

# Annual Report

# 2022-23



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# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I am delighted to present our annual report, albeit belatedly, showcasing the remarkable accomplishments and endeavors of our Centre over the past year. Our dedicated team, though modest in size, has demonstrated unwavering commitment and excellence in carrying out the ambitious goals outlined in our three-year strategic plan.

Guided by the principles of our strategic plan, our Centre has fostered a dynamic and collaborative research environment. I am pleased to report that two out of the four grant applications submitted were successfully funded, with anticipation for the outcome of another. Our research findings have been disseminated through various channels, including book chapters, journal articles, and reports commissioned by our valued partners. One of the highlights of the year has been our groundbreaking work in engaging Indigenous communities in our research initiatives. Employing a respectful and collaborative approach, we are eager to intensify our joint efforts in this crucial research portfolio, aligning seamlessly with our strategic objectives of research with Indigenous communities. Our commitment to meaningful research is evident in the completion and presentation of our evaluation on traditional medicine within the criminal justice system. The implications of this pioneering research extend far and wide, signaling a significant step towards addressing complex societal issues. As we reflect on the past year, we celebrate the success of the virtual offering of [the Violence and Aggression \(V & A\) symposium](#). Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that our next V & A symposium will take place in person in May 2024.

I invite you to explore our newly revamped website, equipped with advanced features and information about our [ongoing projects and initiatives](#).

A notable achievement is the continuous enrollment of faculty members, enriching the Centre's interdisciplinary research landscape. Our postdoctoral fellows, Drs. Tetreault, Dadgardoust, and Roma, have spearheaded a unique recruitment and training program for volunteer research students. The positive feedback received highlights the program's potential for adoption by other units, proving to be an effective means of attracting students to the center and the university.

I extend my gratitude to Drs. Jewell and Stoliker for their outstanding leadership with our post-doctoral fellows and students. Special acknowledgment is also due to our coordinator (Lilani Samarakoon), executive committee members (Drs. Heavin, Ramsden, Spiteri and Woods representing Colleges of Law, Medicine, Arts and Science, and Nursing), and our esteemed partners, the Research and Implementation Branch (RIB) of the Ministry of Corrections, Policing, and Public Safety of Saskatchewan, and the Correctional Services of Canada (CSC).

A warm welcome to our newest Advisory Board members, Dr. Dena Derksen and Kathy Neil, both valuable additions, especially with Kathy Neil's role as Deputy Commissioner for Indigenous Corrections. We eagerly anticipate the guidance they will provide to enhance our Indigenous research program. Additionally, a special welcome to Dr. Ian Broom, returning to the CSC as Director General of Research, bringing promising prospects for implementing research to substantiate the goals and vision of the service.

In conclusion, I invite you to join us in celebrating the significant progress we continue to make in advancing our projects aimed at reducing victimization.

Thank you!



Dr. Mansfield Mela  
Director, Centre for Forensic Behavioural  
Science and Justice Studies  
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# WHO WE ARE

The Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science and Justice Studies was established at the University of Saskatchewan in 2011 to foster interdisciplinary research, education and community engagement related to crime, justice and corrections. The Centre draws on a wealth of expertise spread across the Colleges of Arts and Science, Law, Medicine and Nursing, and partnerships with the Correctional Service Canada and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety. The Centre is a gateway to information, knowledge and inquiry into the vast and multifaceted social, justice and health-related issues that impact the criminal justice system and that influence the care, treatment and rehabilitation of offender populations, including but not limited to, Indigenous peoples, women and youth.

## Centre Staff

**Dr. Mansfield Mela, Director of the CFBSJS and Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Saskatchewan/forensic psychiatrist, Regional Psychiatric Centre, Saskatoon.** Dr. Mela's research focuses on biopsychosocial aspects of forensic mental health, with specific interests in the areas of fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, forgiveness, spirituality, and ADHD. He brings a clinical perspective and helps guide the idea of utilizing knowledge from research in conjunction with other individuals' contribution to achieving evidence-based practice.

**Lisa Jewell, B.Sc. (Hon.) Psychology, M.A. and Ph.D. in Applied Social Psychology,** joined the Centre as a Research Officer in 2013 and is currently the Research Associate. Dr. Jewell has over 15 years of experience with research and program evaluation and is a credentialed evaluator through the Canadian Evaluation Society. She is the lead researcher of numerous Centre projects.

**Bryce Stoliker** joined the Centre in 2020 as a Postdoctoral Fellow. He holds a B.A. (Hons.) double major in Psychology with Thesis & Criminology, an M.A. in Sociology, and a Ph.D. in Criminology. He is generally interested in epidemiological criminology and the intersection of persons with mental illness at various levels of the criminal justice system (especially policing and corrections). His research aims to incorporate both psychological and sociological perspectives to improve insight into various topics and issues concerning the criminal justice system, especially as it relates to the well-being of victims and offender behaviour. Most recently, he has focused research efforts on suicide among incarcerated offenders. His research also aims to incorporate perspectives on gender, aging, and race/ethnicity. He previously held a research position at the Justice Institute of British Columbia.



# WHO WE ARE

**Laleh Dadgardoust** joined the Centre as a postdoctoral researcher in 2022. She has a PhD in Forensic Psychology at the University of Ontario Institute for Technology. The main focus of her research is improving understanding of the rape proclivity measure and examining its predictive validity. Her other research interests include risk assessment and treatment management of individuals convicted of offences. Laleh has participated in several research projects related to her field of interest and presented her research findings in local and international psychology conferences. Prior to starting her PhD in forensic psychology, she has amassed 10 years of experience as a community service professional in the field of human and social providing services such as supporting counselling, crisis intervention and assessment, transitional planning, group facilitation, advocacy, public education, and community outreach. She has applied her extensive training and experience to working with diverse populations including women and children fleeing abuse, newcomer youth, visible minorities, economically disadvantaged communities, and individuals dealing with addiction and mental health issues.

**Christie Tetreault BA (Hon) History, BA (Classics), BA (Psychology), MSc and PhD Psychology**, joined the Centre as a Postdoctoral Fellow, in 2023. Christie has over 25 years' experience in academic writing and editing. Christie has been an adjunct lecturer in social and forensic psychology and research methods and advanced statistics. Her research has focused on resilience and susceptibility to extremism (e.g., state-sponsored extremism, military massacre, genocide) and interpersonal violence. She has a special interest in aggression, group dynamics, and individual differences to inform evidence-based interventions.

**Renata Roma, B.Sc. (Hon.) and M.A. in Psychology, and Ph.D. in Child and Youth Studies**, joined the Centre as a Postdoctoral Fellow in 2023. Dr. Roma has 10 years of experience with research, and her main interests are in animal-assisted interventions, mental health and well-being among young people. Through her research, Dr. Roma aims to offer a more nuanced perspective of pet ownership among marginalized populations and explore the benefits of human-animal interactions in social contexts related to rehabilitation. She is also involved in Centre projects associated with First Nations and policing services.

**Lilani Samarakoon, the Centre's Coordinator**, provides management, research, and administrative support for all of the Centre's activities. She received her B.Sc. (2005) and M.Sc. (2008) from the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. Lilani completed her M.Sc in Agricultural Economics with the University of Saskatchewan in 2013. Since, 2014 Lilani worked in non-profit sector including a role involved in financial management and reporting on funded sub projects through funding provided by the Government of Canada.

# Centre Consultants

# WHO WE ARE

**Ashmini Kerodal**, B.Sc. in Management Studies, M.Sc. in Criminology and Criminal Justice, and Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, joined the Centre in 2018 as a Postdoctoral Fellow and served in the role until June 2020. Dr. Kerodal's research utilizes complex data management and statistical analysis to study far-right extremism and hate crimes, evaluate criminal justice programs, validate and reduce racial disparities in risk assessment instruments, and develop strategies to reduce the use of jail and pretrial detention on low-risk populations.

**Davut Akca**, B.A. Criminal Justice, M.A. Criminology, Ph.D. Forensic Psychology, joined the Centre as a Research Officer in 2019. Dr. Akca's research interests fall within the domains of investigative interviewing, risk terrains of criminal events and crime mapping, radicalization, Islamophobia, hate crimes, and criminal network analysis. Before his graduate studies, he served as a ranked police officer and crime analyst in the Anti-Organized Crimes Department of the Turkish National Police for five years.

**Chad Nilson**, B.S. and M.A. in Criminal Justice, M.S. and Ph.D. in Political Science, joined the Centre as the Inaugural Research Fellow for 2012-2015. As a consultant, he is actively involved in a number of the Centre's research and evaluation activities, including the development of process and output indicators for the Community Mobilization initiative in Prince Albert and Saskatchewan's Building Partnerships to Reduce Crime strategy. Dr. Nilson has a diverse history of research, evaluation and program development for federal, provincial and First Nations government.

# Centre Members

Centre members are recruited from faculty and/or other researchers within the University of Saskatchewan community who are actively involved in justice and forensic-related research and practice. Government and community partners are also welcome to hold Centre membership and participate in Centre activities and events, although only University of Saskatchewan faculty are able to elect members and hold positions on the Centre Executive Committee.

The Centre is proudly comprised of faculty members representing the Departments of Psychology, Sociology, Computer Science, Indigenous Studies (College of Arts and Science), and the Colleges of Law, Medicine, and Nursing, as well as community members who have ties to the University of Saskatchewan. The breadth of its membership is a testament to the vast array of expertise that exists at the University of Saskatchewan and in the community and to the strong potential for meaningful interdisciplinary engagement and collaboration. Information about faculty and community members can be found [HERE](#).

The Centre Executive Committee consists of the Director and faculty representatives elected from and by the Centre's faculty membership. The Executive Committee works with the Director to develop and implement strategies to foster interdisciplinary research, promote public awareness, engage external partners, encourage faculty and student involvement, as well as to approve processes related to internal programs, and oversee Centre budget and finances. Current Executive Committee members include:

**Professor Heather Heavin BSc, LLB, LLM, College of Law.**

Heather Heavin, Associate Professor, is the Associate Dean Research and Graduate Studies at the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan. She received her B.Sc. (1992) and LL.B. (1996) from the University of Saskatchewan and LL.M (2003) from Harvard University. Prior to joining the University of Saskatchewan, Heather clerked to Chief Justice Bayda of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal (1997) and practiced law in Regina (1997-2002). She has taught and researched in the areas of international trade, interprovincial trade and business law. Currently, she is collaborating on a new area of research with Michaela Keet (College of Law) in the area of dispute resolution, with an emphasis on applying new methods of risk evaluation and case analysis to resolve legal disputes.

**Dr. Phil Woods PhD.**

Dr. Phil Woods, Associate Dean of Research, Innovation and Global Initiatives and Professor, College of Nursing has extensive experience in collaborative research in forensic mental health. He was co-Principal Investigator on a large multi-site European Union (EU) funded project on risk assessment. His specific interests are in risk assessment and management, violence prediction, and development of forensic mental health practice. He has expertise in quantitative research and systematic literature reviews.

**Dr. Vivian R. Ramsden RN, BSN, MS, PhD, MCFP (Hon.) College of Medicine.**

Dr. Vivian R. Ramsden, a Registered Nurse, is Professor & Director of the Research Division, Department of Academic Family Medicine, College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan. Her background spans both critical care in acute care settings and primary health care in urban, rural, First Nations and international communities. Dr. Ramsden is a passionate advocate for participatory health research; thus, her research interests are in: participatory health research and evaluation; primary health care; mixed methods; and, prevention & management of chronic diseases.

**Dr. Raymond Spiteri, Computer Science, College of Arts & Science.**

Professor Spiteri obtained a Ph.D. from UBC in Mathematics (Institute of Applied Mathematics) in 1997. He obtained a B.Sc. (Hons.) in Applied Mathematics (Theoretical Physics) from UWO in 1990. His areas of research are numerical analysis, scientific computing, and high-performance computing. As a numerical analyst, he has been afforded the luxury of being able to be an equal opportunity employer. He actively collaborates with physicists, chemists, geologists, and engineers of various flavours as well as psychologists, criminologists, and marketers. He also has a long record of industry collaboration with companies, both large and small. Professor Spiteri is also the President-Elect of the Canadian Applied and Industrial Mathematics Society. He was Principal Investigator for Saskatchewan and member of the Executive Committee for the WestGrid High-Performance Computing Consortium from 2005 to 2014. He held the position of Mitacs Regional Scientific Director for Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba from 2008 to 2012. He was also a Mitacs Project Leader from 2004 to 2012.

Established during 2011-12, the Centre Advisory Board consists of invited University and non-University representatives and is Chaired by the Vice-Dean, Research, Scholarly and Artistic Works, College of Arts and Science, as designate of the Vice-President Research, University of Saskatchewan. The Board provides input and advice on a range of issues fundamental to the long-term viability of the Centre, including but not limited to research and programming initiatives, policies and partnerships.

Board members include:

Dr. Bram Noble (Chair) Vice-Dean Research, Scholarly and Artistic Works, College of Arts and Science

Dr. Marek Radomski, Vice-Dean Research, College of Medicine

Dr. Olajide Adelugba, Psychiatrist and Clinical Director, Regional Hospital, Regional Psychiatric Centre (Prairies), Correctional Service Canada

Mr. Scott Harron, Executive Director, Research and Implementation Branch, Ministry of Justice and Attorney General, Government of Saskatchewan

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Dr. Leslie Anne Keown, A/Senior Research Manager, Research Branch, NHQ, CSC

Mr. Eric Michael, Acting Executive Director, Willow Cree Healing Lodge

Sgt. Nick Smyth, Manager, Regina Violent Crime Analysis Sections, RCMP F Division



# WHAT WE DO

The Centre seeks to foster and facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration across three domains: Research and Evaluation, Education and Training, and Community Engagement. A summary of Centre activities over the past year within each of these domains is provided below.





# Research and Evaluation

## Projects Sponsored by Correctional Service Canada (CSC)

Project	Description	Status
Evaluation of the Okimaw Ohci Healing Lodge Traditional Healer/Medicine Program	This project focused on evaluating the Okimaw Ohci Healing Lodge (OOHL) Traditional Healer/Medicine Program, which is a one-of-a-kind program designed to provide federally sentenced Indigenous (and non-Indigenous) women at OOHL with a culturally safe Indigenous-based health services option delivered by a professional Traditional Healing Team (i.e., Traditional Healers). The CFBSJS conducted a multi-phased evaluation focused on assessing the program's implementation, delivery, and outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In 2022-23, the second, and final, phase of this evaluation was completed. The report was finalized in May 2023.</li><li>• Efforts to disseminate evaluation findings through publications and conference presentations are ongoing.</li></ul>

# Research and Evaluation

Projects Sponsored by the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, Government of Saskatchewan

Project	Description	Status
Evidence-Informed Practices in Rehabilitation and Community Reintegration of Justice-Involved Individuals: A Literature Review	A literature review was undertaken to capture evidence-informed practices and programs in the: (1) rehabilitation of individuals with repeat criminal justice involvement; and (2) reintegration of justice-involved individuals into the community to inform the Saskatchewan custody and community context of practice. Overall, the objective of this literature review was to provide the Ministry with a greater understanding of successful rehabilitation and reintegration practices and programs to inform their body of knowledge and work in this area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The final report was completed in June 2022. A presentation was also delivered to the Ministry in June 2022.</li></ul>
Rural Crime Reduction Jurisdictional Scan	In this jurisdictional scan, publicly available literature from the United Kingdom, Australia, and Ireland was reviewed for innovative ideas on how to reduce crime in rural and remote communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This project was completed in September 2022.</li></ul>

# Research and Evaluation

Projects Sponsored by the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, Government of Saskatchewan Continued.

Project	Description	Status
<p>Logic Model and Measurement Framework for the ĩkwēskīcik iskwēwak Program</p>	<p>In 2022, the Ministry established a three-year pilot program, known as ĩkwēskīcik iskwēwak (formerly the Back-to-Basics Transition Program), intended to aid in community reintegration and reduce returns to custody for women involved in the criminal justice system by providing access to necessary supports and services at the point of release. The CFBSJS designed and developed a logic model and performance measurement framework to provide a foundation upon which to assess the performance of the ĩkwēskīcik iskwēwak program.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ĩkwēskīcik iskwēwak logic model and measurement framework was completed in November 2022.</li> </ul>
<p>EM/GPS Field Study: Evaluation Plan</p>	<p>In July 2022, the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety initiated a field study to test the use of an Electronic Monitoring/Global Positioning System (EM/GPS) for supervising correctional clients released from custody on reintegration leaves. To facilitate the evaluation of the field study, the CFBSJS developed a logic model, performance measurement framework, and evaluation plan intended to determine the extent to which the program has been able to function effectively and achieve its short-term outcomes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This project was completed in February 2023.</li> </ul>



# Research and Evaluation

Projects Sponsored by the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, Government of Saskatchewan Continued.

Project	Description	Status
First Nation Community Safety Officer Program Evaluation Plan Development	In April 2022, the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety implemented a two-year First Nation Community Safety Officer (FN CSO) pilot project to provide First Nation communities with access to an alternative service delivery model intended to complement and enhance existing policing services and address local community safety concerns. The CFBSJS updated the FN CSO program's logic model and performance measurement framework and drafted an Evaluation Plan to guide the evaluation of the FN CSO program over the next five years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation plan development was ongoing at the end of the 2022-23 fiscal period. It was completed in May 2023.</li> </ul>
Readiness to Change Among Justice-Involved Individuals: A Literature Review	In this literature review, the CFBSJS examined: (a) Western conceptions of readiness to change and related models that may be used with justice-involved individuals within correctional and community settings; and (b) Indigenous perspectives of change, including the historical and ongoing colonization of Indigenous peoples in Canada and Indigenous worldviews, models, and theories that articulate processes of change and growth. The objective of the literature review was to further inform the Ministry's evidenced-based practices in the areas of rehabilitation and reintegration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This project was ongoing at the end of the 2022-23 fiscal period. It was completed in July 2023.</li> </ul>

# Research and Evaluation

Projects Sponsored by the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, Government of Saskatchewan Continued.

Project	Description	Status
Outcome Evaluation of the Saskatchewan Gang Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS)	The Saskatchewan Gang Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS) is a multi-year initiative (from March 2018 to March 2023) funded under the Federal Gun and Gang Violence Action Fund (GGVAF) to address issues related to illegal gun and gang violence within the province. The CFBSJS conducted a comprehensive outcome evaluation of the strategy to assess the extent to which the GVRS was able to achieve its intended goals, objectives, and outcomes, both overall and in relation to each of its six pillars.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The evaluation was ongoing at the end of the 2022-23 fiscal period. It was completed in June 2023.</li></ul>

# Research and Evaluation

## Additional Projects Undertaken by the CFBSJS

Project	Description	Status
Legal Data Scan and Legal Needs Survey	In collaboration with the University of Saskatchewan College of Law and the Centre for Research, Evaluation, and Action Towards Equal Justice (CREATE Justice), we aimed to develop a more cohesive picture of the access to justice issues and legal needs of individuals and communities in Saskatchewan by completing: (1) a scan of existing justice data being collected by various legal and non-legal organizations in Saskatchewan to determine the usability of that data to identify gaps in the justice system, inform service delivery, improve access to justice, and establish a data commons; and (2) a Saskatchewan-based Legal Needs Survey of lawyers, as well as legal and non-legal service providers, to identify the legal needs and gaps that exist within the Saskatchewan justice system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The final reports for the legal data scan and legal needs survey were completed in March 2023.</li> <li>Efforts to disseminate study findings through publications and conference presentations are ongoing.</li> </ul>
Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford Suicide and Self-Harm Study	This project was conducted in partnership with Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford, which is an integrated mental health and correctional facility that provides short-term and long-term rehabilitative psychiatric services to men and women across the province. The study consisted of reviewing paper and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This project was completed in August 2022.</li> <li>Efforts to disseminate study findings through publications and conference presentations are ongoing.</li> </ul>

# Research and Evaluation

## Additional Projects Undertaken by the CFBSJS

Project	Description	Status
	electronic medical records of 183 patients residing in, or admitted to, both the secure correctional units or community-based units between April and December, 2021 to identify the prevalence of suicide and self-harm thoughts and behaviour, as well as relevant correlates of suicidality and self-harm.	
Profiling SK Homicide Cases	This study examines homicide cases in Saskatchewan over the past 10 years through the Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII) database, coding for case, perpetrator, and victim characteristics. The purpose is to identify notable trends across cases during the period examined.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This project was ongoing at the end of the 2022-23 fiscal period.</li> </ul>
Providing Legal Services and Supports to Racialized Communities: Needs Assessment and Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+)	The CFBSJS was contracted by the Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan (PLEA) to conduct a needs assessment and gender-based analysis plus (GBA+) to provide PLEA with a greater understanding of the legal barriers, needs, and priorities of Indigenous community in Saskatchewan. In turn, PLEA will be using these findings to inform the development of culturally relevant strategies (e.g., information resources) aimed at increasing access to justice for Indigenous communities in Saskatchewan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This project was ongoing at the end of the 2022-23 fiscal period.</li> </ul>



# Education and Training

## Graduate Student Research Awards

The Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science and Justice Studies provides support for University of Saskatchewan graduate students whose academic and/or research interests pertain to the areas of crime, justice, and corrections. Project-specific funding helps student researchers cover the direct cost of research activities.

The Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science and Justice Studies opened the call for graduate student research awards in January 2023, and closed the call in March, 2023. The details of the awards will be fully reported on in the 2023-24 annual report.

## Postgraduate Degree Specialization Certificate in Corrections

In collaboration with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, the Centre established a Postgraduate Degree Specialization Certificate in Corrections at the University of Saskatchewan in 2012. Targeted to senior managers employed in the field of corrections, this two-year applied training program emphasizes advanced knowledge and professional skill development and evidence-based practice in the areas of offender assessment, case management, clinical supervision, program evaluation and research. Program instruction is shared by Senior Clinical Directors from the Ministry of Corrections and Policing, as Professional Affiliates of the Department of Psychology.

During the 2022-23 academic year there were three Clinical Directors registered in coursework.

## Undergraduate and Graduate Research Training and Supervision

During 2022-23, despite working remotely, the Centre continued to contribute to the academic and professional training of USask students by supervising/hiring seven graduate students and two undergraduate students from multiple disciplines. The students gained experience with hands-on data collection, analysis and research report writing and contributed to the successful completion of several Centre projects.



*(Photos by Research Profile and Impact, University of Saskatchewan.)*



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: FOSTERING ACADEMIC AND PUBLIC DIALOGUE

### Centre Website

The Centre's website is a key means of further engaging with the local, national and international criminal justice and research communities. The website contains information on the Centre members' research interests, Centre funding programs, events, past and current projects and reports, local news stories and links to Centre members' media presence.

### Biennial Violence & Aggression Symposium

Each year, the University of Saskatchewan, in conjunction with the Regional Psychiatric Centre, Correctional Service Canada, hosts either the Violence & Aggression Symposium or the International Custody & Caring Conference. These alternating conferences bring together researchers and professionals working in the criminal justice, corrections, and forensic mental health fields, and provide opportunities to explore current theories, research and practice related to the care, treatment and rehabilitation of offenders and issues unique to working in forensic and correctional environments.

The 2022 Violence & Aggression Symposium was held successfully online May 30 and May 31, 2022. The 19th offering (2nd virtual) focused on our 'new reality' and how the pandemic has affected corrections and policing, including innovations in virtual programming, assessment, and interventions, as well as relevant topics associated with the overarching symposium themes of violence and aggression. Four plenary speakers presented at the event including Dr Gregory Brown (Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice within the School of Science, Health & Criminal Justice, State University of New York), Dr. Holly Graham (Indigenous Research Chair in Nursing and Associate Professor, College of Nursing, University of Saskatchewan), Dr. Ivan Zinger (Correctional Investigator of Canada, Correctional Investigator (Federal Prison Ombudsman), and Dr. Jill Stinson, (Director of Clinical Training in the Department of Psychology at East Tennessee State University). More details of the 2022 Violence & Aggression Symposium are found in our website : <https://cfbsjs.usask.ca/va-symposia/va-2022.php#Program>



# Public Forum

The Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science and Justice Studies held a public forum themed "Reducing Victimization Through Rehabilitation" on Dec 9, 2022, and launched its new strategic plan.

The keynote speakers were Senator Kim Pate and Alicia Clifford (McMaster University). At the forum, USask Vice-President Research Dr. Baljit Singh helped launch the CFBSJS Strategic Plan 2022-2025, which has six commitments to guide and inspire the Centre's activities over the next three years.

Representing our research partners, Dr. Leslie Anne Keown, former Senior Research Manager, Research Branch, Correctional Service of Canada, and Scott Harron, Executive Director, Research and Implementation Branch, Saskatchewan Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety spoke at the event.

In this year's forum, we also had individuals with lived experience in the criminal justice system participate by presenting their stories and lessons for the system.



(Photos by Research Profile and Impact, University of Saskatchewan.

# FUNDING

## Summary of 2022-23 Revenues and Expenditures

The Centre receives financial support through a 5-year Memorandum of Agreement with the Correctional Service Canada and a 5-year Collaborative Research Agreement with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety. The Centre receives various amounts of financial and in-kind support through from the Colleges of Arts and Science, Law, Medicine, and Nursing. The following table summarizes Centre revenues and expenditures over the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

**University of Saskatchewan  
Centre for Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies  
Statement of Operations and Change in Fund Balance  
For The Year Ending March 31, 2023**

<b>Revenue:</b>	
Government of Canada	115,800
Government of Saskatchewan	258,638
Other Sources	81,488
College of Law	10,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>465,926</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Salaries & Benefits	307,375
Contracted Services	4,671
Indirect Costs, Overhead, & Operational	11,672
Travel	10,126
Research Grant & Award Balances Awarded/Paid	7,300
Research Grant & Award Balances Returned	(23)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>341,121</b>
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>124,805</b>
<b>Balance, beginning of year</b>	<b>282,072</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>406,878</b>



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We thank you for your continued support in our efforts to contribute to the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science and Justice Studies.

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