



# Research and Evaluation Center

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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 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 as well as 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 managed research projects with total budgets valued at \$55 million (\$70M in 2024 dollars).

In 2012 and 2013, he served as a committee member on assessing juvenile justice reform 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, and 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 covered in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Miami Herald*, *USA Today*, *Economist*, *Guardian*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *American Prospect*, *BusinessWeek*, *US News & World Report*, *Time Magazine*, CNN, MSNBC, NBC News, and *National Public Radio* among others.