# From Flat Files to Repository: Lessons from Building a Data Warehouse

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# About the Statistical Analysis Center

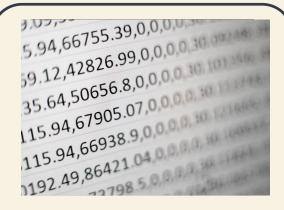


- 1. Established by executive order as a CJCC function in 1992
- Supports all the data collection and analysis for the Justice and Compliance Division and the Victim Assistance Division
- 3. Fulfills CJCC's statutory authority to: serve as a criminal justice data clearinghouse; and provide policy relevant criminal justice research
- 4. Small but mighty team of 11 analysts and DBAs

# Statistical Analysis Centebre Functions



Research and Evaluation



Data Collection for Grant Management and Reporting



Business
Intelligence and
Analytics

#### Where westarted



#### **Data Collection Sources**

Interviewer Server Administrator from IBM

Emailed Excel documents from external partners



#### **Data Extraction Method**

Interviewer Server Administrator data download interface

Download and save emailed files from partners



#### Pain Points

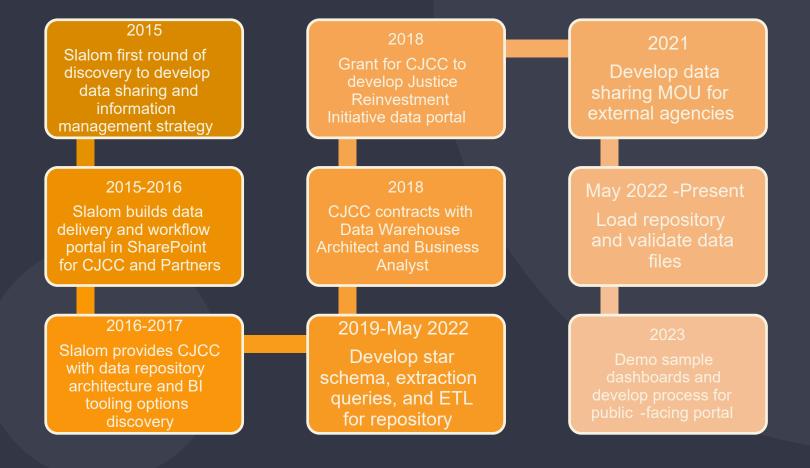
Wide, unweildy extracted data files thatneeded reshaping

Multiple county and agency name iterations



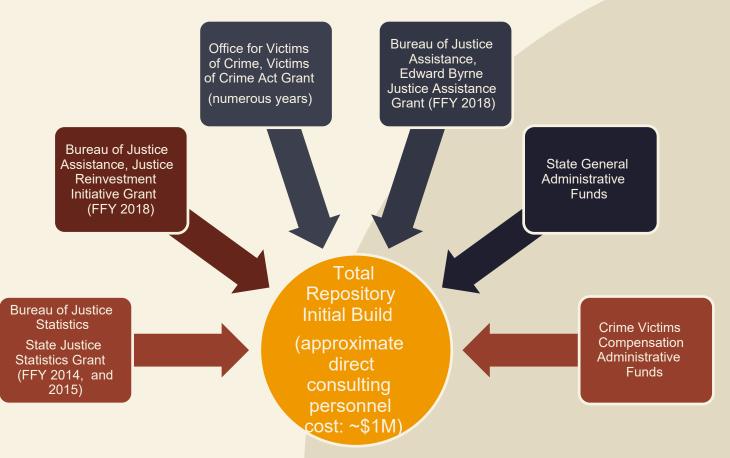
# Nonstandardized Naming Conventions

Evolving and changing variable names over time made data cleaning cumbersome



The Eightear Journey to Repository

#### **Fund**Sources



# Repository Developmentersonnel

01.

# Independent Contract Business Analyst

Contracted with a business analyst through Covendis



#### Slalom Consulting Teams

Business Analyst,
Datawarehouse architect,
SharePoint Solutions Architect

03.

# Independent Contract Datawarehouse Architect

Contracted with data warehouse architect to develop schemas and data ingestion processes

04.

#### ETL Developer

Contracted with ETL Developer through Covendis to build stored procedures and Azure Data Factory workflows

#### Final Architecture

- Pipelines Built for Nine Different Datasets
- Extract data from CJCC-owned SQL servers, em ailed flat files, Azure File Storage
- Date warehouse consists of two repositories
  - Repository for all fact and dimensions tables
  - Repository for views to do reporting
- Microsoft PowerBI Dashboard Interface
- Public vs. Internal Agency Data Portals

## FinalRepository Tool Set

Repository Database AzureSQL Managed Instance

ETL Tool

Azure Data Factory

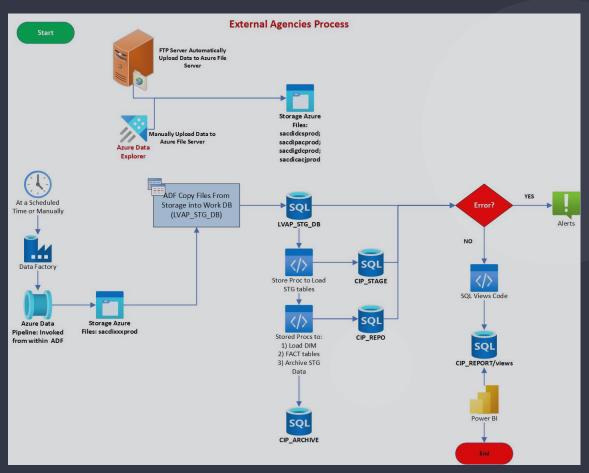
SQL Stored Procedures

Partner File Staging Azure File Storage

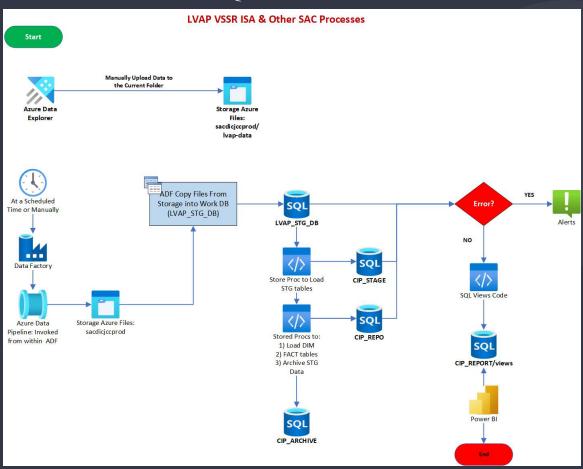
AzLogicApp extracts emailed files and delivers to Azure File Storage

Business Intelligence Tool Microsoft PowerBI

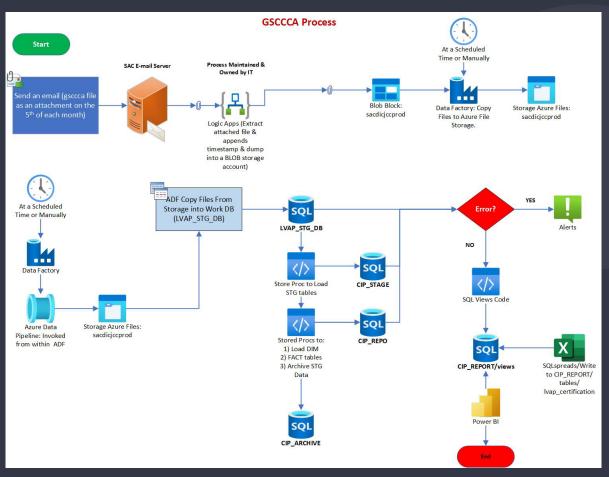
# External Agency Uploada Process



# CJC Owned SQL-Server Data Process



## Emailed Flat File ta Process



## Repository Development Lessons Learned



Analyst SME's need to be available to provide feedback on use cases and reporting needs



Development without a large team takes a long time



Mastering data is a labor intensive, quasi - manual process without data management software



Cost differential between Azure SQL Managed Instance vs. Azure SQL Server; cost of cloud computing, etc.

## Use Case for the Data Repository forational Needs

#### Local Victims Assistance Program (LVAP or 5%)

• Is a 5% fine collected by courts to fund victims services in their county

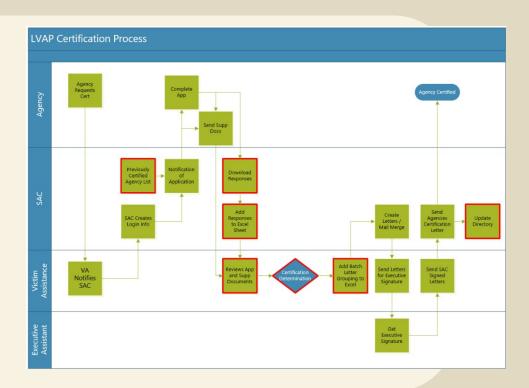
#### CJCC LVAP responsibilities outlined in statute:

- Certify victims servie agencies for LVAP eligibility
- Monitor how much LVAP funding certified agencies receive and how many victims are serve with those funds
- Monitor the collection and distibution of LVAP funds by county administrative agencies

We had a real issue with keeping up with certification applications!

# Using the Data Repository operational Needs

Through an analysis of the LVAP agency certification process it was clear that sharing certification application information and outcomes with our internal and external partners was extremely cumbersome.



## Using the Data Repository operational Needs

#### Overview / Demo of LVAP certification data and documents

- I VAP ISA data extract
- LVAP agency document shared with colleagues
- LVAP certified agency guide
- SQL Spreads certification documentation
- LVAP agency certification visualization
- LVAP county non -reporters

Overview / Demo of future uses of the repository used for operational needs

Human Trafficking Data Clearinghouse

# THANKS



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