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Message from the Director

As we work towards transitioning away from the uncertainty of the pandemic to a more adaptable environment, I bring you greetings on behalf of the Centre for Forensic Behavioral Science and Justice Studies. This annual report provides a summary of activities that characterized the productive nature of a small unit with motivated staff. Working entirely virtually we held meetings, established collaborations, initiated research projects, obtained additional scholarly-based funding, published and disseminated our research findings, and more significantly impacted the rates of victimization through new knowledge. Our first strategic planning cycle, which began about twelve months ago is nearly complete. Members, staff and the Executive Committee of the Forensic Centre actively and collaboratively contributed to what will guide our activities for the next three years. We aim to have it made public fall 2021. I view the strategic plan document as instructive to support interdisciplinary collaboration in research and to focus on the relevant areas identified by the collective. I look forward to giving you a preliminary assessment in the next annual report.

In June 2021, we successfully hosted our first virtual [Violence & Aggression Symposium](#). Some highlights worth mentioning signify the value and relevance of the topics handled well by great collection of speakers. From addressing trauma informed care to risk assessment, the interactions showed that the virtual approach did not hinder the cross pollination of ideas that occur normally in this symposium. As experts, participants learned to endeavor to ask offenders what their views are regarding the process of risk assessment and to employ culturally appropriate approaches in estimating risk and endeavor to share common understanding of risk concepts. Result of the research presented were encouraging in supporting sex offender treatment as a necessary intervention to reduce recidivism. The gaps of trauma intervention and support for victims were a few of the additional highlights.

During the last year, the Centre engaged with the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety and the Saskatoon Police Service to reinvigorate our tripartite agreement to support analytics in the field of forensic research. The diversity of research topics and accomplishment are a testament of the passion of work and collaboration we prioritize at the Centre. In addition to the excellent research, we have continued to support strong learners and have mentored a number through important student experiences via practicums, theses, and research assistant positions. Thanks to our funders and partners; Correctional Services of Canada, RCMP, and the Government of Saskatchewan for their support of these students.

Lorrie Sorowski, our Centre coordinator championed the publication of the regular CFBSJS' [newsletter](#). Issues bring you current happenings and emerging updates in the field of forensic research.

The Centre has benefited immensely from the expertise of Professor Carrie Bourassa who joined in 2020 as the representative of the College of Medicine on the Executive Committee. We also welcomed Dr. Marek Radomski on the Advisory Board. Dr. Radomski's wealth of experience and wisdom will serve to place the Centre in an even better position towards research excellence.

As you will see in the annual report, our partnership and collaboration are the cornerstone for the excellent work we do at the forensic centre. We are gradually entering research areas that involve the voices of patients and offenders so the implementation of findings can be most robustly applied. This is the future of relevant research and knowledge translation. I am particularly excited to draw your attention to the upcoming outcome and process evaluation of the traditional Indigenous medicine in a Healing Lodge. The potential of this pilot project is significant not only for offenders but for reducing victims in their families. I hope to report more on this next year.

Finally, I congratulate the recipients of the graduate student and faculty grants from the research funds administered by the Centre. I also want to use this opportunity to thank Professors Heather Heavin, Cindy Peternelj-Taylor and Glen Luther for their contribution to the Executive Committee during the last year. Sincere thanks also to Dr. Jack Gray who was Chair of the Advisory Board and successfully led us through the Centre's leadership transition and new initiatives. The Centre will forever remain grateful for your contributions as you transition away from Vice-Dean Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work. I welcome Prof Baljit Singh, the Vice President Research, back to the University of Saskatchewan. His support for high quality research aligns well with the work we do at the Centre.

We are in interesting times and with all hands-on deck we will make a difference in the life of individuals we focus our research on and the public at large. Enjoy the read and please contact us with any questions and feedback as we endeavor to advance research.



Dr. Mansfield Mela
Director, Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science and Justice Studies
University of Saskatchewan

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 10 years of experience with research and program evaluation and is a credentialed evaluator through the Canadian Evaluation Society. Through her research, Dr. Jewell endeavors to ameliorate social conditions that detrimentally affect marginalized populations. She is involved in numerous Centre projects and is the lead researcher of two multi-year evaluations: the Northeast Youth Violence Reduction Partnership and the Healthy Families Initiative.

Lorrie Sorowski, Centre Coordinator, provides management, research, and administrative support for all of the Centre's activities. Since 2003, she has worked on campus in several administrative roles with the Colleges of Education, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, and Law joining the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science and Justice Studies in 2019.

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.

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.

Centre Consultants

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. She is the lead researcher on the Older Offenders Dementia study, RPC's FASD Pilot Project evaluation, RPC's Admissions Study and the Saskatoon Mental Health Strategy Court cost and outcome evaluation.

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](#).

Executive Committee

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 Glen Luther, Q.C., College of Law**, joined the University of Saskatchewan in 2003, having previously held teaching positions at Osgoode Hall Law School, Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand, and the University of Calgary. He has extensive practice experience as a criminal lawyer, having practiced in Lloydminster from 1981-1984 and Calgary, Alberta from 1989 - 2003. Professor Luther has published extensively in the criminal procedure area. His academic interests include police powers, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, criminal law and sentencing, trial procedure, evidence, and Law and Psychiatry. His new book, *Detention and Arrest*, co-authored with Professor Steve Coughlan of Dalhousie University, was published in 2010 by Irwin Law.
- **Dr. Carrie Bourassa, B.A., M.A., PhD** is the Scientific Director of the National Institute of Indigenous Peoples' Health (IIPH) - Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and a Professor, Community Health & Epidemiology, College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan. She also is Scientific Director, Institute of Indigenous Peoples' Health – Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR- IIPH). She is an adjunct Professor in the Faculties of Education and Kinesiology & Health Studies at the University of Regina. Dr. Bourassa is also the Nominated Principal Investigator for the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) funded Morning Star Lodge established in 2010, based in Regina, as well as for the recently CFI-funded Cultural Safety, Evaluation, Training and Research lab hosted at the University of Saskatchewan. Through her role as Scientific Director of IIPH, she leads the advancement of a national health research agenda to improve and promote the health of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples in Canada. Dr. Bourassa has recently been appointed (2020) as the Indigenous engagement lead for the COVID-19 Immunity Task Force and the Indigenous lead for the Rapid Response Team, Saskatchewan Health Authority. Dr. Bourassa is a member of the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists of the Royal Society of Canada and a public member of the Royal College Council of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. She is also a member of the International Research Advisory Board (IRAB) for the Health Research Council (New Zealand) and a member of the health Quality Council Board of Saskatchewan. She was also appointed to the National Research Council of Canada Advisory Board (NRC) – Human Health Therapeutics Research Centre Advisory Board in May 2018. In 2012, Dr. Bourassa won the (Wee-e- chee-hee-way-shin-awn) Wiichihiwayshinawn Foundation Inc. Métis Award in Health and Science. Dr. Bourassa is Métis and belongs to the Riel Métis Council of Regina Inc. (RMCR, Local #34).
- **Professor Cindy Peternelj-Taylor, RN, B.ScN., M.Sc., Ph.D.(c), DF-LAFN, College of Nursing**. Professor Peternelj-Taylor has extensive experience in professional role

development for students and nurses who practice with vulnerable populations in forensic mental health and correctional settings. Professor Peternelj-Taylor's research interests include issues that emerge within the therapeutic relationship. She is the Editor of the Journal of Forensic Nursing and the Chair of the Custody and Caring Conference.

- **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.

Advisory Board

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. Jack Gray (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
- **Mr. Morgan Hackl,** Chief, Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services, City of Saskatoon
- **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
- **Dr. Emily Snyder,** Faculty Member, Department of Indigenous Studies, College of Arts and Science
- **Dr. John Weekes,** Independent Consultant (previously with CSC)

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.

Information about current projects can also be found [HERE](#)

Research and Evaluation

Projects Sponsored by Correctional Service Canada (CSC)

Identifying Dementia and Other Age-Related Needs of Older Offenders at the Regional Psychiatric Centre

This study seeks to screen for dementia in older inmates and identify the extent to which CSC is accommodating older offenders institutionally and in discharge planning. The pilot project is taking place in RPC with the potential to expand the study to CSC facilities in the Prairie Region. This project is partially funded by a Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (SHRF) Collaborative Innovation Development Grant (valued at \$49,976). A final report is expected August 31, 2020. A proposal for Phase II to conduct a complete dementia assessment of inmates screened in Phase I is currently being developed. *Status: complete.* [View the final report.](#)

Evaluation of the Regional Psychiatric Centre's Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Pilot Project

This project consisted of an evaluation of the Regional Psychiatric Centre's Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) pilot project, which assesses inmates eligible for release within 12 months for FASD, and implement a treatment plan for all assessed inmates. This process evaluation includes interviews with the FASD pilot team, document review and case plan monitoring to determine the extent to which treatment recommendations are implemented, pre-/post analysis of inmates' incident reports, and analysis of the FASD assessment results. *Status: complete.* [View the final report.](#)

Regional Psychiatric Centre Admissions Study

This study analyses 15 years of RPC admissions and discharge data to identify the inmate profile; changes to the inmate profile over the 15-year period; the effectiveness of RPC's psychiatric treatment; and differences in recidivism outcomes by age, ethnicity, diagnosis and gender. A manuscript is being developed with descriptive findings and is expected to be public fall 2021. *Status: complete.*

Other CSC-related Research

Several projects were identified as potential opportunities for the Centre and CSC to enhance their research collaboration. It is notable that several of the [faculty](#) and [student](#) research awards granted are in areas that are of relevance to CSC and other correctional agencies. Thus, although these projects are not conducted by the Centre *per se*, they represent additional corrections-related research that is jointly sponsored by CSC and the Centre, and that contributes to the shared goal of supporting research that is of potential benefit to CSC and its programs and services. View the grants and awards offered during 2020 – 2021 [later in this report](#).

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

Gang Violence Reduction Strategy Evaluation Framework Review

The Gang Violence Reduction Strategy (“the strategy”) is Saskatchewan’s response to the call for initiatives under the Federal Gun and Gang Violence Action Fund (GGVAF) to address the growing trend of gang and gun-related activities across the country. In November 2017, the Government of Canada announced new federal funding, committing up to \$327.6 million over five years, and \$100 million annually thereafter, to help support a variety of initiatives to reduce criminal gun and gang crime.

Since implementation of the GVRS was only in its first, formative year, the initial evaluation activities focused on developing a comprehensive and focused evaluation framework and implementation plan. The evaluation framework included a work plan outlining the proposed evaluation approaches and key performance and evaluation measures.

The Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science and Justice Studies at the University of Saskatchewan was requested to (1) review the evaluation framework and scope; and (2) provide feedback regarding the intended process, approach, theory and implementation. *Status: complete.*

Jurisdictional Scans – Custody Trends by Type (Age and Offence Type, Gender, and Ethnicity)

The Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety is responsible for supervision and rehabilitative services in Saskatchewan. Part of the mandate includes: establishing, administering, maintaining and operating Correctional facilities; developing, coordinating and implementing policies and programs; assisting the courts with pre-trial or pre-sentence decision-making, and the establishment of programs and strategies to prevent and reduce crime. With these responsibilities, the Research and Implementation Branch is exploring the use of custody in Saskatchewan over the last twenty-years. The examination of two decades’ worth of custody data, crime trends, and criminal justice policies and practices, the research is expected to provide senior leaders with strategic insights into Saskatchewan’s custody population. The outcome associated with this agreement, a Jurisdictional Review of Custody Trends by Ethnicity, Age and Offence Type, and Gender, will contribute to the Ministry’s body of work related to this topic. *Status: complete.*

Intensive Rehabilitative Custody and Supervision (IRCS) Program Process Manual: The SK IRCS Model

The project, "IRCS Process Manual: The Saskatchewan IRCS Model" was intended to identify processes for service delivery of the IRCS program in a comprehensive manual. The outcome is provincial consistency in program delivery, increased accountability across all levels within the Ministry, and to maintain a standard service to IRCS youth. The (CFBSJS) was asked by the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety to conduct a research project to develop a complete process manual for IRCS in Saskatchewan which included: (a) Definitions of roles and responsibilities which involves consultation with all the Ministry staff and stakeholders involved in the administration of the IRCS Program; (b) Definitions of Ministerial obligations of the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA), 2003 and Federal-Provincial agreement; (c) Step by step processes of Part A, B, C, and D Federal funding, funding estimates, claims and per diems; (d) Analysis of the IRCS database to outline how to enter data, edit data, view information and expectations of data collection; (e) Regional and facility practices of the IRCS applications; and (f) Analysis of the functionality of current processes and recommendations for improvement which can be achieved through a jurisdictional plan. *Status: complete.*

Other Projects

The Centre for Research, Evaluation, and Action Towards Equal Justice (CREATE Justice) and the College of Law, Legal Needs Scan and Assessment

The Centre for Research, Evaluation, and Action Towards Equal Justice (CREATE Justice) is guiding a research project aimed towards enhancing access to justice through the investigation of needs/gaps in Saskatchewan, in particular to family and civil law. The call for a needs assessment in province came forward from several forums, including meetings of the Saskatchewan Access to Justice Network and the Dean's Forum on Access to Justice and Dispute Resolution. To identify the current needs/gaps of Saskatchewan's legal system, two claims of inquiry are highlighted: 1) Scan and analysis of existing data on legal needs/gaps in Saskatchewan; and 2) Legal needs assessment survey of current legal and social service providers, as well as practicing Lawyers in Saskatchewan. The Centre of Behavioural Science and Justice Studies (CBSJS) was requested by CREATE Justice to prepare a quotation for research services of the two aforementioned claims of inquiry. The proposal outlines a follow: Method—Phase 1: Scan of Existing Data Sources, Phase 2: Legal Needs Assessment Survey, Phase 3: Knowledge Dissemination. *Status: ongoing.*

STR8 UP 10,000 Little Steps to Recovery Literature Review and Cost Analysis

The Forensic Centre completed a no-fee Literature Review on recent research on gang violence reduction strategies, and steps and pathways to successfully leaving gangs to assist STR8 UP with current/future programming and to validate current approaches. The Centre also prepared a comprehensive cost analysis of the program (2015-2019). *Status: complete.* [View the report here.](#)

Faculty Research Grants

The Centre offers research development grants with support from CSC (and sometimes other funders) to faculty members whose research investigates a topic of crime, justice or corrections from a social science, health science, legal, management or interdisciplinary perspective. In 2020-2021, the following grants were awarded:

Crime Protective and Preventive Role of the Emergency Department: A Scoping Review (2021)

T. O. Oyedokun, College of Medicine

(\$9,792)

Parental Experiences of Violated Expectations After Disclosure of Child Interpersonal Trauma (2021)

J. Cummings, Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Science

(\$3,208)

The Impacts of COVID-19 on Indigenous Peoples Engaged in Street Lifestyles: Survival and Surveillance

R. Henry, S. Lambert, Department of Indigenous Studies, 2020

(\$7,300)

Mitigating COVID-19 Risk in the Correctional Environment through the Incorporation of Pulse-based Foods

P. Chilibeck, College of Kinesiology and G. Zello, College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, 2020

(\$7,300)

Impact of COVID-19 on Decision-Making in Criminal Law

S. Burningham, College of Law, 2020

(\$6,378)

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.

Students granted a Research Award during the 2020-21 year are shown below:

Research Award Recipients

Can you Centralize a Loved One's Trauma? An Examination of the Role of Even Centrality in Recovering from Indirect Trauma Exposure (2021)

W. Willcott-Benoit, Ph.D. student, Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Science
(\$5,830)

Experiences of Sexual Victimization among Psychology Graduate Students at Field Placements (2021)

A. Palermo, M.A. student, Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Science
(\$2,450)

Postgraduate Degree Specialization Certificate in Corrections

In collaboration with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Corrections and Policing, 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 2020-21 academic year there were six Clinical Directors registered in coursework.

Undergraduate and Graduate Research Training and Supervision

During 2020-21, despite working remotely, the Centre continued to contribute to the academic and professional training of USask students by supervising/hiring three undergraduate and three graduate 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.

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 our members' research interests and areas of expertise, funding programs, events, and past and current projects and reports. We aim to keep the site informative and up-to-date – please provide any feedback to forensic.centre@usask.ca
View the website [HERE](#).

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 2021 event](#), postponed from 2020, was held successfully online June 14 – 15 and will be fully reported on in the 2021-22 annual report.

Public Forum 2020-2021

The 2020-21 Public Forum was postponed to fall 2021 due to the pandemic. This offering will be fully reported on in the 2021-22 annual report.

Funding

Summary of 2020-21 Revenues and Expenditures

The Centre receives financial support through a 5-year Memorandum of Agreement with the Correctional Service Canada and a 5-year Collective 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, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

**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, 2021**

Revenue:	
Government of Canada	90,003
Government of Saskatchewan	332,500 *
Other Sources	15,394
College of Law	10,000
Total Revenue	447,897
Expenditures:	
Salaries & Benefits	356,655
Indirect Costs, Overhead, & Operational	19,146
Travel	795
Research Grant & Award Balances Awarded/Paid	62,109
Research Grant & Award Balances Returned	(3,643)
Total Expenditures	435,061
Net Surplus	12,835
Balance, beginning of year	397,743
Balance	410,578

*includes 2020/21 & 2021/22 allocation