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In the Spotlight



Sustaining Success, Maintaining Momentum: Justice Reinvestment National Summit Convenes Key Decisionmakers from Around the Country

On November 17-19, 2014, policymakers, experts, and other key decisionmakers from more than 30 states met to discuss the past, present, and future of the [Justice Reinvestment Initiative \(JRI\)](#).



State and local leaders across the country are striving to improve public safety and maximize return on corrections investments. Following nearly four decades of rising inmate populations and costs, half of the states have now used the data-driven justice reinvestment process to cut prison growth and put resources into more effective and less expensive public safety strategies.

Co-hosted by BJA, the Pew Charitable Trusts, and the Council of State Governments Justice Center, the [summit](#) featured top state and federal officials and key stakeholders discussing lessons learned from the building momentum of policy change and sharing insights on how to achieve further reductions in crime and incarceration. Assistant Attorney General Karol Mason provided the [keynote address](#), and featured speakers included Grover Norquist, Newt Gingrich, and Van Jones, who discussed building national momentum for effective criminal justice policy options.

Two Significant JRI Publications Released This Month

Justice Reinvestment in North Carolina: Three Years Later: Since passing justice reinvestment legislation in 2011, North Carolina has seen its prison population drop 8 percent, probation revocations fall by 50 percent, and prison releases to no supervision decline by 41 percent. View an [infographic](#) or read the [full brief](#).



The Justice Reinvestment Initiative: Experiences from the Local Sites: To date, 24 states and 17 localities have engaged in JRI, and [this brief](#) summarizes interim findings on the activities of the local sites, including major contributors to system costs and corrections populations, policy options to address those issues, and expectations for savings and reinvestment of resources.



News You Can Use

Pay for Success Webinar

[Register now](#) for the "Pay for Success: New Capital for Evidence-Based Programming" webinar, hosted by BJA's National Reentry Resource Center and the Urban Institute on December 2, 2014. This webinar will provide an overview of the pay for success funding model—what it is, how it works, its challenges, and examples of current social impact bonds (SIB) projects across the country within the criminal justice field.

Register for Safeguarding Children of Arrested Parents Webinar

On December 9, 2014, BJA and the International Association of Chiefs of Police are hosting a webinar entitled "Safeguarding Children of Arrested Parents during Investigative and Tactical Operations." This webinar will focus on the potential risks to children of arrested parents during tactical and investigative operations and will provide strategies and best practice recommendations for law enforcement to mitigate these risks. [Register now](#).

New Resource on Crime Analysis Available

BJA recognizes the enormous benefit that crime analysis capability can bring to law enforcement agencies and funds several projects that offer guidance, training, and technical assistance to law enforcement regarding crime analysis. The growing need for an analytic solution can be found through several BJA projects designed to directly support and assist the state, local, and tribal law enforcement agency. [Read more](#).

Grants & Funding

Don't forget to visit [OJP's Funding Resource Center](#), where you'll find OJP funding opportunities, an overview of OJP's grant process, post-award instructions, and more!



In Focus This Month

BJA NTTAC Provides Crime Prevention TTA Resources to the Durham, NH PD

Many college towns experience challenges relating to off-campus student housing that can impact the relationships between students and community residents. The Town of Durham, NH, home to the University of New Hampshire, and the [Durham Police Department](#) recognized challenges related to off-campus student-involved incidents that negatively impact the student's and the community's safety. Through BJA NTTAC funding, the [Virginia Center for Policing Innovation](#) provided technical assistance to the Durham police, including an analysis of current policing efforts and recommendations to improve safety for all Durham residents.



Read [BJA NTTAC's TTA Spotlight](#) highlighting its TTA engagement with the Durham police.

Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program

Enacted in 1976, the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program provides death, disability, and education benefits to those eligible for the program. For details regarding these federal benefits for law enforcement officers, firefighters, and first responders killed or catastrophically disabled in the line of duty, call the PSOB Office toll-free at 888-744-6513 or 202-307-0635, or visit the PSOB [web site](#).



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CBOB Nomination Period

Opens 12/15!
December 15, 2014 marks the opening of the [Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery](#) nomination period. Enacted in 2008, the Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act honors federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers for exceptional acts of bravery while in the line of duty. Nominations must be submitted by February 15, 2015 through the online system. For more information, go to www.bja.gov/CBOB.



FEATURED PROGRAM

Read BJA Director's Blog on DOJ's Naloxone Toolkit

OJP's web site features a [blog post](#) by BJA Director Denise E. O'Donnell, titled "Countering Opioid Overdoses," which describes the role and importance of the new DOJ Law Enforcement Naloxone Toolkit and web site. Naloxone is a potentially lifesaving drug known for effectively restoring breathing to a victim in the midst of a heroin or other opioid overdose.

"Every day, over 100 Americans die from drug overdoses, outnumbering deaths from gunshot wounds or motor vehicle crashes. More than half of these deaths involve opioids such as heroin and prescription pain relievers. In the five years between 2006 and 2010, heroin-related deaths in the United States rose a dramatic 45 percent. It's clear that opiate addiction is an urgent public health crisis," Director O'Donnell wrote.

The Law Enforcement Naloxone Toolkit

is a one-stop clearinghouse of information and resources for state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies interested in establishing a naloxone program.



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