

INTRODUCTION TO THE

# NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR CJCCs

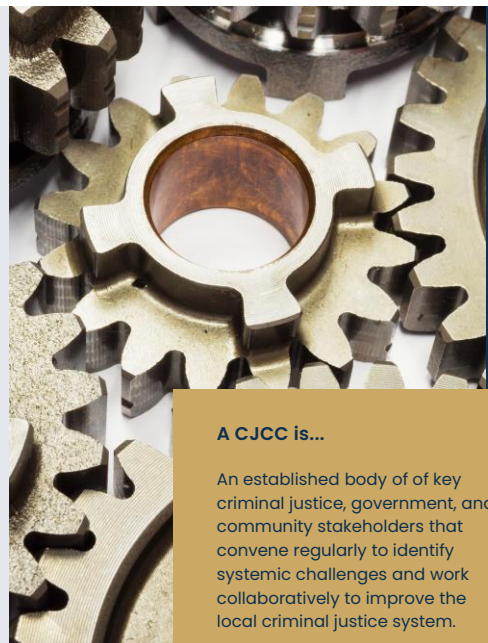
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## WHY DO JURISDICTIONS NEED A CJCC?

CJCCs help local criminal justice system operate better

A national survey found that 91% of CJCC members perceived that their coordinating council served an important role in their local criminal justice system



### A CJCC is...

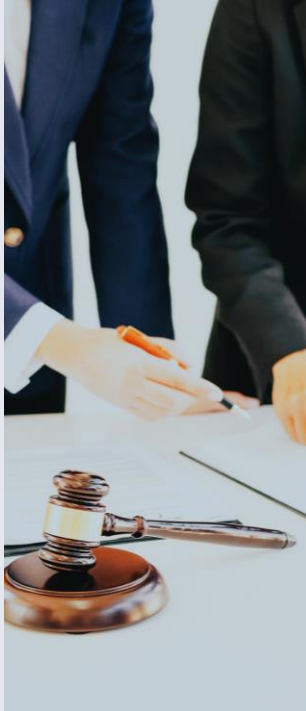
An established body of key criminal justice, government, and community stakeholders that convene regularly to identify systemic challenges and work collaboratively to improve the local criminal justice system.

# NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR CJCCs

The national standards provide a comprehensive framework for jurisdictions to create or enhance a local criminal justice coordinating council.

The national standards provide a detail description of the ideal model of a CJCC.

Commentary is included in the national standards to offer guidance for implementation.



## THE NATIONAL STANDARDS

- Vision and Mission Statements
- Bylaws
- Membership
- Officers
- Executive Committee
- Standing Committees & Workgroups
- Meetings
- Decision-Making
- Strategic Planning
- Data and Research
- Community Engagement & Outreach
- Administration
- Director & Staff

# CJCC DIRECTOR

The national standards highlight the importance of jurisdictions having a dedicated CJCC director and support staff to support the operation of the council and pursuit of the council's strategic initiatives.



### Standard 12.2(a):

The CJCC director shall have a dedicated director who is accountable to the CJCC's executive committee.



### Standard 13.1:

The CJCC director shall be a professional, executive level position that serves the vision and the mission of the CJCC.



### Standard 12.1

The CJCC staff shall be impartial and objective, responsible for data-driven consensus building representative of the best interests of the local criminal justice system.

# CJCC ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

A companion to the national standards, the CJCC essential elements represent the core characteristics of high-performing councils.



## ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

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| <b>1</b> | <p><b>Systemic Focused</b></p> <p>The CJCC takes a systemic approach to coordinating the criminal justice system and is guided by a vision statement and a mission statement.</p> | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>2</b> | <p><b>Participation</b></p> <p>The CJCC has executive-level decision-makers as members, and they actively participate in the council.</p>   | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>3</b> | <p><b>Leadership</b></p> <p>The CJCC has an effective leadership structure that includes officers and an executive committee.</p>   | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>4</b> | <p><b>Consensus Building</b></p> <p>The CJCC makes consensus-based decisions and relies on voting for procedural matters.</p>   | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>5</b> | <p><b>Organized Meetings</b></p> <p>The CJCC, including committees and workgroups, has structured meetings regularly.</p>   | <b>10</b> |
|          | <p><b>Committees &amp; Workgroups</b></p> <p>The CJCC has standing committees and workgroups that advance the strategic initiatives and work of the council.</p>                  |           |
|          | <p><b>Strategic Planning</b></p> <p>The CJCC has a strategic plan that guides the work of the council and produces desired outcomes.</p>  |           |
|          | <p><b>Data &amp; Research</b></p> <p>The CJCC produces quantitative and qualitative data on the criminal justice system and uses the data to inform decision-making.</p>          |           |
|          | <p><b>Community Engagement</b></p> <p>The CJCC engages the community by sharing information and by involving the community in the work of the council.</p>                        |           |
|          | <p><b>Director &amp; Staff</b></p> <p>The CJCC has a director and staff who coordinate and advance the council's strategic initiatives.</p>                                       |           |

# SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT CJCC

The mission of the Second Judicial District CJCC of Bernalillo County is to serve as a forum concerning the law, the legal system, and the administration of justice.

The CJCC is co-chaired by the Honorable Cindy Leos (SJD) and Damon Martinez (Albuquerque Police Department).

The CJCC has twelve stakeholder members.

Member of the National Network of Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils (NNCJCC).



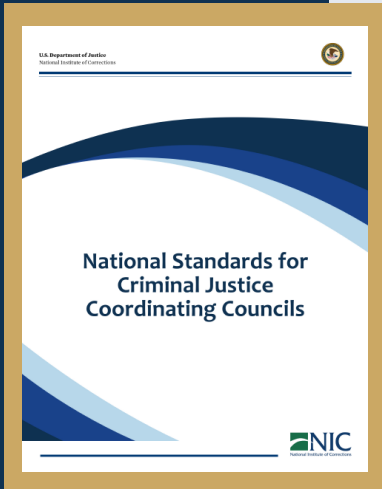
## STRENGTHENING OUR CJCC

- Created a CJCC strategic plan
- Conducted a CJCC assessment
- Re-engaged stakeholders and diversified membership
- Added director position and Executive Steering Committee
- Revised bylaws in accordance with national CJCC standards

## 2023 CJCC Initiatives

- Public Safety Assessment (PSA)
- Criminal Justice System Dashboards
- High System Utilizers
- Data Sharing Agreements
- Specialty Courts Enhancement

## USEFUL TOOLS FOR YOUR CJCC

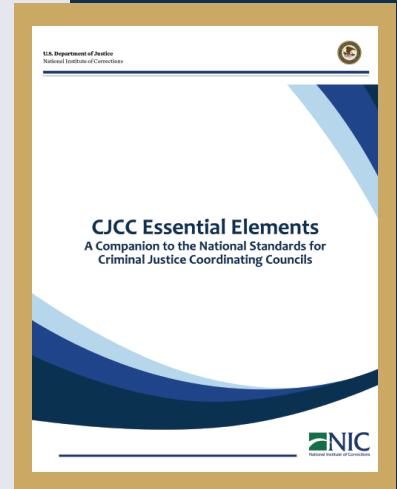


### CJCC Essential Elements Checklist

A checklist derived from the essential elements that jurisdictions should strongly consider when establishing or starting to strengthen an existing CJCC.

### CJCC Essential Elements Assessment Tool

A practical tool for comparing an existing CJCC with the national standards to determine how well a council aligns with characteristics of high-performing CJCCs.



## RESOURCES & CONTACT INFO

-  <https://info.nicic.gov/cjcc>
-  [www.jmijustice.org](http://www.jmijustice.org)
-  [www.jmijustice.org/nncjcc](http://www.jmijustice.org/nncjcc)
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