and support victims, youth, and families across the Commonwealth.

In addition to her agency leadership responsibilities, Ms. Kenyon served as PCCD's legislative liaison and brought more than a decade of prior experience working in the Pennsylvania State Senate.

A graduate of Juniata College and The Pennsylvania State University, Ms. Kenyon's appointment reflects PCCD's continued commitment to collaboration, innovation, and evidence-based strategies that strengthen public safety and improve outcomes for Pennsylvanians.



Kirsten E. Kenyon

*Pennsylvania Commission on Crime
& Delinquency Executive Director*



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Mission, Vision & Goals

Since 1978, PCCD has supported justice system improvements, victim services and compensation, and other initiatives responsive to the needs of practitioners, communities, and the Commonwealth.



Mission

PCCD's mission is to advance justice system collaboration, support victims, and promote safer schools and communities through planning, training, and financial assistance.

Vision

To be a state and national leader supporting programs and practices that promote justice for all citizens and communities of Pennsylvania.

Goals from 2021-2025 Strategic Framework:

- We support programs and practices that promote justice for all citizens and communities in Pennsylvania.
- We invest in ideas and strategies that improve systems and help make Pennsylvanians and communities safer.
- We work with partners to reduce the impact of crime on victims and survivors.
- We support training and skill-building to ensure the preparedness of our practitioners.
- We develop and share relevant expertise, data, and resources to inform state and local efforts.
- We will ensure impact, fairness, transparency, quality, and equity in how PCCD conducts business and allocates resources.

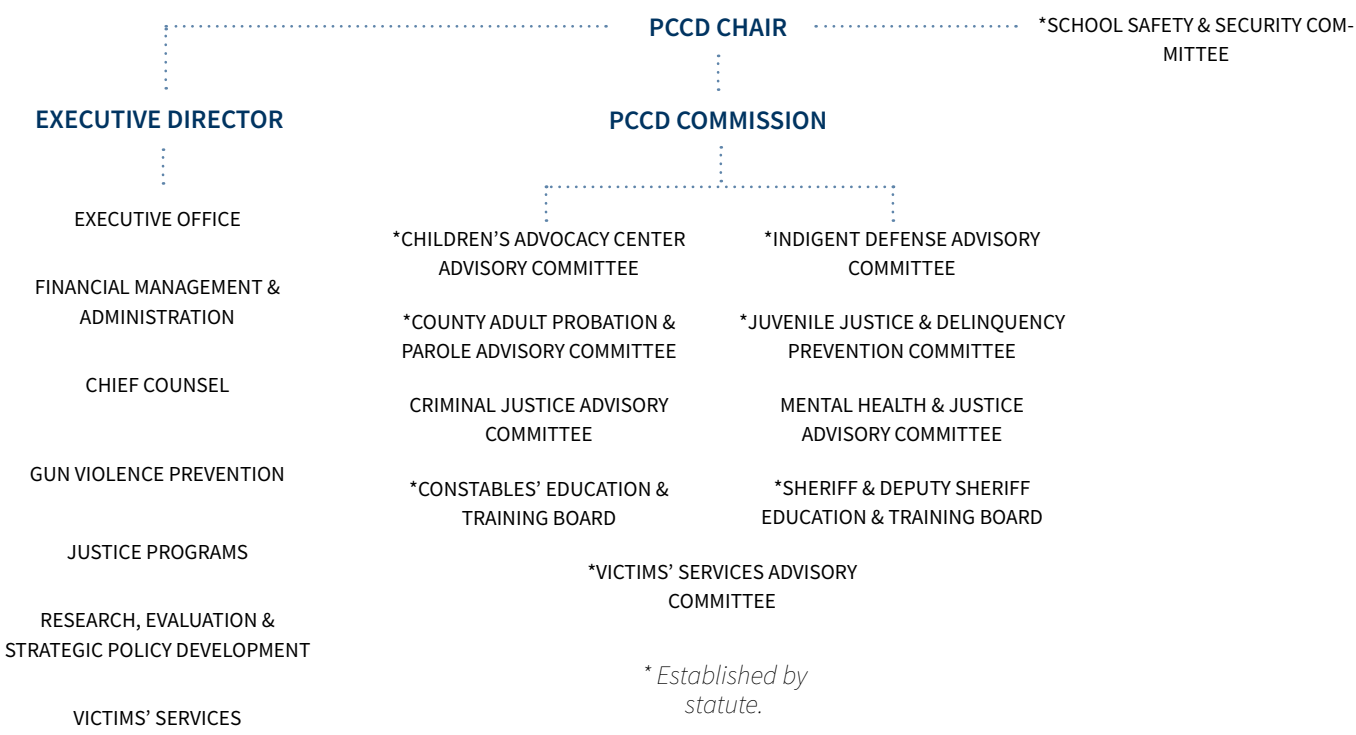


Statutory Responsibilities

By law, the agency is specifically tasked with:

- Providing services to victims of crime (e.g., administration of the state’s Crime Victims’ Compensation Fund, Children’s Advocacy Centers, etc.);
- Implementing Act 115 of 2019 specifically related to sentences of probation with restrictive conditions of supervision;
- Administering support for County Adult Probation Services pursuant to Act 114 of 2019;
- Coordinating training for sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, and constables per their respective statutes;
- Administering the school safety and security program established by Act 44 of 2018;
- Administering support for local indigent defense services pursuant to Act 34 of 2023;
- Collecting, analyzing, and reporting on criminal justice data to inform policy, funding decisions, and public safety strategies; and
- Supporting juvenile justice system planning and oversight through the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJNPC), the Commonwealth’s federally required State Advisory Group under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

Organization Chart



Programs & Initiatives



Gun Violence Prevention



Youth Mentoring & Prevention



School Safety & Mental Health



Juvenile & Criminal Justice Reforms



Law Enforcement Training & Technology



Behavioral Health Initiatives



Data, Research, & Evaluation



Indigent Defense Services



Victim Services & Compensation



Children's Advocacy Centers

Funding Distribution & Impact

Breakdown of funding by initiative:

School Safety: \$151,106,725

Victim Services: \$66,253,778

Community Violence: \$44,762,917

Law Enforcement & Courts: \$37,759,588

Criminal Justice Improvements: \$26,612,574

Substance Misuse/Prevention: \$11,047,428

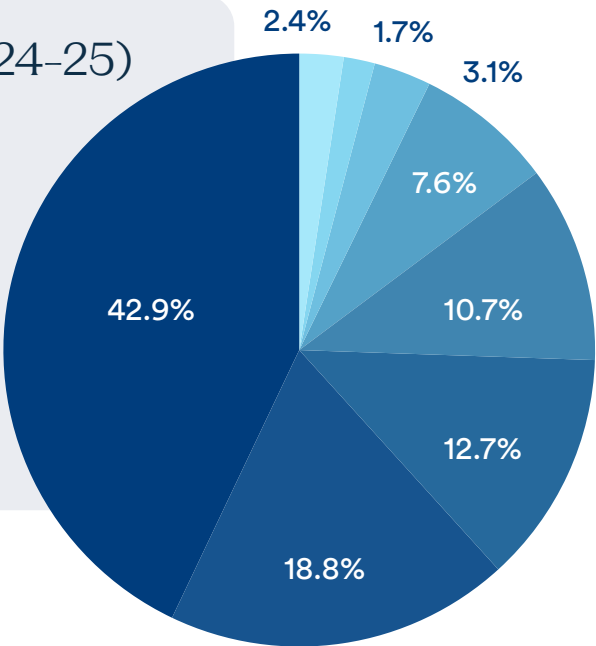
Juvenile Justice: \$5,984,837

Other: \$8,492,467

Overall PCCD funding awarded: \$352,020,314

PCCD Funding by Initiative (FY 2024-25)

- School Safety: 42.9%
- Victim Services: 18.8%
- Community Violence: 12.7%
- Law Enforcement & Courts: 10.7%
- Criminal Justice Improvements: 7.6%
- Substance Misuse/Prevention: 3.1%
- Juvenile Justice: 1.7%
- Other: 2.4%



Getting Out in the Community

Throughout FY 2024–2025, PCCD brought together hundreds of advocates, professionals, and partners to learn, collaborate, and strengthen systems of support across the Commonwealth.

Community Engagement & Events

Office of Gun Violence Prevention (OGVP) Listening Sessions

On September 9, 2024, Governor Shapiro signed Executive Order 2024-02 re-establishing the OGVP within PCCD.

The office held seven stakeholder listening sessions across the state on youth gun involvement, firearm safety, suicide prevention, and the intersection of domestic violence and gun violence, and collected input from 800+ Pennsylvanians via an online survey.



Lt. Governor Austin Davis Kicks Off Listening Tour to Inform the Work of the Office of Gun Violence Prevention

[October 09, 2024](#)

Office of Gun Violence Prevention and Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence Host Listening Session on Intersections of Gun Violence with Domestic Violence & Intimate Partner Violence

[November 14, 2024](#)

Office of Gun Violence Prevention and Department of Health Host Listening Session on Public Health Approaches to Gun Violence Prevention

[November 22, 2024](#)

Pennsylvania Office of Gun Violence Prevention and CeaseFirePA Host Listening Session on Firearm Suicide Prevention

[December 02, 2024](#)

Shapiro-Davis Administration Host Listening Sessions in Pittsburgh on Reducing Youth Gun Involvement

[March 20, 2025](#)



2024 Statewide Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Symposium

In September 2024, PCCD in collaboration with the Department of Human Services (DHS), hosted more than 200 attendees for the 2024 Statewide CIT Symposium.

Attendees spanned across law enforcement, first responders, correctional facility personnel, probation and parole officers, mental health professionals, and advocates— all dedicated to supporting individuals in mental health crises through CIT programs throughout Pennsylvania.

PCCD presented the following awards, recognizing the accomplishments and leadership of individuals making a difference in the CIT space across Pennsylvania:

- **CIT Behavioral Health Practitioner of the Year:**
Dr. Todd D. Negola
- **CIT Team Coordinator of the Year:**
Tracy Small, Centre County CIT Coordinator
- **CIT Police Officer of the Year:**
Patrolman First Class Orion Hippensteel



PCCD Convenes over 200 Law Enforcement and First Responders for 2024 Statewide Crisis Intervention Team Symposium
[September 25, 2024](#)



2025 Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB)

April 22–23, 2025

*The Penn Stater Hotel & Conference Center
in State College, PA.*

The theme – **“From Crisis to Collaboration: Building Resilient Justice Systems”** – focused on strengthening partnerships across criminal justice, behavioral health, and treatment sectors.

More than 530 criminal justice and behavioral health professionals from across the Commonwealth, the largest gathering since the conference’s inception in 2007.

PCCD presented three distinguished awards recognizing outstanding leadership and innovation in criminal justice:

- **CJAB Best Practices Award:**
Butler County
- **Honorable Linda K.M. Ludgate Excellence in CJAB Leadership Award:**
Honorable Stephen B. Minor, Potter County
- **Honorable John A. Zottola Mental Health and Justice Award:**
Julia Lekner-Leslie, Community Behavioral Health, Philadelphia



Over 500 Justice and Behavioral Health Professionals Attend 2025 Criminal Justice Conference Emphasizing Collaboration and Resiliency
[April 22, 2025](#)



Media Visits & Coverage

PCCD maintained a strong public presence throughout the year, **issuing 38 press releases and hosting 12 media events** to spotlight major funding investments, policy initiatives, and community partnerships. These efforts helped raise awareness, drive transparency, and reinforce Pennsylvania's commitment to supporting victims, preventing violence, and strengthening public safety statewide.

2024

Shapiro-Davis Administration Approves \$80 Million in Funding to Support Law Enforcement Equipment Upgrades and Support Victims of Crime

[September 13, 2024](#)

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Streamlines Process for Victims of Crime to Receive Financial Compensation

[September 19, 2024](#)

PCCD Joins Victim Service Agencies in York to Highlight Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and 2024-25 Shapiro-Davis Budget Investment for Victims Compensation

[October 08, 2024](#)

Shapiro-Davis Administration Delivers \$10 Million in Funding for 208 Nonprofit Organizations Across Pennsylvania to Combat Hate Crime through Enhanced Security

[October 17, 2024](#)

Shapiro-Davis Administration Approves \$20 Million in Grant Funding for School Safety and Mental Health Supports

[November 26, 2024](#)

Shapiro-Davis Administration Approves \$40 Million in Funding to Support Victims of Crime, Children's Advocacy Centers, and County Adult Probation and Parole

[December 12, 2024](#)



2025

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Delivers More Than \$600 Million in Grant Funding Under Shapiro-Davis Administration

[January 03, 2025](#)

Shapiro-Davis Administration is Investing Nearly \$275 Million in School Safety Grants to Make Pennsylvania Schools Safer

[January 06, 2025](#)

Shapiro-Davis Administration Visits Abrams Hebrew Academy to Highlight State Funding to Improve Security and Student Mental Health in Pennsylvania Schools

[January 09, 2025](#)

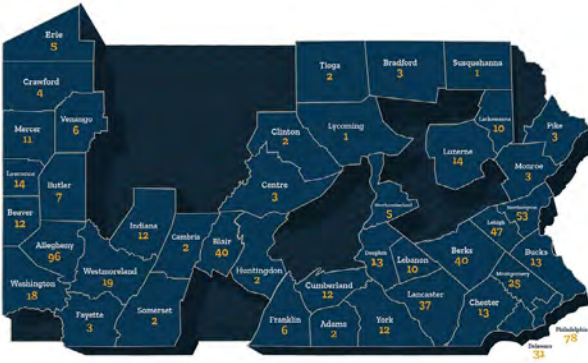
Shapiro-Davis Administration Highlights Importance of Safely Storing Firearms to Keep Families and Communities Safe

[January 13, 2025](#)



Shapiro-Davis Administration Delivers Over \$3 Million to Hire, Recruit, and Train Nearly 700 Police Officers

[January 15, 2025](#)



Lt. Governor Austin Davis Announces Over \$11 Million in State Grants from the Shapiro-Davis Administration to Strengthen Afterschool Programs for Pennsylvania Youth

[January 16, 2025](#)

Making Pennsylvania Communities Safer: Shapiro-Davis Administration Invests \$15 Million for Nonprofit Organizations to Combat Hate Crime Through Enhanced Security

[January 21, 2025](#)

Shapiro-Davis Administration Invests in Afterschool Programs in Erie & Across Western Pennsylvania

[January 23, 2025](#)

Shapiro-Davis Administration Receives \$2.5 Million Federal Award to Establish New Statewide Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System

[January 27, 2025](#)

Shapiro-Davis Administration Stands with Survivors: Commission on Crime and Delinquency Holds Roundtable Discussion on Human Trafficking

[January 30, 2025](#)

Smart on Safety: Shapiro-Davis Proposed 2025-26 State Budget Makes Critical Investments to Keep Kids and Communities Safe

[February 05, 2025](#)

ICYMI: In Op-ed, Lt. Governor Austin Davis Advocates for Additional Investments to Support Crime Victims

[March 05, 2025](#)



A Financial Lifeline: How Pennsylvania's Victims Compensation Assistance Program Rebuilds Lives After Gun Violence

02/27/2025

"Gun violence leaves lasting scars — physically, emotionally, and financially. While the immediate trauma of being shot or losing a loved one is devastating, the financial burden that follows can be just as overwhelming. From medical expenses to lost wages and even relocation costs, victims and their families often face mounting expenses that seem difficult to overcome."

Fortunately, Pennsylvania's Victims Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP) serves as a critical lifeline for those affected by crime, offering financial relief when it's needed most."

[Read the Full Op-Ed from Lt. Gov. Davis in the Times Leader Here](#)

Shapiro-Davis Admin Reinforces \$9M Proposal for Victims Support in 25-26 Budget

[March 07, 2025](#)

Shapiro-Davis Administration Host Listening Sessions in Pittsburgh on Reducing Youth Gun Involvement

[March 20, 2025](#)

Lt. Governor Austin Davis Highlights Importance of Proposed 2025-26 State Budget Investment for Victims Compensation & the Critical Role of the Program for Victims & Survivors of Crime

[March 21, 2025](#)

Shapiro-Davis Administration Highlights Need for Continued Investments in Violence Prevention Strategies

[April 04, 2025](#)

Shapiro-Davis Administration & Statewide Advocates Highlight Victims' Rights Week, Governor Shapiro's Proposed \$9 Million Investment in Victim Compensation

[April 10, 2025](#)

Shapiro Admin Launches New Crisis Intervention Technical Assistance Initiative in Berks County

[May 12, 2025](#)

Shapiro-Davis Administration Releases Findings, Recommendations from Statewide Needs Assessment to Better Support Victims of Gun Violence

[June 11, 2025](#)



ICYMI: WATCH: “State Funding is Reducing Violence and Supporting Youth — We Must Keep It Going”

[June 09, 2025](#)

PCCD Chair Lt. Governor Austin Davis visited Café Momentum in Pittsburgh, a recent recipient of more than \$910,000 in VIP grant funding, to hear how their internship program is helping reduce violence and improve the lives of justice-involved youth.

Watch Lt. Gov. Davis' Visit to Café Momentum on Instagram:

[Part 1](#)

[Part 2](#)

[Part 3](#)

Crime Trends & Research Initiatives

As part of its mission to improve justice outcomes across the Commonwealth, PCCD, through its Statistical Analysis Center (SAC), supports data-driven decision-making through research, publications, dashboards, and trend analysis.



Statistical Analysis Center (SAC)

Created under Act 274 of 1978, and staffed by PCCD personnel and Indiana **University of Pennsylvania (IUP)** researchers and data analysts, PCCD's SAC is an independent data and research hub that informs statewide efforts through:

- Recidivism and crime trend studies.
 - Legislative task force support.
 - Policy evaluations.
 - Grant performance analytics.
 - Data dashboards and mapping.
- **Analysis of Weapons Relinquishments in Protection-from-Abuse Orders in Pennsylvania 2019-2023**

In 2024, researchers from IUP and PCCD analyzed weapons relinquishments in Pennsylvania's Protection-from-Abuse (PFA) cases. Key findings indicate that while PFA cases rose 11% from 2020 to 2023, requests for weapon relinquishment grew by 44%, and court orders to relinquish weapons by nearly 40%.

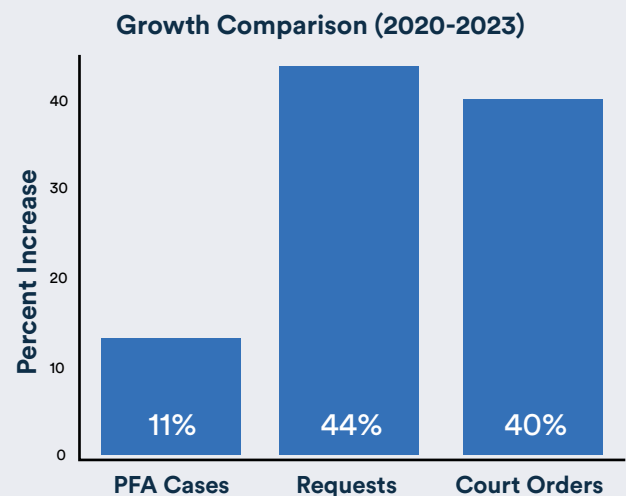
Webinar: Findings & Impact: 6 Years Later

In Spring of 2025, PCCD researchers discussed the findings within the Analysis of Weapons Relinquishments in Protection-from-Abuse Orders in Pennsylvania 2024 and the impact of Act 79 of 2018.

[Watch the Webinar](#)

Research Highlights:

- In the fall of 2024, SAC researchers published new reports to support the work of PCCD's **County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee (CAPPAC)**. These reports were supported by a federal grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) and examined **County Supervision and Recidivism** and **Probation and Recidivism in Pennsylvania**.



[Analysis of Weapons Relinquishments in Protection-from-Abuse Orders in Pennsylvania 2019-2023](#)

Gun Violence Dashboard

This interactive dashboard provides a geographic view of past and current Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) and other gun violence reduction grants administered by PCCD.

- Inclusion of 67 FY 2024–25 VIP/CCVI projects approved for up to \$44.95 million.
- Inclusion of 46 FY 2024–25 BOOST projects approved for up to \$11.6 million as part of Pennsylvania's broader violence prevention efforts.



Annual Crime Trends

Crime trends in FY 2024–25 show a clear decline across all major offense categories, with the largest decreases seen in DUI and weapons offenses. While overall incidents are trending downward, clearance rates vary significantly by offense type—ranging from high clearance in DUI, weapons, and drug offenses to substantially lower rates for property crimes.

A clearance rate is the number of offenses cleared compared to the number of offenses reported in the same period. Caution must be used when interpreting clearance rates. Cases that are cleared in one year may have been reported offenses in a previous year. Therefore, the number of offenses and the number of clearances are not a direct relationship of the outcome of cases that occurred that year.

Data for this report was drawn from the Pennsylvania State Police Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) website in March 2026. Data reported is subject to change as law enforcement agencies report data on an ongoing basis

219,369 Part I Actual Offenses in FY 2024–25

► Total Violent Crimes

- Includes: Murder, Rape, Robbery, Assault
- Actual: 31,152 | Cleared: 16,872 | Overall Clearance Rate: 54.2%
- Percent Change from FY2023-24: -9.1% (34,273)

► Total Property Crimes

- Includes: Burglary, Larceny/Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, Arson
- Actual: 188,038 | Cleared: 43,845 | Overall Clearance Rate: 23.3%
- Percent Change from FY2023-24: -5.7% (199,490)

► Total Drug Offenses

- Includes: All drug abuse violations (sale, manufacturing, possession)
- Actual: 39,243 | Cleared: 30,469 | Overall Clearance Rate: 77.6%
- Percent Change from FY2023-24: -4.7% (41,161)

► Total Weapons Offenses

- Includes: Possession, Carrying, etc.
- Actual: 9,233 | Cleared: 7,260 | Overall Clearance Rate: 78.6%
- Percent Change from FY2023-24: -14.9% (10,852)

► Other Offenses

- Prostitution, Human Trafficking, Sex Offenses (non-rape), etc.
- Actual: 333,235 | Cleared: 153,331 | Overall Clearance Rate: 46.0%
- Percent Change from FY2023-24: -3.0% (343,604)

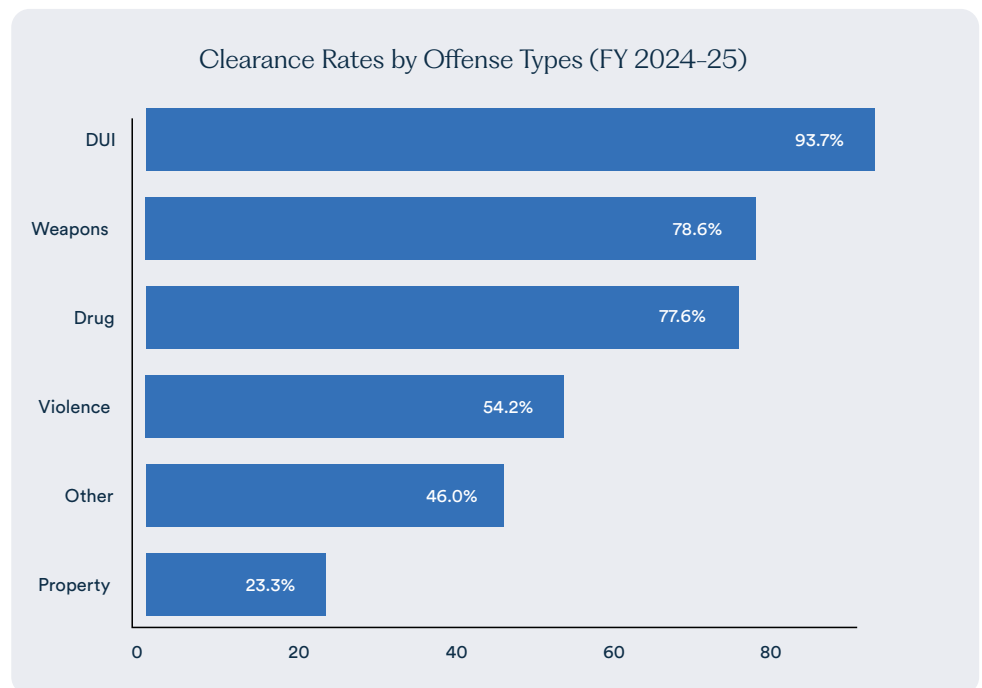
► DUI

- Actual: 32,553 | Cleared: 30,489 | Overall Clearance Rate: 93.7%
- Percent Change from FY2023-24: -24.7% (43,245)

Summary of Clearance Rates by Category

These patterns highlight two important realities: progress is being made in reducing crime statewide, and outcomes within the justice system differ depending on the nature of the offense.

Together, these trends provide a more complete picture of public safety in Pennsylvania and help inform ongoing efforts to strengthen prevention, enforcement, and support for communities.



School Safety & Youth-Focused Programs

Pennsylvania Youth Survey

PAYS is a voluntary, anonymous, and confidential survey offered at no cost to schools. Since 1989, it has provided valuable insights into students' experiences, behaviors, and attitudes around mental health, substance use, school climate, and violence. Survey findings help school leaders implement evidence-based prevention programs, promote student well-being, and elevate PA youth voices.

During FY 2024-25, PCCD worked with contracted partners to create a survey for fourth-grade students.



2023 Participation Highlights (Latest data available)

- 407 school districts and 49 other educational entities participated.
- 262,535 students completed the survey in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12.
- Participation rate among eligible students was 72.7%.

School Safety Grants

In 2024-25, PCCD awarded nearly \$120 million across two grant programs to help Pennsylvania's public and private K-12 schools boost physical security and mental health supports for students.

"Our students deserve to be and feel safe in schools. These dollars are tremendous investments in their safety and success. It's an honor to advocate for their needs as a state representative, and I will continue to support all of our students in our communities."

- Rep. Lindsay Powell

"These grants are a vital investment in the safety and well-being of our students and educators. Ensuring our schools have the resources to enhance security and provide mental health support is crucial to creating safer, more supportive learning environments for students across the Butler County."

- Rep. Marci Mustello



ICYMI: Shapiro-Davis Administration Approves \$20 Million in Grant Funding for School Safety and Mental Health Supports

[December 06, 2024](#)

Additional Media Coverage

[Penn Capital-Star](#)

[WTAJ](#)

[The Keystone](#)

School Safety Grants Continued

► School Safety & Mental Health Grants

779 public school entities— 500 school districts, 176 charter schools, 29 Intermediate Units, and 74 area career and technical schools— were awarded a combined total of \$100 million in formula grant funding to address both physical security and behavioral health needs.

[View the Full Award List](#)

“Ensuring the safety of our students and teachers is a top priority. These grants will help local schools strengthen security, improve mental health resources and create a safer learning environment for students. Every child deserves to feel safe and supported in school.”

- Rep. Leslie Rossi

► Targeted Nonpublic School Safety Grants

Approved 367 applications totaling \$19.7 million to help prevent school violence and boost safety, with funding open to nonpublic schools, municipalities, law enforcement, and security vendors for school security services across Pennsylvania.

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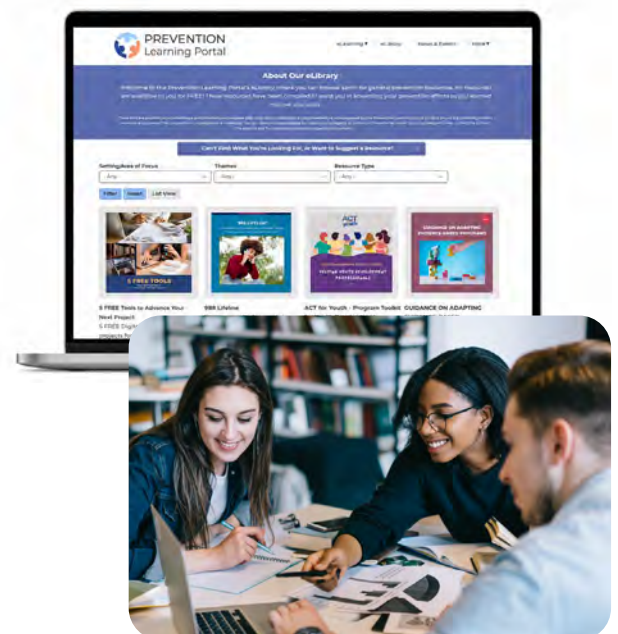
Prevention Initiatives

Prevention Learning Portal

In partnership with Penn State EPIS, PCCD launched a new statewide online portal in November 2023 to expand access to evidence-based prevention training and tools for practitioners.



The Prevention Learning Portal continued to serve as a free statewide resource for prevention professionals, educators, and community partners seeking to strengthen their knowledge of evidence-based prevention and implementation practices.



Children's Advocacy & Safety

► Safe Touches Pilot Project

PCCD continues to support evidence-based child sexual abuse prevention efforts through school- and community-based programming.

Originally launched in 2022 in partnership with the Child Maltreatment Solutions Network (CMSN) at Penn State, this initiative includes both student-focused body safety training and parent education components.

Expansion & Impact:

- In August 2024, PCCD awarded \$3.4 million to 15 grantees to implement Project Safe and Smart, expanding the original Safe Touches pilot from 9 to 26 counties
- Programming continued beyond the original pilot period, with grantees extending services using remaining funds

Cumulative Impact (Since 2022):

- 2,014 Safe Touches workshops delivered to 38,859 second-grade students
- 304 concerning statements or disclosures identified and reported to facilitators
- 574 parents and caregivers served through 201 Smarter Parents workshops

These efforts reflect a continued commitment to early intervention, prevention education, and strengthening protective factors for children and families in Pennsylvania.

► Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs)

Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) provide coordinated, child-focused services to victims of abuse, including forensic interviews, medical evaluations, therapy, and victim advocacy. CACs also support multidisciplinary teams responsible for investigating child abuse cases.

FY 2024–25 Investment:

- PCCD provided \$4.8 million to support CACs and multidisciplinary team partners across Pennsylvania

This funding ensures continued access to trauma-informed services, strengthens investigations, and supports coordinated responses to child abuse statewide.

Other Programs

Office of the Safe School Advocate (OSSA)

OSSA supports students and staff in the School District of Philadelphia who have experienced physical, emotional, sexual, or financial harm at school or while commuting.

- Provides Victim Support
- Attends Disciplinary Hearings Upon Request
- Monitors Incident Reporting Compliance
- Promotes Public Awareness of Available Services

[View the 2024-25 OSSA Annual Report](#)

In accordance with Section 1320-B(b)(7) of the Pennsylvania Public School Code, OSSA prepares an annual report detailing its activities, recommendations for reforms, and legislative considerations. This report is submitted by August 15 each year to the School District of Philadelphia Superintendent, the Secretary of Education, the Executive Director of PCCD, and the chairs of the Senate and House Education Committees.



Juvenile Justice System Improvements



PCCD continues to lead statewide efforts to support youth, strengthen communities, and improve justice system outcomes through data-driven strategies, cross-system collaboration, and targeted investments.

Juvenile Justice Initiatives

Youth Justice Advisory Boards (YJAB-C)

PCCD's Youth Justice Advisory Boards empower system-impacted youth to develop leadership skills and inform juvenile justice system improvements.

► FY 2024–25 Impact:

- 140+ youth engaged across 8 county-based pilot sites

• Training focused on:

- Leadership, public speaking, and storytelling
- Advocacy, communication, and motivational interviewing
- Workforce development and financial literacy

Key Highlights:

- YJAB members presented at the 2024 PA Conference on Juvenile Justice
- 50+ youth convened to develop content for a Youth-Led Best Practices Toolkit (launching FY 2025–26)

Building Local Continuums of Care

This initiative works to prevent unnecessary system involvement by identifying service gaps and strengthening local supports for youth and families.

► FY 2024–25 Progress:

- Convened a steering committee of system partners and impacted individuals to co-design project activities
- Completed county-level data profiles and initiated local asset mapping
- Advanced to Phase II, including statewide and local system mapping
- Prepared for focus groups and deeper engagement in FY 2025–26

Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy

Since 2009, Pennsylvania’s Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) has guided the use of evidence-based practices to improve outcomes for youth.

[View the JJSES Monograph](#)

[View the Youth Level of Service Infographic](#)

[View the Motivational Interviewing Infographic](#)

[View the Case Planning Infographic](#)

[Other 2024 JJSES Highlights](#)

[The Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission 2024 Annual Report](#)

Report contains new metrics including court hearings, diversion, and first-time justice-involved youth in placement.

[2024 Outcome Measures](#)

[Juvenile Justice Recidivism Report](#)

[10 Year Trend Data](#)

Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP)

SPEP supports accountability and continuous improvement for juvenile justice services.

► **FY 2024–25 Highlights:**

- 64 programs across 47 counties evaluated
- Pennsylvania remains the most rigorously studied SPEP implementation site nationally, including continued evaluation through the 2025 revalidation study

[2025 SPEP Revalidation Study](#)

[More Information About SPEP](#)

Compliance Monitoring

PCCD ensures compliance with the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act, protecting youth from inappropriate placement and harm.

► **FY 2024–25 Impact:**

- 423 facilities inspected statewide to ensure compliance with federal protections

Evidence-Based Prevention and Intervention Support (EPIS)

In partnership with DHS and Penn State, EPIS supports communities in implementing high-quality, evidence-based prevention programs.

► **FY 2024–25 Impact:**

- Supported 14 Communities That Care (CTC) coalitions
- Assisted with 50+ evidence-based program implementations
- Reached 6,600+ youth and 100+ parents

[Opioid Misuse Prevention Program \(OMPP\)](#)

Reached 6,000+ youth and families

[DDAP Needs/Resource Assessment, Planning, & Evaluation Project](#)

Engaged all 67 counties in prevention planning

Making Pennsylvania Safer

Pennsylvania continued to make significant progress in reducing gun violence and protecting communities through targeted grants, partnerships, and evaluation initiatives.

Nonprofit Security Grant Program

The Shapiro-Davis Administration remains committed to ensuring all Pennsylvanians feel safe and welcome. In October 2024, PCCD awarded \$10 million to 208 nonprofits serving communities at heightened risk for hate crimes through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program.

These investments have positively impacted an estimated 4 million people across the Commonwealth.

Preventing Gun and Community Violence

Building Opportunity through Out-of-School Time (BOOST) Grant Program

- ▶ In FY 2024-25, PCCD awarded \$11.5 million in first-time BOOST grants to 44 entities and two statewide organizations to support structured programs or activities with engaged mentors and evidence-based/informed practices provided to school-age youth before school, after school, or during the summer.



Violence Intervention & Prevention (VIP) Competitive Grants

- ▶ In FY 2024-25, PCCD awarded \$45 million to 67 organizations through VIP and Collaborative Community Violence Intervention (CCVI) grants, supporting grassroots, community-driven strategies to interrupt cycles of gun violence.



Gun Violence Grants Dashboard

PCCD is working with the University of Chicago's NORC and Temple University to study the effectiveness of VIP-funded programs.

- In FY 2024-25, 40 programs from earlier funding cohorts continued participating in a deep-dive process evaluation to gather performance metrics, conduct site visits, and refine program models based on data.



PA Peace Alliance

Launched in 2023 in partnership with WestEd's Justice & Prevention Research Center, the PA Peace Alliance serves as a statewide support network for organizations working to prevent and reduce gun violence. The Alliance provides technical assistance, training, and access to resources to strengthen community-based violence intervention efforts across Pennsylvania.

► Impact in FY 2024-25:

- Delivered 400+ one-on-one technical assistance sessions to participating organizations
- Engaged 30+ new organizations in technical assistance, communities of practice, and training opportunities
- Expanded its role as a centralized resource hub, providing 415+ resources, including research, webinars, videos, and podcasts
- Curated and shared 110 news stories highlighting violence prevention efforts across Pennsylvania and nationwide
- Supported 300+ organizations through 13 stakeholder training sessions



Through these efforts, the PA Peace Alliance continues to build capacity, foster collaboration, and connect organizations to the tools and knowledge needed to implement effective, community-driven violence prevention strategies.

Criminal Justice System Improvements

Indigent Defense

Pennsylvania made historic progress in strengthening indigent defense services.

► FY 2024–25 Highlights:

- First-ever state-funded indigent defense grants implemented statewide
- All 67 counties received funding
- Continued work of the Indigent Defense Advisory Committee (IDAC)

Local Law Enforcement Support Grant Program

One of the largest public safety investments in Pennsylvania history supported law enforcement capacity and modernization.

► Technology & Infrastructure Investments:

- \$119.5 million awarded across 225 municipalities
- Supported upgrades in:
 - IT and communication systems
 - Equipment and training
 - Recruitment, retention, and personnel needs

Recruitment & Workforce Development:

- To help fill police officer vacancies, PCCD awarded \$564,774, in addition to the \$2.9 million awarded in FY 2023-24, totaling \$3,464,774
- Fund Act 120 training
- Recruitment pipelines and officer onboarding



Mental & Behavioral Health Initiatives

Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP)

In 2023, PCCD successfully secured \$8.5 million in federal funding through the 2022-23 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP), a U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to reduce gun violence and improve crisis response systems, especially for individuals with behavioral health needs.

- In FY 2024-25, PCCD distributed \$499,995, bringing the total to nearly \$3.5 million in SCIP funds.

Projects Supported in FY 24-25:

Resources for Gun Violence Victims Needs Assessment and Technical Assistance Initiative

Goal: In partnership with ICF, assess unmet needs of gun violence victims, survivors, and service providers.

► Impact in FY 2024-25:

- Released an **Interim Report: Pennsylvania's Resources for Victims of Gun Violence Initiative**, providing early insights into service gaps and opportunities to strengthen support systems.
- Conducted a statewide needs assessment (Fall 2024 – Spring 2025) to better understand available resources and identify unmet needs among individuals and communities impacted by gun violence.
- PCCD is leveraging the remaining \$2 million in SCIP funding to support the development and implementation of a pilot resiliency center model. In partnership with ICF, local governments, and community-based organizations, this effort will adapt the resiliency center framework to meet local needs—ensuring a flexible, responsive, and equitable service model.



[Visit the Resources for Victims of Gun Violence Initiative Webpage](#)

Findings from the ICF-led assessment highlighted regional differences across Pennsylvania and informed recommendations in five key areas:

1. Sharing information with communities
2. Public awareness and communication
3. Multidisciplinary collaboration and coordination
4. Therapeutic support
5. Resiliency resources

SCIP Crisis Landscape Assessment

This assessment represents a critical step in understanding and strengthening Pennsylvania's crisis response system through data, stakeholder input, and evidence-based practices.

Goal: In partnership with the Council of State Governments (CSG), conduct a statewide gap analysis of crisis response systems, with a focus on Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) models.

► Impact in FY 2024-25:

- CSG reviewed, coded, and analyzed all 67 Pennsylvania county human services plans, noting current crisis infrastructure and visible gaps across the Commonwealth. They also drafted a literature review consisting of existing state and municipal legislative policies and statutes, national crisis response and CIT best practices, publicly available data related to crisis in PA, and resources gathered from various stakeholders (PCCD, AOPC, OMHSAS, PA Behavioral Health Council, etc.).
- Launched stakeholder engagement efforts at the 2024 Pennsylvania Statewide CIT Symposium, where CSG presented the project and began recruiting participants for statewide listening sessions.
- Conducted 14 listening sessions and targeted interviews with a diverse group of stakeholders, including law enforcement, behavioral health providers, CIT personnel, crisis response staff, and individuals with lived experience.
- Analyzed qualitative data from stakeholder engagement to identify key themes and system gaps, resulting in structured findings captured in two analytical matrices. A draft report outlining findings and recommendations were presented to the MHJAC CIT and Crisis Services Workgroup in September 2025.

FY 2022–23 Byrne SCIP Local Solicitation

Goal: Equip local governments with the tools and resources needed to implement crisis intervention court proceedings and related behavioral health and public safety programs.

► Impact in FY 2024-25:

Through locally driven SCIP-funded initiatives, communities across Pennsylvania expanded crisis response capacity and strengthened connections to behavioral health services:

- 215 individuals received crisis intervention services
- 69 first responders trained in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) models
- 968 staff trained in Mental Health First Aid
- 334 referrals made to the BHJD Resource Hub or pretrial services
- 121 contacts made by social workers supporting individuals in crisis
- 161 mental health and substance use-related calls responded to by law enforcement
- 286 victims served through supported programs

Act 79 of 2018 Qualitative Research Initiative

Goal: Evaluate the implementation of Act 79 of 2018, which requires the relinquishment of firearms and other weapons by individuals subject to protection orders—and identify strategies to improve compliance and consistency across jurisdictions.

► Impact in FY 2024-25:

- Developed a project overview and outreach materials to support stakeholder recruitment
- Completed court observations in two of the study counties, including engagement with judges who agreed to participate in follow-up interviews
- Conducted engagement with key partners, including presentations to the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board
- Initiated scheduling of additional site visits to observe court proceedings and expand statewide analysis
- Met with victim advocates in participating counties to inform research design and court observation efforts

Byrne SCIP Funding and Strategic Investments

In 2025, PCCD secured \$4.99 million in federal funding through the FY 2024 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP), a U.S. Department of Justice initiative aimed at reducing gun violence and strengthening crisis response systems for individuals with behavioral health needs.

► During FY 2024-25:

- PCCD developed the Pennsylvania FY 2024 Byrne SCIP Funding Plan, which was approved by the Commission in March 2025 and by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance in April 2025.
- The approved funding plan includes strategic investments to strengthen crisis response infrastructure statewide:
 - Nearly \$1.1 million to establish the Pennsylvania Crisis Intervention Team Training and Technical Assistance Center (PA CIT TAC)
 - On June 23, 2025, PCCD released the FY 2024 Byrne SCIP Firearm Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention Initiative, making \$1 million available to support statewide, regional, and local strategies to reduce firearm suicide and its impacts.
 - \$1 million to support firearm suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention strategies
 - PCCD also prepared for the release of additional SCIP funding opportunities in early FY 2025–26, including FY 2024:
 - Byrne SCIP CIT TAC Initiative
 - Byrne SCIP SIM Training Initiative
 - Byrne SCIP Local Solicitation
 - \$50,000 to expand Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Train-the-Trainer efforts
 - Nearly \$2 million to support local government-led projects

AOPC + Mental/Behavioral Health Courts Initiative Collaboration

Goal: In partnership with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC), support strategies to divert individuals with serious mental illness from the criminal justice system to community-based treatment.

► Impact in FY 2024-25:

- Built on the foundation of a 2023 statewide workshop, advancing coordination through the AOPC-established Behavioral Health Executive Committee
- Supported the Pennsylvania Judicial Summit on Behavioral Health (October 28–29, 2024):
 - 480 attendees, including 51 county teams and representatives from 11 state agencies
 - Sessions focused on competency, trauma, intellectual disabilities, diversion, crisis infrastructure, and mental health courts
- **Identified key statewide priorities:**
 - Strengthening local stakeholder buy-in
 - Improving access to and understanding of local resources
 - Expanding Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) capacity
 - Enhancing early identification and assessment
 - Strengthening competency processes and crisis infrastructure
 - Improving reentry supports and school partnerships
- Post-Summit, supported the development of seven judicially led Behavioral Health Regional Councils, bringing together courts, county leaders, and system partners
- Regional summits scheduled for Fall 2025 to advance local and regional priorities

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Initiatives

CIT programs equip first responders with the tools to safely and effectively respond to behavioral health crises—reducing reliance on arrest and connecting individuals to care.

► Impact in FY 2024-25:

- 2,450 crisis incidents responded to by CIT teams
- 15 individuals diverted from incarceration
- 2,062 individuals trained in CIT models

Strategic Expansion:

- Pennsylvania’s FY 2024 Byrne SCIP Funding Plan includes nearly \$1.1 million to establish the Pennsylvania CIT Training and Technical Assistance Center (PA CIT TAC)
- PCCD is partnering with the Council of State Governments Justice Center (CSG) and CIT International (CITI) to lead this effort

PA CIT TAC Focus:

- Serve as a statewide “one-stop shop” for training and technical assistance
- Strengthen collaboration between law enforcement and behavioral health systems
- Support county-specific CIT development
- Promote data-driven decision-making and best practices



Enhancing Supports for Justice-Involved Individuals with Substance Use Disorders (SUD)

PCCD continues to expand access to treatment and recovery services for justice-involved individuals through multiple funding streams.

► County Intermediate Punishment (IP) Program

- \$16.5 million awarded (June 2024) supporting 60 applications across 63 counties
- Services include treatment, assessments, case management, and supervision

FY 2024–25 Outcomes:

- 23,103 individuals participated in IP sentences
- 4,389 successfully completed the program
- 352,002 jail days averted

Expanding Treatment and Recovery Supports

PCCD leveraged multiple funding streams to expand evidence-based interventions across the justice system.



FY 2024–25 Impact:

- 4,700+ justice-involved individuals served statewide

Outcomes Across Programs

Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) services were enhanced with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) through 52 grant-funded projects totaling nearly \$13M.

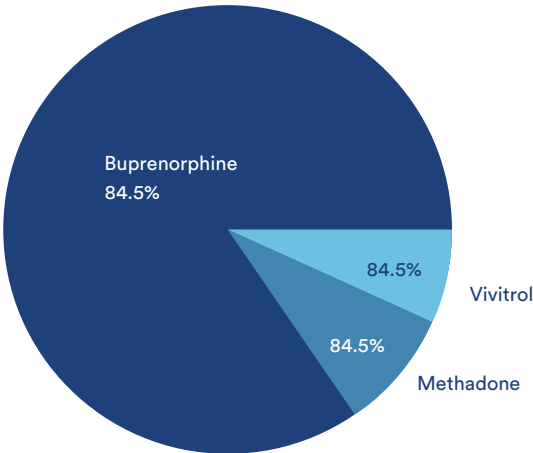
- 4,016 individuals received buprenorphine
- 397 received methadone
- 340 received Vivitrol

► **Diversion and Court-Based Supports:**

- 62 individuals participated in drug courts
- 56 received pretrial diversion services

► **Reentry and Recovery:**

- 1,700 individuals completed MAT programs
- 1,006 successfully returned to the community
- 843 received post-release aftercare



► **Additional Supports:**

- 529 received outpatient treatment, legal assistance, or peer support
- 139 received recovery support services
- 280 received case management

These initiatives not only reduced recidivism risk but also improved health and recovery outcomes for individuals involved in the criminal justice system.

Stepping Up Initiative

The Stepping Up initiative, launched nationally in 2015, aims to reduce the number of individuals with serious mental illness (SMI) and co-occurring substance use disorders in local jails. In 2018, PCCD partnered with the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center to establish the Pennsylvania Stepping Up Technical Assistance (TA) Center—the first statewide TA center dedicated to this effort.

The TA Center supports counties through individualized technical assistance, peer learning, access to national experts, and policy guidance to improve data-driven decision-making, strengthen cross-system collaboration, and enhance behavioral health services for justice-involved individuals.

► FY 2024–25 Statewide Impact:

- 36 counties adopted Stepping Up resolutions
- 19 counties actively engaged with the TA Center
- 32 counties received technical assistance
- 9 counties recognized nationally as Stepping Up Innovators

System Improvements:

- 19 counties implemented or explored mental health screening tools
- 21 counties invested in dedicated staff
- 13 counties conducted assessments within 72 hours of booking
- 17 counties implemented or improved data systems
- 13 counties established shared definitions of mental illness

Improving Probation, Parole & Reentry

PCCD continues to advance efforts to modernize probation practices, strengthen county supervision systems, and expand reentry supports—helping individuals successfully transition back into their communities while improving public safety.

Probation Reform

► Act 44 of 2023 Implementation

- In December 2023, Governor Shapiro signed Act 44 of 2023 into law, representing a major step forward in modernizing Pennsylvania’s probation system. The law took effect on June 11, 2024 and focuses on:
 - Reducing unnecessary and prolonged supervision
 - Promoting early termination for individuals demonstrating compliance
 - Expanding the use of evidence-based practices to support rehabilitation and reentry



Implementation Progress in FY 2024–25:

- PCCD developed and adopted an Operating Standard (June 2024) to guide implementation statewide
- Introduced accelerated probation review conferences, providing eligible individuals with timely opportunities for early review and potential release from supervision
- Established guidance for county probation departments on:
 - Individualized conditions of supervision
 - Graduated sanctions and responses to violations
 - Review and early termination processes
 - Violation and re-sentencing practices

County Adult Probation Services Grant-in-Aid Support

PCCD provides funding, oversight, and data analysis to strengthen adult probation and parole services across Pennsylvania.

► Key Findings from the 2024 County Caseload Statistics Report:

- 156,017 individuals were actively supervised statewide as of December 31, 2024
- Active caseloads decreased by 4.5% from 2023 to 2024
- Over the past decade, active caseloads declined by 23.1%
- Counties reported 89,084 new additions to active supervision during 2024

Caseload Distribution:

- Probation remained the most common supervision type, representing 38.7% of active caseloads
- Parole accounted for 27.4% of active caseloads
- Counties reported 1,627 staff supervising caseloads statewide
- Average caseload per staff member decreased from 100.0 in 2023 to 95.9 in 2024

Demographics:

- 74.8% of individuals under supervision were male
- 64.6% identified as white
- 33.2% identified as nonwhite
- 9.8% identified as Hispanic

Risk Assessment & Evaluation:

- Risk assessment data was reported for 84,943 supervised individuals across 62 counties
- The statewide Risk Score Index was 1.74, indicating the average assessed individual fell between low and moderate risk levels

Supporting County Reentry Coalitions & Strategic Planning

PCCD continues to strengthen reentry systems by supporting local collaboration and strategic planning efforts.

► FY 2024–25 Reentry Highlights:

- 32 counties maintained active reentry coalitions
- 2 new counties established coalitions
- 15 counties met PCCD's Reentry Minimum Operating Standards

Strategic Planning Investments:

- \$76,852 awarded to support reentry planning in 6 counties
- Funding supported the development and enhancement of comprehensive reentry plans focused on improving service coordination, supporting individuals returning from incarceration, and reducing recidivism

Statewide Coordination:

- PCCD continued active participation in the Pennsylvania Reentry Council (PARC)
- PARC brings together stakeholders statewide to identify barriers and advance solutions to improve reentry outcomes

Victim Services & Compensation

PCCD continues to strengthen Pennsylvania's victim services system through targeted investments, research-driven strategies, and responsive programming—while navigating significant federal funding challenges impacting providers statewide.



Resources for Victims of Gun Violence Initiative

Goal: Identify existing resources and address service gaps to better support survivors, families, and caregivers impacted by gun violence.

► FY 2024–25 Impact:

- Conducted a statewide needs assessment (Fall 2024 – Spring 2025) in partnership with ICF
- Engaged individuals, families, and service providers across 44 Pennsylvania counties

Reports Released (June 2025): Key Findings:

[ICF Executive Summary](#)

[Statewide Report](#)

[Greater Philadelphia Report](#)

[Greater Pittsburgh Report](#)

[“T Zone” \(rural\) Report](#)

- **Basic needs are foundational:** Housing, transportation, and food insecurity remain major barriers to recovery
- **Trust drives access:** Survivors prefer hyper-local, culturally relevant providers and often rely on trusted community networks—not formal systems—for information
- **Youth require tailored supports:** Emphasis on connection, creative outlets, social media engagement, and education on safety and conflict resolution
- **Support must extend beyond crisis:** Survivors often need services long after initial incidents, when support is less available

Key Recommendations:

- Expand hyper-local, community-based communications strategies
- Provide trauma-informed training for service providers and media
- Increase access to gun safety education and secure storage resources
- Ensure long-term, sustained service availability beyond immediate crisis response

Kingessing Heals Resiliency Center (KHRC)

Launched in response to the July 2023 mass shooting in Philadelphia, the Kingessing Heals Community Resilience Center provides trauma-informed, community-based support grounded in the Community Resilience Model (CRM).



► FY 2024-25 Impact:

- Strengthened efforts to connect impacted families with essential services and information
- Expanded community engagement and partnership development, ensuring consistent communication and survivor-centered support
- Enhanced systems navigation and advocacy, helping individuals access services more effectively
- Introduced intergenerational and multi-modal therapeutic programming to support long-term healing
- Invested in training and capacity-building to strengthen both organizational and community responses to trauma

Victim Services Programs & Funding Challenges

► Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funding Decline

VOCA remains the largest federal funding source for victim services—but significant declines continue to impact programs nationwide.

Key Trends:

- Fund declined 92% from \$13 billion (2017) to \$1.019 billion (2023)
- FY 2024 balance increased to \$3.277 billion, but \$1.9 billion remains restricted, limiting available funding
- Deposits began to rebound following 2021 VOCA Fix, but funding remains constrained

Response:

- PCCD, OVS, and VSAC continue to monitor funding trends and manage allocations to maintain service continuity

► FY 2024–25 Impact on Providers

- 5% funding reduction for VOCA-funded agencies (effective October 2024)
- Additional 5% reductions for state-funded Rights and Services Act (RSA) and Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO) programs (effective January 2025)

Provider Survey Findings (127 agencies):

- Staff burnout (74%) due to increased workloads
- Staff turnover linked to workload and compensation
- Low wages and limited benefits, affecting recruitment and retention
- Increased difficulty meeting victim needs
- Broad operational strain due to ongoing funding reductions

[View the VOCA Toolkit](#)

Victims Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP)

VCAP provides critical financial assistance to crime victims and their families, helping offset the economic impact of victimization.

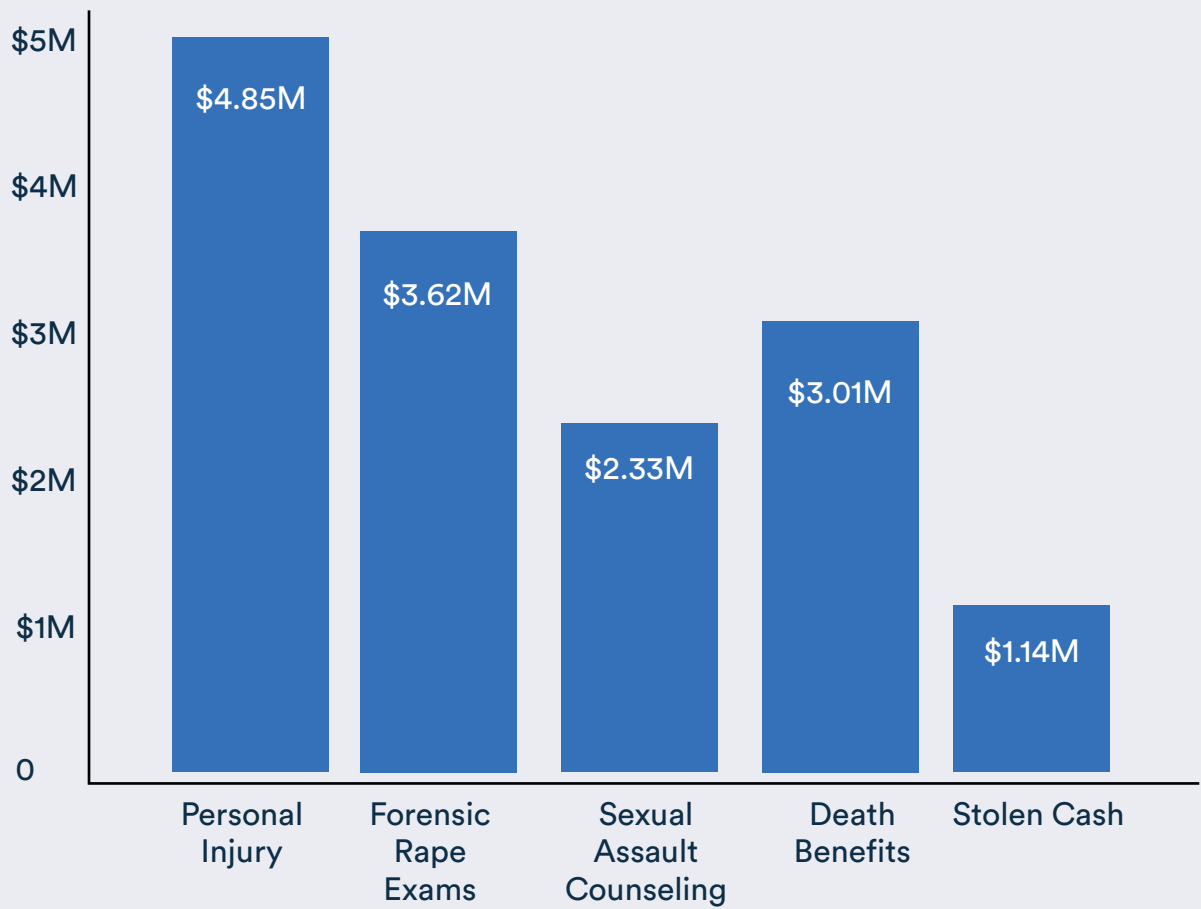
► **FY 2024–25 Impact:**

- 7,847 claims awarded
- \$14.96 million distributed
- All 67 counties served statewide

Awards by Claim Type:

- Personal Injury: \$4.85M
- Forensic Rape Exams: \$3.62M
- Sexual Assault Counseling: \$2.33M
- Death Benefits: \$3.01M
- Stolen Cash: \$1.14M

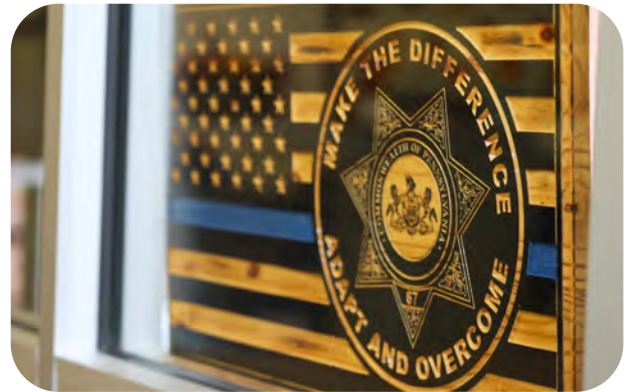
VCAP Awards by Claim Type (FY 2024–25)



Training

PCCD continues to expand access to high-quality training across Pennsylvania—supporting law enforcement, probation and parole, schools, and victim service providers with the tools and knowledge needed to improve outcomes and strengthen communities.

Strengthening Public Safety Through Training and Accreditation



Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Virtual Training Network (PAVTN)

Launched in 2012, PAVTN provides 24/7 online training to law enforcement personnel, reducing travel and operational costs while expanding access statewide.

► FY 2024–25 Impact:

- 102 training courses available
- 36,115 registered users
- 97,085 courses completed

Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Program

The accreditation program provides a standards-based framework to enhance professionalism and accountability in law enforcement agencies.

► FY 2024–25 Impact:

- 80% of officers serve in accredited agencies
- 192 accredited agencies statewide
- 43 Premier Status agencies (15+ years in program with repeated reassessments)

County Adult Probation & Parole Training

PCCD supports training to ensure probation officers are prepared to meet evolving responsibilities.

- 110 officers graduated from the Basic Training Academy
- 640 total graduates since PCCD assumed responsibility

Firearms Training Program:

- 151 officers graduated from Basic Firearms Academy
- 1,559 officers certified statewide
- 61 counties authorized for armed probation duties

Constables' Training

PCCD provides training, certification, and curriculum development for constables and deputy constables.

► FY 2024–25 Impact:

- 40 completed Basic Training
- 39 completed Firearms Training

[View the Constables' 2024 Annual Report](#)



Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Training

PCCD oversees training standards, certification, and curriculum development for sheriffs and deputies.

► FY 2024–25 Impact:

- 77 Basic Training graduates
- 86 Waiver Program graduates
- 7,954 total graduates since program inception

[2024 Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff
Education and Training Annual Report](#)

School Safety Training

Act 55 School Safety Training

PCCD supports mandated annual training for school staff and safety coordinators on situational awareness and behavioral health.

► FY 2024–25 Impact:

- 6 online training modules for school employees
- Online employee modules accessed more than 190,000 times in 24-25
- Emergency Drills Train-the-Trainer – 23 in-person sessions with 219 participants in 24-25
- Across all areas, more than 79% of employees surveyed reported somewhat or significantly more knowledge was gained
- 346 Coordinators trained and issued certificates in person or online in 24-25
- 6 online training modules for Coordinators launched September 2024
- Online Coordinator modules accessed more than 1,700 times in 24-25
- Across all areas, more than 75% of Coordinators surveyed reported improved knowledge

K–12 Threat Assessment Training & Technical Assistance Network

Supports school-based Threat Assessment Teams through training, technical assistance, and resources.

► FY 2024–25 Impact:

- 506 individuals completed in-person training and earned certificates in 24-25
- 772 individuals completed online training and earned certificates in 24-25
- 94% of training participants felt more confident or well-prepared to carry out threat assessments
- 99% of school entities report having at least 1 threat assessment team.

Investment:

\$374,770 in funding to continue the network through 2026

Victim Services Training

Statewide Victim Witness Training Project

Provides foundational and specialized training to victim advocates.

► FY 2024–25 Impact:

- 132 advocates attended Foundational Academy
- 216 participated in advanced trainings

Victim Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP) Training

Supports service providers in understanding eligibility and compensation processes.

- • 624 individuals trained

Pennsylvania Victim Services Training Network

An online learning platform supporting victim service professionals statewide.

► FY 2024–25 Impact:

- 40+ courses available
- 3,890 users across 294 agencies
- 4,715 courses completed



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