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## In the Spotlight



### BJA Smart Suite Programs and New BJA Funding Opportunities

BJA is accelerating the adoption of research and evidence in the field by growing the number of BJA programs that require robust practitioner-researcher partnerships. BJA is investing millions of dollars in grant funds each year in a "Smart Suite" of programs that utilize practitioner-researcher partnerships to implement data-driven approaches to reduce crime, improve community safety, reduce recidivism, and prevent unnecessary confinement.

Included in the Smart Suite are: Policing (Smart Policing); Community Supervision (Smart Probation and Parole); Indigent Defense (Smart Defense); Prosecution (Smart Prosecution); Pretrial Justice Reform (Smart Pretrial); Violence Reduction (Project Safe Neighborhoods); and Place-Based Community-Oriented Crime Reduction and Revitalization (Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation).

Currently, BJA has two solicitations now available in the Smart Suite: Smart Pretrial Demonstration Initiative and Smart Prosecution. These are among several new funding opportunities currently available, including innovative law enforcement, justice information sharing, reaching criminal justice policymakers, maximizing the Affordable Care Act, and swift and certain sanctions. See the complete listing at [www.bja.gov/funding.aspx#1](http://www.bja.gov/funding.aspx#1).

## News You Can Use

### BJA NTTAC Highlights IACP's Technology Policy Framework

New technologies such as automated license plate recognition and GPS tracking systems are playing an increasingly critical role in enhancing the way law enforcement combat criminal activity. The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) created a framework that can be used to guide the development and enforcement of effective policies for technologies that monitor, capture, store, or share data that includes audio, visual, or other personally identifiable information. Read BJA NTTAC's recent [blog post](#) highlighting IACP's Technology Policy Framework which outlines nine universal principles that should be considered when developing and enforcing policies that govern the deployment and use of new and existing technologies.

### New from CBKB: Using Cost-Benefit Analysis for Justice Policymaking

Read the latest white paper from the BJA-funded Cost-Benefit Knowledge Bank for Criminal Justice (CBKB), "[Using Cost-Benefit Analysis for Justice Policymaking](#)." This paper is intended to help government officials and their staff; policymakers; corrections, community corrections, court, and law enforcement personnel; and service providers know what to look for in a justice-related CBA, understand what cost-benefits mean, and use those results to inform their decisions.

### Reports Defining Legitimacy and Procedural Justice in Policing Now Available

The Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) and BJA released two reports on an important development in policing: the growing recognition of the concepts of legitimacy and procedural justice. The first report, [Legitimacy and Procedural Justice: A New Element of Police Leadership](#), provides specific definitions of these terms and summarizes research studies that demonstrate why legitimacy and procedural justice are important to the future success of police agencies, and the second report, [Legitimacy and Procedural Justice: The New Orleans Case Study](#), describes how these concepts are being used in efforts to reform the New Orleans Police Department.

## Grants & Funding

Below are some of BJA's current funding opportunities:

[Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program](#)

Closes May 6, 2014

[Justice Reinvestment Initiative: Maximizing State Reforms](#)

Closes May 22, 2014

[Maximizing the Affordable Care Act: Improving Recidivism and Health Outcomes for the Justice-Involved Population](#)

Closes May 22, 2014

[Smart Pretrial Demonstration Initiative](#)

Closes May 27, 2014

[National Training and Technical Assistance: Capital Case Litigation](#)

Closes May 27, 2014

[Joint Adult Drug Court Solicitation to Enhance Services, Coordination, and Treatment](#)

Closes May 28, 2014

## DID YOU KNOW?

### New Law Enforcement Guide on Video Evidence Now Available

BJA's Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global) released a new product



designed for chiefs, sheriffs, and line officers entitled [Video Evidence: A Law Enforcement Guide to Resources and Best Practices](#).

This resource is designed to provide answers to straightforward questions that law enforcement officers, or the agencies they represent, may have regarding properly securing, collecting, storing, and analyzing video, as well as to provide sources for training.

## FEATURED PROGRAM

### BJA Director Announces New HEAT Treatment Approach

In her April 9 address to delegates at the National African American Drug Policy Coalition 10th Anniversary Summit Conference, BJA Director Denise E. O'Donnell announced new initiatives in the substance abuse and mental health areas, including the expansion of the delivery of a new treatment approach entitled Habilitation, Empowerment & Accountability Therapy (HEAT). HEAT uses a culturally centered holistic, strength-based treatment model to treat young African American males, aged 18-29. BJA is supporting implementation of HEAT by providing training and technical assistance over the next year in two states, Louisiana and Indiana, and two local jurisdictions, Grant County, Georgia and Denver, Colorado, which will be delivered by the curriculum developers (Guy Wheeler and Darryl Turpin of the Pinwheel Group) through the National Drug Court Institute. BJA is hopeful this will produce promising results and that the successful implementation of this treatment approach will lead to improved outcomes for young men of color in our drug and other problem-solving courts.

[Second Chance Act Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry Program Utilizing Mentors](#)  
Closes June 2, 2014

[BJA Visiting Fellows Program](#)  
Closes June 4, 2014

The complete list is available at: [www.bja.gov/funding.aspx#1](http://www.bja.gov/funding.aspx#1)

### In Focus This Month

#### BJA Leadership Participates in Law Enforcement Forecasting Group

On April 3-4, the Target Corporation in Minneapolis, Minnesota, hosted the Institute for Intergovernmental Research's Law Enforcement Forecasting Group (LEFG) meeting. The LEFG, composed of criminal justice executives and researchers, was created to identify emerging issues and trends and to explore tactics and strategies that might assist law enforcement agencies in providing quality police services. The meeting, which included LEFG members, BJA leadership (BJA Director O'Donnell and BJA Deputy Director Kristen Mahoney), and guest participants, provided a unique opportunity for cutting-edge discussions focused on unusual partnerships and data analytics. Participants heard presentations from members of Target's Corporate Security Team, received a tour of Target's Corporate Command Center, and engaged in group discussions regarding predictive analytics, unique public-private partnerships, and blending of research, analysis, and policing. The meeting examined private sector innovations that can be leveraged in the criminal justice arena to enhance public safety, explore anticipated emerging or future criminal justice issues, and identify actionable next steps for LEFG focus. The LEFG identified a number of potential opportunities for public-private sector partnerships and other programs and priority areas for further exploration. [Read more](#) about the LEFG.



*Troy Nece and Bhaskar Roy (at podium); BJA Director O'Donnell and BJA Deputy Director Mahoney*



*BJA Director O'Donnell and Judge Arthur Burnett (ret.), Founder and President, NAAADPC*

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#### 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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