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Dr. Melissa Sickmund joined NCJJ in 1986 and has been at its helm since 2012. Dr. Sickmund's work at NCJJ has had the goal of improving juvenile justice descriptive statistics and facilitating the use of data to support decision-making at the national and local levels. Dr. Sickmund oversees NCJJ's work on several national data efforts including: the National Juvenile Court Data Archive, NCJJ's longest running project; a project



with the Performance-based Standards Learning Institute to help jurisdictions improve their data related to reentry that draws from NCJJ's work on the Juvenile Justice Model Data Project; a project with Drexel University focused on detention and post-adjudication placement decision making during and after COVID-19; the National Juvenile Justice Data Analysis Program and its online Statistical Briefing Book and reporting on the Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement and the Juvenile Residential Facility Census. Notable past projects include: the updated online Desktop Guide to Good Juvenile Probation Practice; the Juvenile Justice GPS (Geography, Policy, Practice and Statistics) website; a Multi-state Study of Subsequent Offending; the National Juvenile Probation Census Project; and the Survey of Juveniles Charged as Adults in Criminal Court. Dr. Sickmund is best known for the Juvenile Offenders and Victims publication series, a product of the National Juvenile Justice Data Analysis Program.