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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	1992	University of Michigan	Sociology and Social Work
M.S.W.	1983	Portland State University	Planning and Management
B.A.	1981	University of Oregon	Sociology (<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>)

CAREER BRIEF

Dr. Jeffrey A. Butts is Research Professor and Executive Director of the Research and Evaluation Center at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York. His research focuses on discovering and improving policies and programs for people involved in the justice system and strategies for preventing and reducing community violence. Previously, he was a research fellow with Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago (2005-2009), director of the Program on Youth Justice at the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C. (1997-2005), and senior research associate at the National Center for Juvenile Justice in Pittsburgh (1991-1997). Before his research career, he was a juvenile court drug abuse counselor in Eugene, Oregon, and a permanency planning social worker with the Oregon child welfare agency in Portland. Since 1990, Dr. Butts has designed and managed research projects with budgets totaling \$56 million (\$79M in 2026 dollars).

In 2012 and 2013, he was a member of the committee that assessed juvenile justice reforms for the National Research Council of the National Academies. In 2015, the U.S. Attorney General appointed him to a four-year term as a member of the Science Advisory Board for the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. In 2021, Governor Kathy Hochul appointed him to the New York State Probation Commission. He has worked with policymakers and justice practitioners in 28 states, published two books, dozens of book chapters, and reports for philanthropic foundations and government agencies, as well as peer-reviewed articles in journals such as *Criminology & Public Policy*, the *American Journal of Criminal Law*, *Crime and Delinquency*, *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, *Judicature*, *Justice Evaluation Journal*, *Annual Review of Public Health*, *Youth & Society*, and *Children and Youth Services Review*. His research and policy views have been cited by the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Guardian*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *American Prospect*, *BusinessWeek*, *US News & World Report*, *Time Magazine*, CNN, MSNBC, NBC News, and *National Public Radio* among others.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2010– Research Professor and Executive Director, Research and Evaluation Center, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York (CUNY)
- 2005–2009 Research Fellow, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago
- 1997–2005 Program Director/Senior Research Associate, Urban Institute, Washington, DC
- 1991–1997 Senior Research Associate, National Center for Juvenile Justice, Pittsburgh
- 1988–1990 Research Analyst, Center for the Study of Youth Policy, University of Michigan
- 1986–1988 Research Assistant, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan
- 1983–1985 Social Worker, Oregon Department of Human Resources, Portland, Oregon
- 1980–1981 Drug and Alcohol Counselor, Lane County Juvenile Court, Eugene, Oregon

SELECTED RECENT PROJECTS

Assessing Outcomes of Alternative-to-Incarceration (ATI) programs supported by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (November 2023-October 2025). Sponsor: NY Division of Criminal Justice Services. Budget: \$250,000. Role: Principal Investigator.

Evaluability Assessment of Programs Supported by the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (April-June 2023). Sponsor: NYC Department of Youth and Community Development. Budget: \$262,810. Role: Principal Investigator.

Evaluation of the Bronx District Attorney/Osborne Association gun diversion program (2022-2025). Sponsor: National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice. Budget: \$785,000. Role: Principal Investigator.

Municipalities Reimagining Public Safety (2022-2024). Sponsor: National League of Cities. Budget: \$300,000. Role: Principal Investigator.

Evaluation of Social Impact Partnerships to Pay for Results Act, New York (2022-2024). Sponsor: Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, New York City. Budget: \$2,639,250. Role: Co-Principal Investigator with Dr. John K. Roman, NORC Co-PI.

Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative (2021-2023). Sponsor: Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, New York City. Budget: \$1,400,000. Role: Principal Investigator.

Effectiveness of Violence Prevention Approaches Not Depending on Police (2020). Sponsor: Arnold Ventures, New York City. Budget: \$98,400. Role: Principal Investigator.

Evaluation of Project Fast Track and Cost-Benefit Analysis of Cure Violence (2017-2020). Sponsor: New York City Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice. Budget: \$2,247,148. Role: Principal Investigator.

Evaluation of the Mayor's Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety (2017-2020). Sponsor: New York City Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice. Budget: \$28,704,341. Role: Principal Investigator.

Estimating the Causal Relationships among Juvenile Justice System Improvements, Youth Crime, and Juvenile Confinement (2017-2020). Sponsor: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice. Budget: \$125,000. Role: Principal Investigator.

Building Positive Youth Outcome Measures (2015-2017). Sponsor: New York City Administration for Children's Services. Budget: \$54,000. Role: Principal Investigator.

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

Editorial Board, Criminology	(2024–)
New York State Probation Commission	(2021–)
Editorial Board, Justice Evaluation Journal	(2018–)
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences	(2000–)
American Society of Criminology	(1988–)

SELECTED PREVIOUS AFFILIATIONS

Board of Directors, New Yorkers Against Gun Violence (2018–2020)
Science Advisory Board, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (2015–19)
Expert Advisor, OJJDP Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines, American Institutes for Research (2016)
Juvenile Justice Subcommittee, Science Advisory Board, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (2011–2014)
Research Advisory Committee, Evaluation of Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, National Council on Crime and Delinquency, San Francisco, CA (2011–2013)
Youth and Family Justice Advisory Committee, New York City Administration for Children's Services (2010–2012)
Advisory Board, District of Columbia Crime Policy Institute (2011–2012)
Committee on Assessing Juvenile Justice Reform, Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, National Research Council (2010–2012)
Advisory Council, Campaign for Youth Justice (2006–2012)
New York State Bar Association Special Committee on Youth Courts (2010–2011)
Editorial Board, Journal of Court Innovation (2007–2009)
Social Science Peer Reviewer, European Science Foundation (2009–2010)
Editorial Board, Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice (2002–2010)
Research Advisory Committee, Washington, DC Youth Rehabilitation Services (2008–2009)
Panel of Experts, Governor Paterson Task Force on Juvenile Justice, New York (2008–2009)
Advisory Board, Illinois Youth Court Association (2006–2008)
Federal Forum on Comprehensive Community Initiatives, Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Washington, D.C. (2008)
Peer reviewer, Grant Applications, National Institute on Drug Abuse (2008)
Advisory Board, Illinois Juvenile Defense Assessment Project (2005–2008)
Governor's Transition Planning Team, Illinois Dept of Juvenile Justice (2006)
Peer Reviewer, Grant Applications, National Science Foundation (2006)
Peer Reviewer, Grant Applications, British Council on Social and Economic Research (2006)
American Evaluation Association (2003–2006)
Editorial Advisory Board, Urban Institute Press (2004–2005)
Associate Editor, Justice Research and Policy (2004–2005)
American Judicature Society (1997–2005)
Editorial Panel, Juvenile & Family Court Journal (1994–2000)
Board of Editors, Journal of Crime and Justice (1994–1996)
Vice President, ACLU Pittsburgh Chapter, Board of Directors (1996–1997)

CONSULTING, TRAINING, SPEAKING (SELECTED ITEMS SINCE 2010)

Rite of Passage Training Conference
California Health and Human Services Agency (OYCR)
Committee on Law and Justice, National Academies of Science
PeaceCon 2023, Washington DC
Yale Law School, Arthur Liman Center for Public Interest Law
Regional Gun Violence Consortium, Rockefeller Institute of Government
University of Connecticut, Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy
Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators
California Probation, Parole & Correctional Association
Obama Foundation, My Brother's Keeper Conference
Moss Group, Inc.
National Conference of State Legislatures
Oregon Juvenile Department Directors Association
Annie E. Casey Foundation
New York District Attorneys Association
Massachusetts Department of Youth Services
Reclaiming Futures National Office
Dane County (Wisconsin) Department of Human Services
New York State Joint Appellate Division
White House Domestic Policy Council (2014)
Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators
National Governors Association
Connecticut Juvenile Justice Alliance
Massachusetts Department of Youth Services
Inter-American Development Bank
Pew Charitable Trusts, Center on the States
Sierra Health Foundation
Arizona Supreme Court, Phoenix, AZ

ALL RESEARCH PROJECTS

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ALL PRESS COVERAGE

Details available at: <https://jeffreybutts.net/press/>

ALL PRODUCTS AND PUBLICATIONS

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