



Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)– Funded Research Presentations

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Wednesday, November 20, 2013

12:30–1:50 pm ► Room: A707, Atrium Level

Trajectories of Gang Membership and Differential Consequences in the Life-Course: Results from a National Sample

The criminological consequences of gang membership are well established. However, much of what is known about these consequences are proximate, limited to adolescence, and ignore heterogeneity in the duration of gang membership. The current study examines this issue using national data from the NLSY97 and longitudinal modeling strategies to determine whether trajectories of gang membership correspond with differential consequences for education, employment, family, and rates of arrest in adulthood.

David Pyrooz and
Scott Decker

2:00–3:20 pm ► Room: International 6, International Level

Thematic Panel: OJJDP Resources for Researchers

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) funds juvenile justice research and evaluation and sponsors a number of data collection programs investigating youth involved in the juvenile justice system. This panel will explore the many OJJDP resources available to researchers.

Janet Chiancone,
Brecht Donoghue,
and Melissa Sickmund

5:00–6:20 pm ► Room: International 5, International Level

Thematic Panel: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Mentoring Research Studies and Findings

OJJDP supports and funds research on effective mentoring practices that improve outcomes for at-risk and delinquent youth. This panel will discuss how OJJDP is continuing to advance research in mentoring practices and translating mentoring research to practice. It will also present interim findings from three current OJJDP-funded research projects.

Jennifer Tyson,
Barbara Tatem Kelley,
Amanda Cleveland,
Liliokanaio Peaslee,
Matthew Courser,
Linda Young, Kirsten
Thompson, Stephen
Shamblen, and Gale
Mentzer

Thursday, November 21, 2013

9:30–10:50 am ► Room: A703, Atrium Level

Thematic Panel: The Invisible Victims: Boys, Commercial Sexual Exploitation, and the Justice System

There has been very little research on the commercial sexual exploitation of boys. Current OJJDP-funded research efforts that focus in whole or in part on the realities of boys who experience commercial sexual exploitation can help develop a framework that may guide action. Although commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) looks different for boys than for girls in many ways, from the pathways into “the life” to the ways they experience justice and service delivery stakeholder efforts, there is one way that CSEC is the same for boys and girls: the amount of pain and suffering these children experience. The Defending Childhood Initiative recommendation related to sexual exploitation is: Help, do not punish, child victims of sex trafficking. Although we have made progress in this area as it applies to girls, we have yet to focus on boys who are also victims of CSEC.

Karen Bachar, Rachel
Swaner, Meredith
Dank, and Mitchyll
Mora

3:30–4:50 pm ► Room: M103, Marquis Level

Thematic Panel: Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Sex Trafficking of Minors in the United States: A Societal Problem in Need of Solutions

In an effort to increase awareness of and action on CSEC, OJJDP provided funding to the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council to conduct a comprehensive study focused on the domestic commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking of minors in the United States. The report will be publicly released in September 2013. The panelists who took part in this rigorous multidisciplinary study will share lessons learned and actionable recommendations from this study.

Karen Bachar, Callie
Rennison, Jonathan
Todres, and Brecht
Donoghue

Friday, November 22, 2013

8:00–9:20 am ► Room: A704, Atrium Level

Thematic Panel: Gangs in the Mental Health Sector: Studying the Characteristics and Outcomes of Gang-Involved Youth in Treatment

The papers in this panel address this striking gap in the literature about programs that can help gang-affiliated youth. With a large sample of youth referred for Multisystemic Therapy, a best-practice intervention for delinquency, these papers present new data on a number of critical issues salient to understanding how best to manage gang-affiliated youth: the role of neighborhood violence in mental health of gang-affiliated youth (paper 1); the interrelations of gender and age to gang affiliation in profiling mental health symptoms (paper 2); the mental health impact of desistance from gangs (paper 3); and finally, the effectiveness of intervention for gang-affiliated youth (paper 4).

Danielle M. Shields, Bonita M. Veysey, Mechie Richards, Christopher Cepeda, Michael Ostermann, Paul Boxer, Michele Grace Terreri, Meagan Docherty, Bonita M. Veysey, Joanna Kubik, Ashley Schappell, Erika Niwa, Stephanie Calle, and Tahnia Hawkins

8:00–9:20 am ► Room: International 3, International Level

Thematic Panel: In the Rearview: Reflections on Youth Violence Trends over the Past Three Decades

The purpose of this panel is to reflect on the not-too-distant past of youth violence, and to discuss where we are now. This panel draws on research conducted for OJJDP by the National Center for Juvenile Justice's (NCJJ) National Juvenile Justice Data Analysis Program (NJJJAP). This project serves as OJJDP's statistical analysis center for responding to the research needs of the agency and the juvenile justice community. This panel will draw heavily on OJJDP's forthcoming Juvenile Offenders and Victims national report, focusing on research on juvenile arrest and delinquency case processing trends, changes in state transfer laws, and juveniles in custody.

Melissa Sickmund, Chaz Puzanchera, Patrick Griffin, Brecht Donoghue, and Janet Chiancone

9:30–10:50 am ► Room: M101, Marquis Level

Thematic Panel: Childhood Exposure to Crime, Violence, and Victimization in the United States

This panel presents recent findings from the two National Surveys of Children's Exposure to Violence (NatSCEV I and NatSCEV II). Presentations include findings on trends in victimization rates from 2003 to 2011, links between community disorder and youth exposure to victimization, and police response to family violence witnessed by children.

Kristen Kracke, David Finkelhor, Heather A. Turner, and Sherry L. Hamby

2:00–3:20 pm ► Room: International 4, International Level

Thematic Panel: Serious Adolescent Offenders 7 Years Later: Who Re-offends, Who Does Well, and What Helps at Reentry

This session provides a glimpse of life over 7 years for a group of 1,354 youth adjudicated for a serious offense during adolescence. We examine patterns of arrest and self-reported offending as well as the concordance of the two type of reports, describe case characteristics and life outcomes for a subgroup that "disappeared" from the justice system (not arrested or in a facility at any point), and examine whether particular attributes of probation supervision or community-based services (e.g., their intensity or duration) are related to youth outcomes. We will also discuss theoretical and policy implications for these findings.

Robert Brame, Carol Schubert, and Edward Mulvey

2:00–3:20 pm ► Room: International 8, International Level

Thematic Panel: Girls Delinquency Research at the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

According to data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, from 1991 to 2000, arrests of girls increased more, or decreased less, than those of boys for the same offenses. By 2004, girls accounted for 30 percent of juvenile arrests. This apparent trend raised a number of questions, including whether it reflects an increase in delinquency among girls, or changes in society's responses to their behavior. This panel will include OJJDP staff and researchers discussing ongoing efforts to study and respond to delinquency among girls.

Barbara Tatem Kelley, Jennifer Tyson, Janet Chiancone, Catherine Pierce, Joanna Lee Williams, Edith Lawrence, Nancy Deutsch, Angela Wolf, Angela Del Prado Lippman, Livier Gutierrez, Marcia Cohen, and Stephen Gies