



Jesse Russell

Jesse Russell, PhD, joined NCCD as director of research in the Madison office in 2013. He oversees a dynamic team of researchers and analysts focused on engaging social services agencies and other stakeholders around using agency data to drive system improvement efforts. He is currently leading a multi-year, multi-site project to improve dispositional decision-making processes in juvenile justice systems. In partnership with the Annie E. Casey Foundation, this work focuses on bringing multiple stakeholders together toward the common objective of safer communities and more successful youth.

Jesse has been providing strategic research and analytics support for an ongoing Pay for Success feasibility study in California. Using data from the county system and its Structured Decision Making® system implementation, the analysis provides insights into how to best understand and define potential intervention populations.

Previously, Jesse was research manager at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. He completed his doctorate at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He was assistant professor at Seton Hall University's School of Diplomacy and International Relations, where he taught courses in research methodology.