



In the Spotlight

Events Highlight New BJA Grant Awards

Several BJA grant programs have been highlighted at stakeholder events in September. In a speech at the Brennan Center for Justice, the [Attorney General announced](#) that five states—Delaware, Georgia, Louisiana, Ohio, and Oregon—have been awarded a total of \$7 million in [Justice Reinvestment Initiative \(JRI\) grants](#) to be used to expand pretrial reforms, scale up swift and certain sanctions, and institute evidence-based parole practices, among other programs.



AG Holder at the Brennan Center

Additionally, five states have been selected to receive new funding under the Second Chance Act (SCA) to help reduce recidivism. Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Vermont will each be awarded \$1 million to meet their recidivism reduction goals. And each will be eligible for an additional \$2 million over the next 2 years if they do so. All [SCA grant awards can be viewed on the OJP web site](#).

On September 22, at the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' (APA) National Prosecution Summit, Beth McGarry, Chief of Staff and Senior Counsel for OJP's Assistant Attorney General, [announced the awards for BJA's inaugural Smart Prosecution grant program](#). The Smart Prosecution grants were awarded to offices in Illinois, Texas, and California to promote impartial justice and safer communities. In addition, APA received a grant to provide training and technical assistance. The goal of the program is to promote fair, impartial, and expeditious pursuit of justice; ensure safer communities; and promote integrity in the prosecution profession and effective coordination in the criminal justice system.

News You Can Use

Four Mentor Community Courts Selected

The Center for Court Innovation (CCI), in collaboration with BJA, selected community courts in Dallas (TX), Hartford (CT), Orange County (CA), and San Francisco (CA) to serve as national resources, helping courts around the country to enhance procedural justice and promote the use of alternatives to jail where appropriate. For more information, visit [CCI's web site](#).

RSAT Virtual Tour

Drawing from the success of the drug court program's virtual tour initiative, BJA announces the first [RSAT virtual tour](#) of a jail-based residential substance abuse treatment (RSAT) program. The online tool describes the essential elements of a model RSAT program in the Barnstable House of Correction, located in Massachusetts. The Barnstable RSAT program is founded on a modified therapeutic community composed of treatment counselors, specially trained correctional officers, and inmates themselves.

SPI Sustainability Webinar

Register now for the Smart Policing Initiatives webinar, titled ["Peer-to-Peer Roundtable: Sustainability"](#), on October 15, 2014 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. eastern time. The focus will be on discussion of sustainability of Smart Policing principles and practices, with specific discussions about challenges and recommended practices related to sustainability.

Forensic Science Laws Database

The National Conference of State Legislatures updated, expanded, and redesigned its [database of laws and policies](#) in all 50 states related to key forensic science issues. This centralized database of key forensic science laws and policies nationwide will help jurisdictions to learn from one another and will support policymakers in assessing how best to enhance the role of forensic science in the investigation and prosecution of crime.

Grants & Funding

NEW! Visit [OJP's Funding Resource Center](#), where you'll find OJP funding opportunities, an overview of OJP's grant process, and more!

BJA expects to announce all FY 2014 grant awards by October 1, and they will be posted on the [OJP web site](#).

In Focus This Month

BJA NTTAC Launches New Web-Based Reporting System for TTA Providers

Through work with training and technical assistance (TTA) providers funded through grants and cooperative agreements, BJA provides information, training, assistance, tools, and resources to help grantees and criminal justice agencies become more effective in their efforts to keep communities safe.



In an effort to enhance the reporting on TTA activities, BJA's National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC) recently launched a new internal reporting system for BJA's TTA providers. The new system—the BJA TTA Reporting Portal—enhances the way BJA TTA providers capture, track, and report on TTA activities internally and to the field. Using data from this system, BJA hopes to ensure quality and consistency in the preparation and delivery of TTA services to achieve the appropriate outcomes, promote awareness of what works and what doesn't based on the specific needs of the field, leverage other resources to enhance TTA services, and demonstrate results and cost effectiveness of TTA.

BJA NTTAC hosted 24 live webinars over the summer to train BJA TTA grantees on how to use the new system. Since its launch, more than 50 BJA provider organizations have entered data on more than 700 TTA activities into the TTA Reporting Portal.

If you are a BJA TTA grantee and have questions regarding the TTA Reporting Portal, please contact us at nttac@bjatraining.org or call us at 1-855-BJA-TTAC (1-855-252-8822).

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?

CICC's "Five in 5"

The Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council's (CICC) ["Five in 5"](#) is a snapshot of law enforcement and criminal intelligence-related articles, resources, and research that may be of interest to CICC members and partners working to improve the nation's ability to develop and share criminal intelligence.



FEATURED PROGRAM

Training Law Enforcement in the Latest Terror Threats

Since shortly after the 1995 bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, the BJA [State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training \(SLATT\)](#) Program has provided terrorism and criminal extremism training to over 136,000 state, local, and tribal law enforcement in the United States.

This training has provided information about the latest threats to the country. From the antigovernment criminal extremists of the late 1990s to the international-based terror threats posed by al Qaeda prior to and following September 11, 2001, through the rise of the sovereign citizen movement to the present-day dramatic escalation of violence being carried out by ISIS, BJA and a cadre of subject-matter experts in the SLATT Program have strived to provide those who protect us with the latest anti-terrorism training and awareness to help keep America safe.



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