

personnel, and developmental projects to produce more detailed information on court cases. Descriptive information is compiled on civil and criminal courts and the administrative arrangements related to these courts.

Correctional services. A corrections program provides information on basic aspects of federal and provincial correctional services such as prisons, penitentiaries, probation and parole services. Statistics are available on expenditures and personnel of the corrections sector, as well as on the inmate, probation and parole populations.

Juvenile justice. This program is designed to produce information on the juvenile justice system in such areas as law enforcement, screening, alternative measures, pre-court, court and post-court processes. It currently produces information on young offenders dealt with by the courts.

20.9.2 Technical assistance program

The technical assistance directorate supports the development of statistical programs and the transfer of technology between jurisdictions,

helping them to develop operational information systems through technical expertise and resource support. The technical assistance program touches upon the major sectors of the justice system in the provinces, territories and the federal government.

The federal-provincial partnership. The centre operates on the principle that national justice information is a shared responsibility. A justice information council consists of all deputy ministers responsible for the administration of justice together with the Chief Statistician of Canada. Its main responsibility is to provide direction to and monitor the federal-provincial initiative, reviewing programs, priorities and progress.

A formal liaison officers committee represents justice information council members. Its primary task is to develop with the centre the specific programs and projects to be undertaken. Members are spokespersons for their jurisdictions. Program advisory committees also provide expert advice to the centre in the development of particular programs and projects.

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