

**Commonwealth of Virginia
Department of Criminal Justice Services
OVERVIEW FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012**



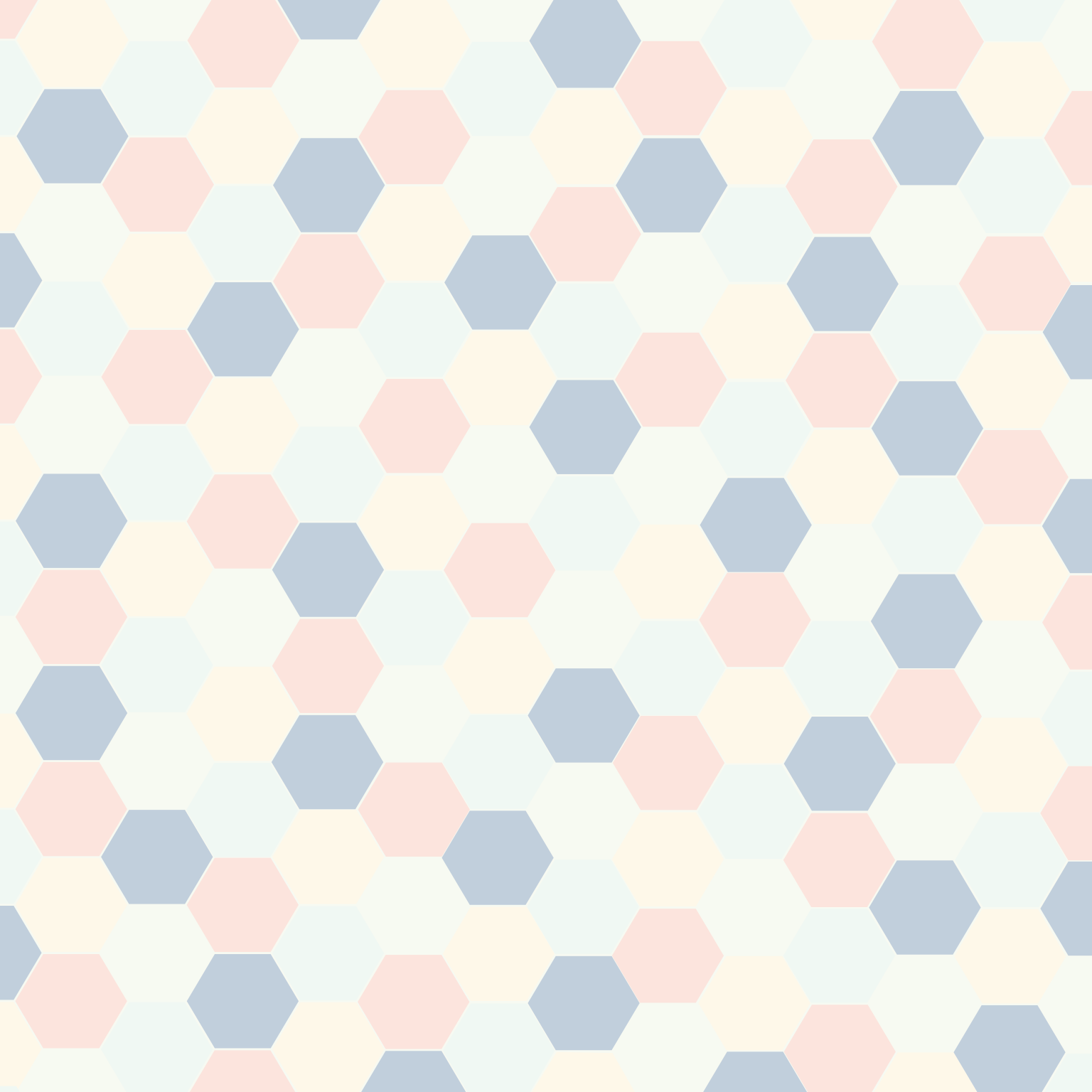


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Vision Statement: To be the national leader and

Virginia's premier criminal justice agency, creating dynamic
system-wide solutions for public safety

Letter from the Director



On behalf of the employees of the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), I am pleased to provide this report on our agency's activities for fiscal year 2012. To ensure that we meet our statutory responsibilities, we continue to focus on our core mission and to identify ways to maximize our limited resources.

In May of this year, DCJS held a Strategic Plan meeting with external participants, representing each of our constituency groups. This meeting allowed members of Virginia's criminal justice community to discuss leading edge issues relevant to DCJS as we develop our agency strategic plan. The meeting was very informative and enlightening, bringing new ideas to the table. DCJS staff met shortly after this meeting to set new goals for the agency and to reexamine our agency's mission statement. All DCJS staff provided input on our new mission statement. I am proud of the work done by our agency and feel that this new mission statement identifies our agency's purpose in a more detailed fashion. A vision statement was also created. It describes where DCJS should be in the future to best meet the needs of our constituents.

DCJS continues to touch all aspects of the criminal justice system, as well as social and mental health services, schools, and the private security industry. DCJS strives to deliver the highest level of training in all areas of the criminal justice system from our School Safety Conference to our Virginia Victims Assistance Academy, to our Improving Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse Conference to the day-to-day technical assistance that staff provide to all of our constituents.

Please be sure to visit our website often at www.dcls.virginia.gov for grant funding information, exciting training opportunities, informative reports from the DCJS Research Center and more. Receive DCJS updates as they become available by signing up for our email notification subscription to get information on gangs, trainings, and announcements.

Sincerely,

Garth L. Wheeler
Director



Garth L. Wheeler

Mission Statement:

To provide leadership to improve the criminal justice system in Virginia's communities through effective training, partnerships, research, regulation, and support.



Agency Overview



THE AGENCY

The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is one of 14 agencies within the public safety secretariat. DCJS is unique in state government because of its broad scope and diverse responsibilities. Although the agency works directly with specific programs and service areas within each component of the system, it has a responsibility to view the system as a whole; to understand how changes in one part of the criminal justice system will affect other parts; and to work to assure that plans and programs are comprehensive.

The Agency's core responsibilities include:

- Distributing federal and state funding to localities, state agencies, and non-profit organizations in the areas of law enforcement, crime and delinquency prevention, juvenile justice, victims services, adult corrections, and other related areas;
- Providing training, technical assistance, and program development services to all segments of the criminal justice system;
- Establishing and enforcing minimum training standards for law enforcement and private security personnel;
- Licensing and regulating the private security industry, bail bondsman and other similar professions;
- Developing and implementing a strategic plan for the criminal justice system;
- Conducting research and evaluation on criminal justice issues.





Because of its broad mission, DCJS has a wide constituent base. The agency's primary constituents include local and state criminal justice agencies and practitioners, non-profit agencies, and various private practitioners and businesses. DCJS also works with other state agencies, local governments, the federal government, advocacy groups and associations, as well as individuals and organizations interested in the work of the agency.

The agency's budget is comprised of both state and federal funds. In FY2012, state general funds accounted for approximately 80% of DCJS' budget, with the remaining 20% provided by state special funds and federal funds. The majority of the agency's budget, approximately 96%, is distributed to localities, criminal justice agencies, and organizations in the form of grants, training and technical assistance.

The DCJS website is an important resource for our constituents, providing information on training and educational opportunities, grant funding, regulatory licensing and certification processes, and criminal justice programs which operate through DCJS. Through the site, DCJS grantees may perform various grant functions as well as access grant information. The site also has information on agency training opportunities including descriptions of training programs and online registration information. The website also provides information on the private security, bail bonds, and other related businesses and individuals DCJS certifies and licenses. DCJS further enhanced the website by adding a subscription service option, DCJS Updates, that allows the user to customize what grants, trainings and updates they want to receive by email from the site.





CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES BOARD

The agency's Criminal Justice Services Board is comprised of 29 members who represent a cross section of Virginia's criminal justice system at the state and local levels, including regulated businesses, the public and General Assembly. Members serve by virtue of the offices they hold or through appointment by the Governor.

Among its responsibilities, the Board is the approving authority for the regulations that DCJS promulgates in accordance with the *Code of Virginia* and the Administrative Process Act. It also approves most of the grants the agency awards to localities, state agencies, and private non-profit organizations.

BOARD MEMBERS

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The Honorable Beverly J. Sherwood

*Member, Virginia House of Delegates
(ex-officio)*

This list represents the Board as of June 30, 2012.

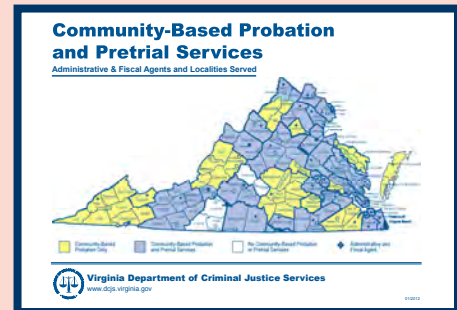
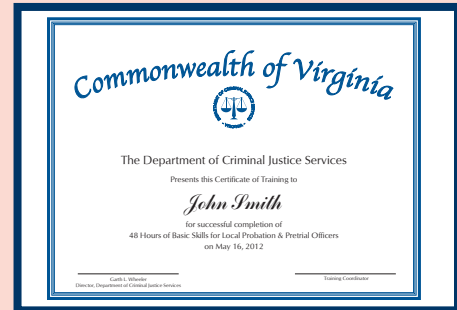
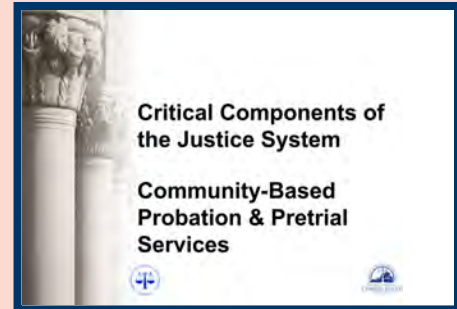


CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

Correctional Services covers a range of issues affecting state prisons, local and regional jails, and community-based supervision and transition programs. DCJS administers the Comprehensive Community Corrections Act for local-responsible offenders and the Pretrial Services Act, providing state funding and technical assistance to 37 local community-based probation and pretrial services agencies. Using federal funds, DCJS also supports Residential Substance Abuse Treatment programs in state prisons and local jails. Additionally, DCJS awards state funds annually for adult re-entry services such as job training, job placement, and emergency financial, housing and clothing assistance to offenders in non-profit programs.

Evidence-Based Practices: DCJS continues its Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Initiative to advance proven, evidence-based practices in local probation and pretrial services. In community probation agencies, agencies using EBP use validated risk and need assessments, effective communication and motivational interviewing strategies, and case planning to match offender supervision levels and interventions with offender risk and need levels. To date, 20 agencies are at some stage of implementation of EBP, and the roll-out to the remaining 17 programs will be forthcoming. All pretrial services agencies are participating in the pretrial portion of the initiative by administering a validated risk assessment instrument that will eventually inform supervision practices. DCJS received funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for a two-year research project to implement and evaluate evidence-based pretrial release recommendations and supervision.

Pretrial Detention Alternatives and Post-Disposition Punishment Alternatives: The *Code of Virginia* requires localities seeking approval of a jail construction or expansion project to submit a community-based corrections plan that includes the development and implementation of pretrial detention alternatives and post-disposition punishment alternatives. Two such plans reviewed by DCJS were approved by the Board of Corrections. Funds were appropriated by the legislature to support community corrections and pretrial in the localities served by those regional jail projects.



Criminal Justice Programs



JUVENILE SERVICES

Juvenile Services works on a wide range of issues related to juvenile delinquency, crime prevention, and other matters involving children. Using federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and Juvenile Accountability Block Grant program funds, DCJS supports the development and implementation of local and state programs to improve the juvenile justice system and to hold juveniles accountable for their actions. DCJS offers training to help ensure that juvenile justice practitioners are exposed to best practices in the field. DCJS also administers funds for and regulates the 27 Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs which provide trained volunteers to speak for abused and neglected children who are the subjects of juvenile court proceedings. Additionally, DCJS administers the Children's Justice Act program, a federally-funded program which promotes processes and training to improve the investigation, prosecution and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases, child sexual abuse/exploitation, and child abuse or neglect-related fatalities.



HILL DAY VISITS

● Coalition for Juvenile Justice

DCJS staff participated in the Coalition for Juvenile Justice's Hill Day, a day set aside for members and staff of State (Juvenile Justice) Advisory Groups to meet with Congressional offices to discuss the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP Act). Meetings were held with 10 of Virginia's Congressional offices, during which information on the JJDP Act, the history of juvenile federal funding in Virginia, and specific examples of how funding has been used were provided.

● Court Appointed Special Advocate Program

Each year the National CASA Association convenes a delegation of State CASA Directors to visit with key congressional leaders in Washington, D.C. to discuss various policy issues related to child welfare and the work of CASA. This year, DCJS

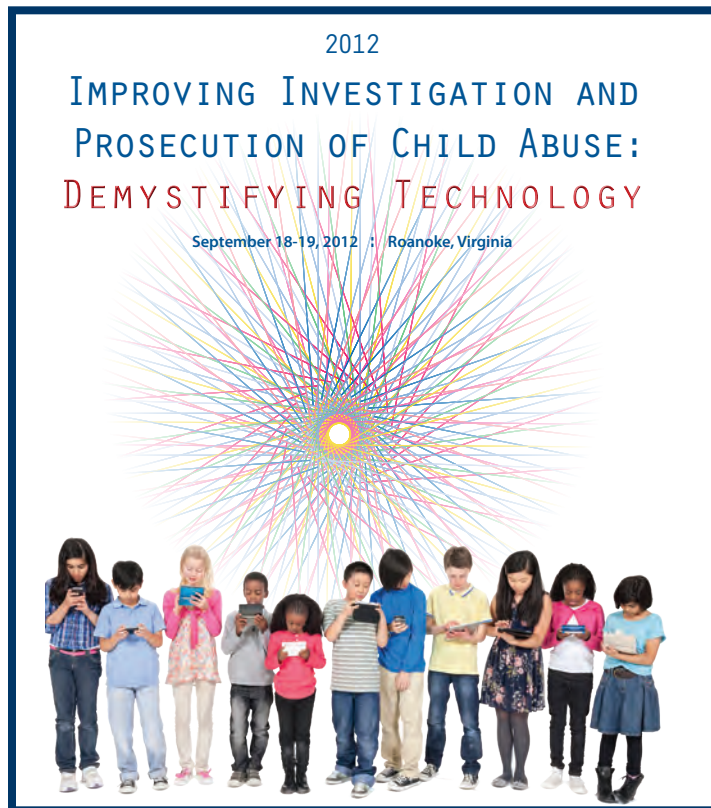




participated in the delegation for the purpose of acquainting key Virginia Congressional representatives with the work of local CASA programs in their respective communities. Representatives were provided specific information on how federal funding was used to support Virginia CASA programs.

Children’s Justice Act Training: In addition to its ongoing activities and policy development work described later in this report, DCJS used CJA funds to work with various special juvenile-related initiatives during FY2012, including collaborative, multidisciplinary trainings for those who investigate and prosecute child abuse such as: ChildFirst™ Virginia, a five-day forensic interviewing training; Abuse and Neglect of Children with Disabilities training offered by the Virginia Commonwealth University Partnership for People with Disabilities; and the Trial Advocacy Program offered by the Commonwealth’s Attorneys’ Services Council.

Internet Crimes Against Children: In 2010, the General Assembly created the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Fund. In addition to directing a portion of the Fund to support Virginia’s two existing ICAC Task Forces, the legislature tasked DCJS with creating a new ICAC grant program using a portion of the Fund. DCJS developed a competitive grant process and in the first year the Criminal Justice Services Board awarded five grants to local law enforcement ICAC Task Force affiliate agencies for ICAC personnel. This year continuation funds were approved for these five grants. Also, through a one-time competitive grant process, seventeen local law enforcement agencies affiliated with one of the two ICAC Task Forces received awards for ICAC dedicated equipment, training, and overtime.



Criminal Justice Programs



LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

Law Enforcement staff, working with the criminal justice services board and its sub-committees, establishes and enforces the department's regulations setting minimum employment and training standards for law enforcement officers, correctional officers, jailers, court security/civil process servers and dispatchers. They also certify and periodically re-certify regional and local criminal justice training academies.

Law enforcement services also include the Center for School Safety and the Office of Campus Policing and Security, both of which set employment and training requirements for school and campus security personnel, and provide security-related training for colleges and school systems. Services also include the Certified Crime Prevention Communities and Crime Prevention Specialist Programs, and the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission.

In addition, the Division of Law Enforcement provides training across a wide spectrum of law enforcement subjects including; school and campus safety, gang identification and prevention, crime prevention and homeland security. The division also develops and publishes model policies on all aspects of law enforcement for use by agencies throughout the Commonwealth. Staff provides technical assistance on a variety of topics to police and sheriffs' departments, as well as local and regional jails.



Field Representatives Services and Audits

Academy Re-certification Audits: Field Services staff completed 13 Criminal Justice Training Academy recertification audits in 2012. These audits include auditing all of the training standards at an academy for each discipline they train; law enforcement, jail, court security, civil process and emergency communications, to ensure full compliance with each standard.





The Field Services unit increased the number of site visits to the regional and independent criminal justice training academies during 2012. These site visits include increased audits of classroom and skills training at the academies and on firing ranges and driving tracks. In addition training compliance issues are also being addressed in the site visits.

Field Unit staff provided an extensive defensive tactics training audit at an academy's request. Staff has also provided complete General Instructor Development Schools and provided technical assistance to several academies as requested. Additionally, staff has attended numerous academy board meetings, training staff meetings and graduation ceremonies. Since the increase in academy oversight, consistency in training has increased and the number non-compliance issues has decreased.

Staff has set a goal of visiting each criminal justice agency every year to include police departments (public and private), sheriff's offices, regional jails, emergency communications centers, and correctional facilities. Since the increase in visits, the number of agencies in compliance with firearms qualifications and field training has increased tremendously.

Field Services staff has conducted or attended regional meetings of criminal justice agency and academy staff to discuss DCJS issues and initiatives as well as answer questions and concerns.

Field Services staff conducted or assisted with 11 administrative investigations involving law enforcement training/compliance issues.

Field Services staff audited (reviewed and verified) 104 law enforcement officers who perform vehicle safety inspections to ensure they have met the requirements prescribed by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (as required by *Code of Virginia*).

**Law Enforcement
State Certification
Exams:
Field Services
staff administered
50 exams in 2012.**





Gang Reduction and Intervention Programs (GRIP)

DCJS personnel visited over 40 local law enforcement agencies throughout the Commonwealth and spoke with officials about gang reduction strategies and the GRIP program. Staff also met with faith based, education, social service agencies and commonwealth attorneys' groups regarding gang reduction strategies. Trainings emphasizing successful gang intervention programs were hosted in a number of locations and targeted key stakeholders both in and out of the criminal justice services. Gang enforcement training was conducted in partnership with the Virginia State Police for state and local gang investigators.

Law Enforcement Initiatives

DCJS worked with various special law enforcement initiatives and began enhancements during FY2012, including:

- Improved field representative involvement with training academies and local agencies
- Studying the feasibility of replacing the criminal justice records management system
- Increased emphasis on sustainability of training by conducting Train the Trainer courses
- Increased presence throughout the state to ensure we are current with issues and stakeholder needs
- Expanded the Virginia Law Enforcement Information Exchange through the addition of 61 police departments and sheriffs' offices
- Collaborated with the Department of Juvenile Justice to begin developing minimum training standards for juvenile corrections officers
- Accepted from DMV transfer of the statewide training program for Standardized Field Sobriety Testing and hired a grant-funded coordinator
- Streamlined the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) process by eliminating unnecessary and non-mandated requirements
- Standardized audit procedures of criminal history records
- Began revision of the content and format of the Criminal Justice Training Reference Manual
- Partnered with private industry and other state agencies in a program to recruit, hire and retain military veterans
- Collaborated with the Office of the Attorney General to conduct training in the areas of community gang awareness, ID theft, and human trafficking



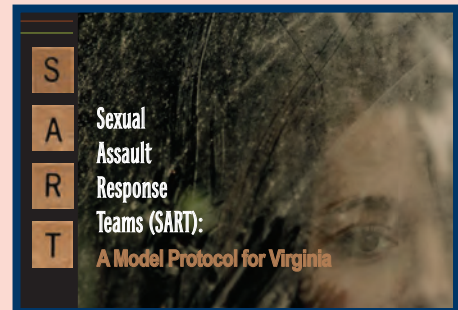
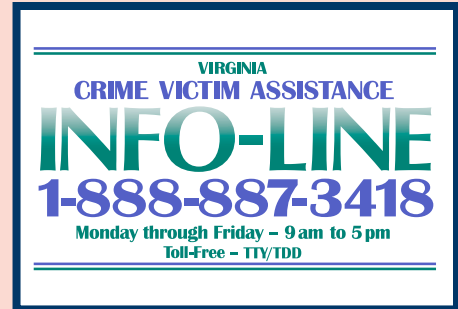
VICTIMS SERVICES


DCJS has been at the forefront of victims' services for many years — facilitating, developing, and coordinating local and statewide victim/witness programs, sexual assault crisis centers, and programs that combat violence against women. In FY2012, DCJS provided grants to more than 400 local programs. DCJS administers the federal Victims of Crime Act, the Violence Against Women Act grant program, the Sexual Assault Services Program, the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund, and the state Victim/Witness fund. DCJS also operates the crime victim assistance info-line, a toll-free statewide number for crime victims. DCJS staff provided information, support and referral to programs and resources to 825 callers to the info-line in FY2012.

Highlights from the past year:


Virginia Victim Assistance Academy: In partnership with the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (CICF) and the University of Richmond, DCJS held its fifth annual Virginia Victims Assistance Academy at the University of Richmond in June 2012. Virginia is one of 34 states that have developed Victim Assistance Academies modeled after the National Victim Assistance Academy. Instructors provided state-specific training in victim issues to emerging leaders in the victims services field from around the state.

Advanced Coordinated Community Response and Leadership Institute: DCJS collaborated with several agencies to develop an advanced training for teams of local stakeholders to improve coordination of the community's response to sexual assault and domestic violence. Partner agencies are the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Virginia State Police, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Virginia Poverty Law Center and the Office of the Attorney General. These efforts are supported by a two year grant from the federal Office on Violence Against (OVW) Women.





**Protective Orders
in Virginia—
A Guide for Victims**



Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services
www.dcms.virginia.gov

Victim Rights Coordinating Council: Under sponsorship of the Secretary of Public Safety, DCJS worked with other state agencies serving victims of crime to develop a Victims Rights Coordinating Council. The goals of the council include identifying how state agencies and stakeholders access necessary resources, finding ways to maximize those resources, and identifying how state agencies can collaborate to protect crime victims’ rights and improve services for victims of crime.



SEX TRAFFICKING
LABOR TRAFFICKING
HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Investigation
PROSECUTION
identification
Victims
Services

Human Trafficking: Along with the Office of the Attorney General, DCJS sponsored training for law enforcement and prosecutors on investigating and prosecuting human trafficking offenses. The DCJS website pages with extensive information on human trafficking and links to additional resources had 7,649 hits last year. In order to better identify agencies serving victims of human trafficking and their needs, program staff and the agency’s Research Center developed a statewide survey of victim advocates and service providers, which will guide future training initiatives. In addition, DCJS worked actively with the Virginia Department of Social Services to develop that agency’s mandated plan related to human trafficking.



**Advanced Coordinated
Community Response
and Leadership Institute**



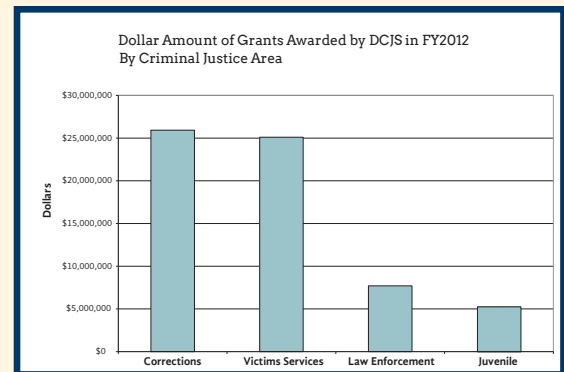
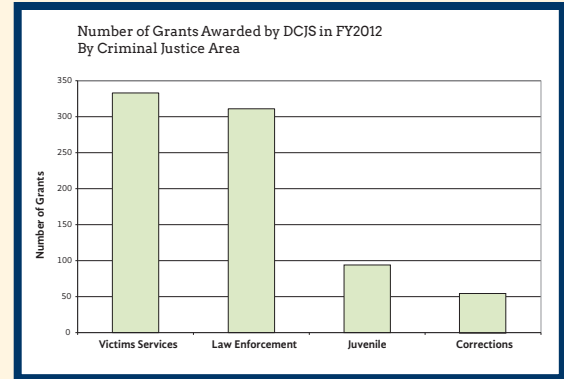
DCJS distributes financial assistance to localities and state agencies, as well as private organizations, to improve the effectiveness of the criminal justice system and to enhance the system’s ability to prevent and control crime. Most of the funds the agency distributes are from the state budget; however, the agency also distributes federal funds which pass through DCJS. Funds are dispensed through different processes including competitive grants, non-competitive grants, and established formulas.

GRANTS

DCJS awards grants that provide funding to a wide spectrum of the criminal justice system in Virginia. In 2012 the agency awarded 793 grants totaling \$64 million dollars. Agency grants are funded by both state and federal funds. They are awarded to state and local agencies and organizations that support programs and initiatives in the areas of law enforcement, crime victims’ services, community corrections and pre-trial, and juvenile services. Agency grant funding opportunities are advertised on the DCJS website. Most agency grants are awarded for one year periods based on the state fiscal year.

Most agency grants are approved by the Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) at one of their public meetings during the year. Agency staff review submitted grant applications and make recommendations to a CJSB grant sub-committee. The CJSB sub-committee then recommends grants to be funded to the full Board.

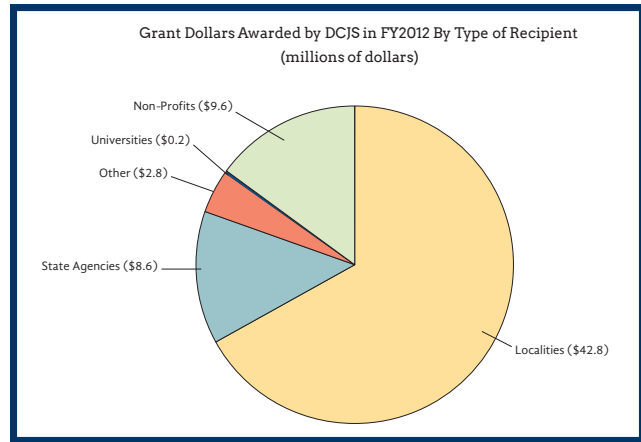
Grantees can monitor their grants and perform various grant related functions online through the DCJS grant management information system. Individuals wishing to be notified of grant funding opportunities can sign up for funding notification on the DCJS website.





FORFEITED ASSET SHARING PROGRAM

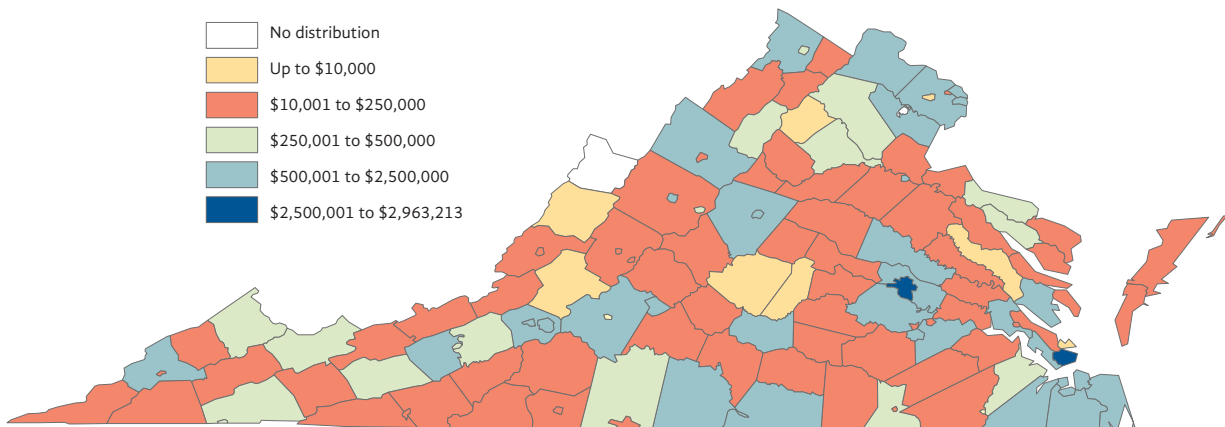
Since 1991, DCJS has administered the Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Program. Proceeds from the forfeiture of property and other assets seized in connection with illegal drug-related convictions are processed and returned to the local law enforcement agency submitting the forfeiture. DCJS retains a small portion of the forfeited proceeds to operate the program and provide training and oversight. Since the program's inception, DCJS has distributed back to local agencies over \$73 million, with \$5.7 million distributed in FY2012.



STATE AID TO LOCALITIES WITH POLICE DEPARTMENTS (599)

DCJS manages the distribution of state funding made available to localities with police departments, commonly known as "599 funds." For 2012, DCJS distributed a total of \$172,412,837 to 174 localities. This funding is used to support local public safety services. DCJS annually verifies that recipient localities are in compliance with the program's various eligibility requirements. Funding is then distributed quarterly to the eligible localities.

FY 2012 Distribution of Grant Funds to Localities



Regulation, Certification and Accreditation

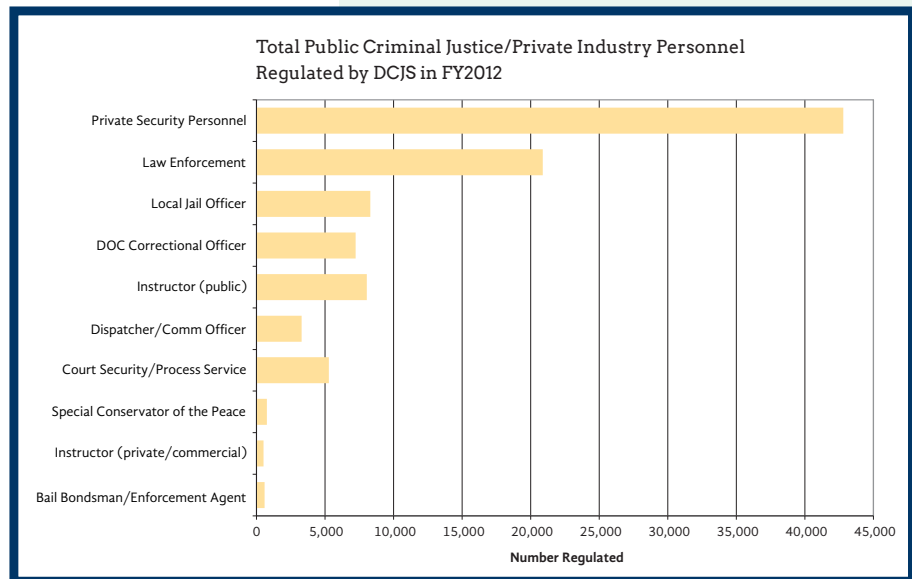


The Division of Regulatory Affairs is involved in all the aspects of registration, certification and licensure for the private security, bail bonds, locksmith and related industries. The Division is responsible for processing applications for registration, certification and licensure and ensuring that each individual, and/or business/training school meets the *Virginia Code* and regulatory requirements.

Accomplishments during 2012 include:

- Facilitation of long-term planning with a focus on high performance, customer service, outward focus, internal and external efficiencies, staff productivity, and information availability.
- Continuing to improve the use of technology to better serve the regulated communities.
- Building and enhancing relationships between the regulated industries and other government and law enforcement agencies.
- Increased the staffing level of the investigative team by bringing on additional regional investigators and a manager dedicated to the Compliance and Enforcement Unit. This has enabled the Division to put a much needed emphasis on investigating non-compliance issues and reducing unlicensed activity in the Commonwealth.
- Initiated a top to bottom review of Division regulations and Code requirements to determine the most effective and efficient way to provide public safety value in our role overseeing these businesses.

In FY2012, DCJS regulated more than 97,000 individuals—about 53,000 in public safety and about 45,000 in private industry.



Agency Training



DCJS provides training to local and state personnel working in the criminal justice system throughout Virginia. In-depth training is regularly available on various subject areas, including:

- Basic skills training for community-based probation and pretrial services officers
- Numerous Homeland Security Trainings for local and state law enforcement
- Special population trainings such as Persons with Alzheimer’s Disease, Autism, Suicide Intervention
- Crime prevention (e.g. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, Building Law Enforcement Volunteer programs)
- Training for school resource officers and school security officers
- Forensic interviewing of young children and preparation for court testimony
- Interviewing and interrogating suspected perpetrators of child abuse
- “Stewards of Children—Darkness to Light” sexual abuse prevention training
- Training for victims services providers, including the annual Virginia Victim Assistance Academy
- Training in campus threat assessment and threat assessments for large facilities
- Entry-Level Compliance Agent Training for private security services personnel
- Depending on the subject matter and the audience involved, DCJS staff may provide the training, arrange for and coordinate the delivery of training by others, or provide “train-the-trainer” instruction



In addition to ongoing training opportunities, DCJS sponsors and co-sponsors numerous conference events. These are excellent opportunities to reach broader audiences with timely and important information. Examples of conferences DCJS sponsored or co-sponsored in 2012 include:

- Statewide Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Conference
- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Conference
- Virginia School and Campus Safety Training Forum
- National Forum on Campus Sexual Assault
- 5th Annual Conference on Disproportionate Minority Contact within the Juvenile Justice System
- Gang Awareness and Prevention Conference: Bridging the Gap in Your Community in collaboration with the Governor's Office for Substance Abuse Prevention (GOSAP)
- Executive Level Gang Conference





In FY2012 more than 6,500 people attended DCJS provided or supported training and conferences.





CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY AND PLANNING

The *Code of Virginia* directs DCJS to develop “a comprehensive, statewide, long-range plan for strengthening and improving law enforcement and the administration of criminal justice throughout the Commonwealth, and periodically update the plan.” In developing these plans, DCJS analyzes criminal justice data and trends and solicits input from practitioners and policy makers throughout Virginia’s criminal justice system and related agencies. Plans are published and periodically updated. DCJS is currently updating the most recent statewide criminal justice plan.

DCJS continues to provide policy support and planning and research support to public safety initiatives, including the following:

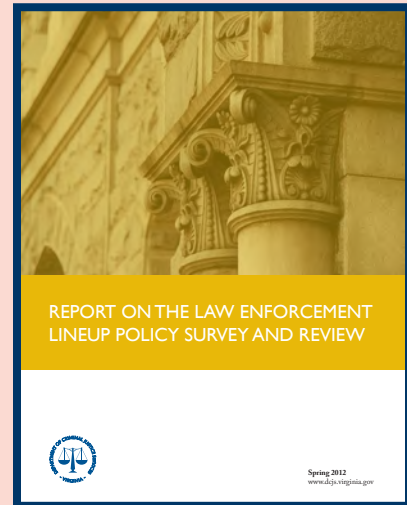
The Virginia Prisoner and Juvenile Offender Reentry Council, established by the Governor’s Executive Order No. 11, to promote collaborative re-entry strategies for adult and juvenile offenders. DCJS staff provides staff support and information to various workgroups of the Council.

The Commonwealth’s Gang and Violent Crime Executive Committee, established by the Governor’s Executive Order No. 28, to develop recommendations for reducing gang activity and gang violence in the Commonwealth.

The Domestic Violence Prevention and Response Advisory Board, established by the Governor’s Executive Order No. 25, to promote ongoing collaboration among relevant state and local agencies, as well as private sector and community partners involved in domestic violence prevention, enforcement, and response efforts.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH

DCJS operates the Criminal Justice Research Center which analyzes, interprets, and reports criminal justice statistics and information to inform and support work done by public safety policy makers and practitioners. Each year, DCJS produces Virginia’s ten-year crime





trends report, the jail inmate population forecast, the school safety audit survey, and reports required by the federal Deaths in Custody Reporting Act of 2000.

In addition to its standard research and reporting activities, the Research Center completed various special studies during FY2012 to support DCJS activities including the Virginia Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Program, Pretrial Services programs, Victims' Services programs, and efforts to combat gangs and human trafficking.

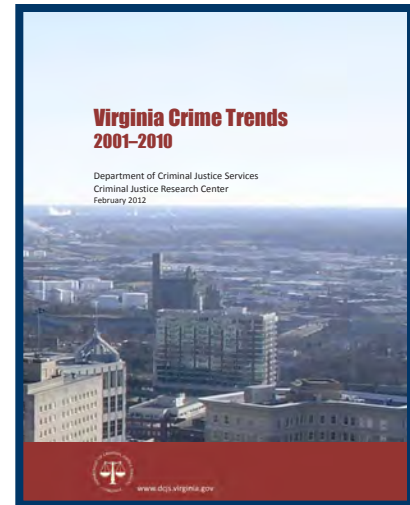
Major reports published during FY2012 included:

Statewide Gang Survey: DCJS published its final report on the findings of a statewide survey of criminal justice and education officials to identify the extent and nature of gang activity in Virginia. The report was provided to the Secretary of Public Safety and disseminated to authorized officials through the Virginia Fusion Center to help guide anti-gang activities in Virginia.

DCJS Constituent Survey: DCJS published its final report on the findings of a survey of public safety agencies and organizations served by DCJS. Based on responses from more than 1,000 public safety constituents, the findings are being used to improve the agency's constituent services and develop the agency's strategic plan. DCJS disseminated the report to many constituent groups.

Report on the Law Enforcement Lineup Policy Survey and Review: This study surveyed law enforcement agencies to determine what policies exist to govern suspect lineup procedures, and how these policies comport with current best practices for lineups. Findings of the study were provided to the Secretary of Public Safety and to the Virginia State Crime Commission, and used to update DCJS model policies.

Analysis of the Current and Projected Financial Operations and the Financial Outlook for the Regional Law Enforcement Training Academies: This report examined the revenue needs and sources for Virginia's ten regional training academies, and how the academies are adapting to challenging budget constraints. The report was provided to the Secretary of Public Safety, House Appropriations Committee, and Senate Finance Committee to help develop plans to maintain funding for the academies.

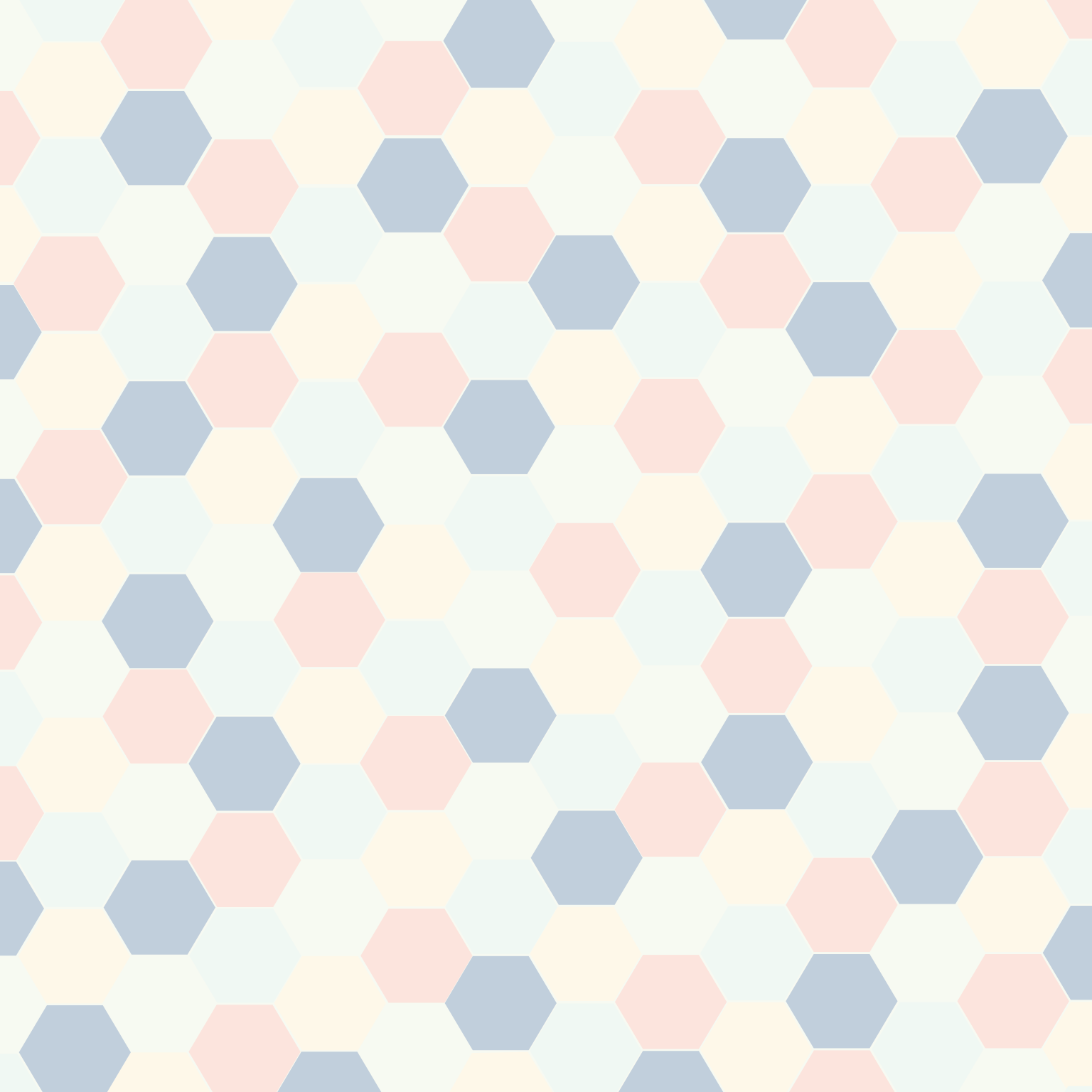




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