



## In the Spotlight

### The Office of Justice Programs Welcomes Attorney General Loretta Lynch!

On April 27, Loretta E. Lynch was sworn in by Vice President Joe Biden as the 83rd Attorney General of the United States.

In her remarks, Attorney General Lynch stated, "We can imbue our criminal justice system with both strength and fairness, for the protection of both the needs of victims and the rights of all. We can restore trust and faith both in our laws and in those of us who enforce them. We can protect the most vulnerable among us from the scourge of modern-day slavery – so antithetical to the values forged in blood in this country. We can protect the growing cyber world. We can give those in our care both protection from terrorism and the security of their civil liberties. We will do this as we have accomplished all things both great and small – working together, moving forward, and using justice as our compass."



Read Attorney General Lynch's full [remarks](#), the White House [blog post](#), and OJP Assistant Attorney General Karol V. Mason's [blog post](#).

## News You Can Use

### Nominate an Officer for the Medal of Valor

Beginning May 29, BJA is accepting nominations for the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor. The highest national award for valor by a public safety officer, this medal is awarded annually by the President or Vice President of the United States to public safety officers who have exhibited exceptional courage, regardless of personal safety, in the attempt to save or protect human life. Find out more at the [Medal of Valor](#) website.



### Evidence Based Policymaking Webinar

On May 20, BJA and the National Criminal Justice Association will present "Evidence Based Policymaking: Lessons from the Field." This webinar will take a close look at the [Evidence-based Policymaking: A Guide for Effective Government](#) report from the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative and highlight two examples from the field. [Read more and register](#).

### Leading By Legacy Leadership Training

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) will provide free Leading By Legacy training in Clinton, MI on May 11-13, and in Harrisburg, PA on June 16-18. For additional information or to register, contact the IACP at [leadingbylegacy@theiacp.org](mailto:leadingbylegacy@theiacp.org).

### Responding to Alzheimer's

Every 68 seconds, someone is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Over 60 percent of those diagnosed will wander or become lost. Is your department prepared? Free training is coming to Henderson, NV. Register for May 12 or May 13 at the [IACP](#) website. Training will also be held in Lexington, KY on May 27.

## Grants & Funding

Visit our [Funding page](#) to view all open BJA solicitations, including:

- National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)
- Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking
- Economic, Cyber, and High-Tech Crimes National Training and Technical Assistance
- Second Chance Act Technology-Based Career Training Program for Incarcerated Adults and Juvenile
- Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
- Joint Adult Drug Court Solicitation to Enhance Services, Coordination, and Treatment



And look for other opportunities on [OJP's Funding Resource Center page!](#)

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## In Focus This Month

### Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Implementation

During the second quarter of FY 2015, BJA and the PREA Resource Center (PRC) have continued their collective efforts to engage with and provide support to the corrections field and other key criminal justice stakeholders to bring confinement facilities into compliance with the PREA standards, and promote "zero tolerance" cultures toward sexual harassment and abuse in confinement. The PRC was established in 2012 via a cooperative agreement between BJA and the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. The following is a list of recent and forthcoming activities and resources related to PREA implementation:

- DOJ Letter to Governors:** The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), through the Office of Justice Programs, recently issued a letter to all state and territorial governors outlining the process for certifying compliance with PREA standards as required by law. Governors have the option of certifying the state/jurisdiction's full compliance with the standards or assuring that it will use certain DOJ grant funds to adopt, and achieve full compliance with, the standards in the future. The deadline to submit the governor's PREA certification of full compliance or the PREA assurance is **May 15, 2015**.
- Recent PREA Webinars and Resources (visit the PREA Resource Center [website](#)):**
  - Keeping Vulnerable Populations Safe Under PREA: Alternative Strategies to the Use of Segregation in Prisons and Jails* (guide and a companion webinar)
  - Untangling the PREA Standards: Outside Reporting, Confidential Support, and Third-Party Reporting* (fact sheet)
  - BJA's FY 2015 solicitation, [PREA Program: Demonstration Projects to Establish "Zero Tolerance" Cultures for Sexual Assault in Correctional Facilities](#) (applications due **June 10, 2015**)
- September PREA Auditor Training:** The deadline to apply for the PREA auditor training, taking place September 14-18, 2015, is June 12, 2015. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible to be considered for this training. Details on qualifications and the application can be found on the [PRC web site](#).

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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](#).



## DID YOU KNOW?

### New Resources Available

#### Evaluation & Research Literature

BJA has released "[Evaluation & Research Literature: The State of Knowledge on BJA-Funded Programs](#)," which assesses the state of knowledge as determined by data collection, research, and evaluations of and related to BJA-funded programs and also identifies programs and practices for which DOJ resources have played a critical role in generating innovative programs and sound practices.

#### New Toolkits for SAAs

The Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA), in partnership with the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) and BJA, has produced the first two toolkits in a series promoting the use of evidence-based practices in State Administering Agencies (SAAs). "An Introduction to Evidence-Based Practices" and "Implementing Evidence-Based Practices" are now available online at [JRSA.org](#).

## FEATURED PROGRAM

### How Law Enforcement Agencies Successfully Implement Naloxone Programs

Deaths from opioid overdoses have nearly quadrupled since 2000. Because local police officers are often the first to arrive on the scene of these overdoses, they play a critical role in preventing overdose incidents from becoming fatalities by administering naloxone, a potentially lifesaving drug that can reverse a heroin or other opioid overdose. Read BJA NTTAC's [blog post](#), authored by BJA Visiting Fellow Tara Kunkel, to learn how law enforcement agencies have successfully implemented naloxone programs and how BJA's [Law Enforcement Naloxone Toolkit](#) can offer guidance and resources for agencies seeking to do so.



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