The Juvenile Justice Institute was established and funded by the General Assembly (Senate Bill 399) in March of 1999 at North Carolina Central University in the Department of Criminal Justice. Its purpose was to help improve juvenile justice in North Carolina.

The Institute commenced operation in January 2000 when Gwendolyn Chunn, who had been the director of the Division of Youth Services for North Carolina, was hired as its first executive director.

**Objectives**

1. Compile and disseminate information about State and national best practices in the field.
2. Serve as a resource to the academic community, providing information about current programs and practices.
3. Provide technical assistance and training that fosters the development and expansion of community-based programs making them more effective in their community context.
4. Survey the public and special interest groups about the effectiveness of the juvenile justice program.
5. At least semi-annually, distribute a newsletter to continually inform those interested in juvenile justice issues.
6. Provide training and research opportunities for criminal justice majors.

**Goal**

The primary goal of the Juvenile Justice Institute is the promotion and exchange of information and resource development that will facilitate the prevention, intervention and reduction of juvenile crime in North Carolina.

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