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## *Fact Sheet: Montana Board of Crime Control*

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The Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC) is an 18-member board whose members are appointed to staggered terms by the Governor. Members must "be representative of state and local law enforcement and criminal justice agencies" and "include representatives of citizens and professional and community organizations." [Section 2-15-2306, MCA]

**MBCC mission statement:** "The mission of the Board of Crime Control is to proactively contribute to public safety, crime prevention and victim assistance through planning, policy development and coordination of the justice systems in partnership with citizens, government and communities."

The MBCC is charged with:

- Performing the functions assigned to a state planning agency under the federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968;
- Providing to criminal justice agencies the technical assistance and supportive services approved by the board or assigned by state law; and
- Considering all appeals of decisions made by the Public Safety Officer Standards and Training (POST) Council.

Other specific duties assigned to the MBCC by state law include:

- Developing and administering the crisis intervention team (or CIT) training program (if funded);
- Developing and administering a prosecution diversion program (if funded);
- Developing and administering a supportive housing grant program (if funded);
- Administering the state's domestic violence intervention program that use certain marriage license fees to provide grants either to:
  - communities to hire misdemeanor probation or compliance officers to monitor offenders who must comply with sentencing requirements for certain convictions (partner/family member assault, strangulation of a partner or family member, or violation of an order of protection); or
  - courts to provide offender intervention programs (counseling and other services) for offenders convicted of assault on a partner or family member; and
- Adopting standards that ensure counseling and services provided by the offender intervention programs are evidence-based.

### **Key Facts**

- MBCC is one of 56 state administering agencies (state planning agencies) in the U.S. states and territories. These agencies "are entities within state and territorial governments and the District of Columbia that are responsible for comprehensive criminal justice planning and policy development. In addition, these agencies allocate resources statewide and distribute, monitor, and report on spending under the federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) program and ... other grant programs". [National Criminal Justice Association]

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