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The Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) Place Based Community Safety Strategies

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Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program (BCJI) Program Model

- **Place Based:** Targets crime “hot spots” or microplaces in a neighborhood to most effectively target resources and positively influence multiple social disorganization factors such as concentration of high-risk residents, limited infrastructure, and collective efficacy of community and physical conditions.
- **Data-driven problem solving:** Uses local researcher-practitioner partnership to use data and intelligence to clearly define problems including location of crime and drivers of crime, assess resources, identify evidence-based and innovative strategies, and periodically assess program implementation to refine the approach and enhance the program.



BCJI Program Model (cont'd)

- **Community-oriented** – To catalyze and sustain change, there must be active involvement and leadership of neighborhood residents. Community-oriented strategies should reflect the input of residents, be driven by local data and needs, and address critical issues comprehensively, including linking to broader neighborhood revitalization strategies.
- **Cost effective:** Implemented correctly, place-based strategies should maximize local resources addressing the drivers of crime in persistently high-crime communities. This includes strategies that:
 - Are developed through a planning phase
 - Leverage research and innovation
 - Build neighborhood capacity



BCJI Resources

- **FY2013 Solicitation for Funding:**
 - Planning and Implementation (up to \$ 1 million)
 - Planning and Enhancement (up to \$600,000)
- **Training and Technical Assistance:** Provided to grantees by the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), which will include web-based resources.
- **BJA Website:**
https://www.bja.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?Program_ID=70



Smart Policing Initiative (SPI)

- Developing tactics and strategies that are effective, efficient, and economical—as measured by reduced crime and higher case closure rates—would be of great benefit to law enforcement agencies in this era of budget constraints and limited staffing.
- The goal of the Smart Policing Initiative (SPI) is to identify those tactics, practices, and strategies.



Smart Policing Initiative (SPI)

- BJA requires applicants to enlist a research partner, demonstrate the ability to collect and analyze data, and incorporate realistic and meaningful performance measures to assess the effectiveness of their efforts.
- BJA has awarded SPI grants to over 30 law enforcement agencies throughout the U.S.
- SPI Website:
https://www.bja.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?Program_ID=80



Second Chance Act Programs

Purpose:

- The Second Chance Act (SCA) Programs focus on reducing recidivism, incorporating research evidence-based strategies, and evaluating the effectiveness and impact of reentry programs.
- Since Fiscal Year (FY) 2009, BJA has developed a wide array of SCA programs:
 - Adult offenders with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders
 - Family-based substance abuse treatment
 - Adult and juvenile demonstration (planning and implementation) projects
 - State, local, and tribal reentry courts
 - Adult and juvenile mentoring programs
 - Technology careers training projects for incarcerated adults and juveniles
 - Adult statewide recidivism reduction projects
 - Smart probation projects
 - Evaluation of adult and juvenile reentry demonstration projects

Eligibility: SCA provides adult and juvenile funding to eligible states, units of local governments, federally recognized Tribes, and nonprofit organizations. These resources include various reentry services to individuals in both pre- and post-release settings as they attempt to make a successful re-integration back into their communities.



New FY12 Program - Smart Probation: Reducing Prison Populations, Saving Money, and Creating Safer Communities

Purpose:

This program provides resources to probation departments to implement evidenced-based community supervision practices that effectively address individuals' risk level and needs and reduce recidivism. The objectives of Smart Probation demonstration projects are the following:

- Improve supervision strategies that will reduce recidivism and provide training, technical assistance (TTA), and policy support.
- Promote and increase collaboration among agencies and officials who work in probation, pretrial, law enforcement, and related community corrections fields.
- Develop and implement strategies for the identification, supervision, and treatment of "high risk/high needs" probationers that may serve as a model for other agencies throughout the nation.
- Objectively assess and/or evaluate the impact of innovative and evidenced-based supervision and treatment strategies.
- Demonstrate the use and efficacy of evidence-based practices and principles to improve the delivery of probation supervision strategies and practices.

Eligibility:

Limited to states, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior).



National Adult and Juvenile Offender Reentry Resource Center (NRRC)

Purpose:

- Provide a one-stop, interactive source of current, user-friendly reentry information.
- Identify, document, and promote evidence-based practices.
- Deliver individualized, targeted technical assistance to the Second Chance Act grantees.
- Advance the reentry field through training, distance learning, and knowledge development.

Features/Services:

- Connection to Reentry Community and Peer-to-Peer Information Exchange
- Training and Distance Learning
- What Works in Reentry Clearinghouse
- Extensive Library of Online Reentry Resources
- Reentry Programs Database
- Information for Returning Individuals and Families
- Reentry Myth Busters
- National Criminal Justice Initiatives Map
- Federal Interagency Reentry Council

NRRC Website: We suggest registering for the free NRRC e-newsletter through a link on the main NRRC webpage.

- www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org



Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG)

- JAG is the leading source of federal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions, providing formula funding to states, tribes, and local governments to support a range of program areas:
 - Law enforcement
 - Prosecution and courts
 - Crime prevention and education
 - Corrections and community corrections
 - Drug treatment and enforcement
 - Planning, evaluation, technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives
- BJA JAG webpage:
https://www.bja.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?Program_ID=59



The National Training & Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC)

- NTTAC provides state, local, and tribal communities with rapid, expert, coordinated, research-driven justice-related technical assistance and training that supports communities in improving justice system responses and building capacity.
- NTTAC offers these core services:
 - onsite technical assistance
 - training
 - information dissemination
 - intensive technical assistance
- NTTAC

www.bjatraining.org



Other Resources

- BJA Webpage
www.bja.gov
- Capacity Building Resource Center
www.buidlingcommunitycapacity.org
- BJA Grant Writing and Management Academy
<http://bj.ncjrs.gov/gwma/index.html>
- White House Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative:
http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/nri_description.pdf



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