



**Legislative Budget Board
Criminal Justice Forums
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Robert E. Johnson Conference Center
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Purpose and Overview: The Legislative Budget Board's (LBB) Criminal Justice Forums will provide a regular venue to discuss ongoing criminal justice issues with various stakeholders in state government and academia. This fall the presentations will highlight research findings from area universities. Faculty and their students will be the presenters. Beginning October 2012, forums will occur on the first Friday of each month from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM at the Robert E. Johnson Conference Center in Austin, Texas.

Who Should Attend?

- Legislative staff
- State agency staff
- Local government personnel
- Undergraduate/graduate faculty/staff
- Undergraduate/graduate students
- Advocacy groups
- Media/bloggers
- General public

October 5, 2012 (1:30 PM – 3:00 PM)

Juveniles in the Adult Criminal Justice System in Texas

Presenting University: Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, The University of Texas at Austin

Presenters: Michele Deitch and Anna Lipton Galbraith

In Texas, juveniles as young as 14 charged with felony offenses can be transferred to adult criminal court where they are subject to the full range of adult sentences up to 99 years or life. These “certified” youth await trial in adult county jails, and if sentenced to a prison term, are confined in adult prison. This session will review recent research conducted at the University of Texas’s LBJ School of Public Affairs on the subject of certified juveniles in Texas. One research report to be discussed provides a close look at the characteristics of the certified juveniles, in terms of their crimes, criminal histories, demographics, and sentencing outcomes, and compares them to those youth who remain in the juvenile system under determinate sentencing. A second research report examines the conditions under which these youth are held in adult county jails, based on a survey of all Texas jails that have held these juveniles, conducted in collaboration with the Commission on Jail Standards.

November 2, 2012 (1:30 PM – 3:00 PM)

Time, Location, and Victimization

Presenting University: Texas State University

Presenter: Ward Adams

Understanding spatial and temporal patterns of victimization provide law enforcement agencies with facts that can be used to build efficient approaches to reducing crime. The goal of this exploratory analysis, which is informed by the routine activities approach and other theories of Opportunity, is to disaggregate three types of crimes by time and location to determine if they can contribute to the understanding of victimization.

December 7, 2012 (1:30 PM – 3:00 PM)

Positive Policing in Waco ISD

Presenting University: *Public Policy Research Institute at Texas A&M University*

Presenters: *Eric Booth, Dottie Carmichael, and Miner P. Marchbanks III*

In recent years, as law enforcement has become increasingly present in schools, there has been a corresponding rise in student ticketing and arrest. Beginning in the 2011–12 school year, Waco ISD administrators and law enforcement officers initiated an effort to change the role of law enforcement on campuses. As a result of these efforts, preliminary data shows law enforcement tickets for students' behavior at school declined by 54 percent from the 2010–11 school year to 2011–12. This presentation will present a model for change by more clearly distinguishing routine discipline incidents from legal violations and focusing the role of officers more directly on matters involving student safety.

Capitol visitor parking is available on the corner of 12th Street and San Jacinto Street. The visitor parking garage phone number is 512-463-6365.

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