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In the Spotlight



BJA's Innovations in Criminal Justice Summit & Community Prosecution Technical Assistance Initiative provides prosecutors with the skills they need to strengthen links between the criminal justice system and the community. Community prosecution encourages prosecutors' offices to build partnerships with and define a role for the community in public safety. BJA has worked with its partners to identify innovative cost-saving programs which are leading to a more efficient and effective justice system. This month, BJA participated in the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA) [Community Prosecution Advisory Council](#). This council is comprised of elected district attorneys and city prosecutors who have been identified as national experts and leaders in the area of community prosecution. The purpose of the council is to provide guidance to our nation's prosecutors in their efforts to advance community prosecution. The council discussed issues such as the changing role of the prosecutor in community-based crime prevention efforts and how to provide community members with a voice in the criminal justice process. A primary goal of the council is the need for prosecutors to implement the [key principles of community prosecution](#) throughout their offices.

News You Can Use

Outcome Evaluation Publication Now Available

BJA and the Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA) recently released [Is This a Good Quality Outcome Evaluation Report? A Guide for Practitioners](#). This guide is designed to introduce and explain the key concepts in outcome evaluation research to help practitioners distinguish between good and poor quality evaluation reports.

Don't Forget! Nominate an Officer for the Congressional Badge of Bravery

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. Law enforcement agency heads looking to recognize an officer must submit a nomination **no later than 8:00 p.m. eastern time on February 15, 2012** through the online system, available at www.bja.gov/CBOB. Nominations must be for acts of bravery performed between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011.

Grants & Funding

BJA has released the following solicitations:

- [Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program](#)
Applications are due March 8, 2012
- [Capital Case Litigation Initiative](#)
Applications are due March 2, 2012
- [Justice and Mental Health Collaboration State-Based Capacity Building Program](#)
Applications are due March 2, 2012
- [PREA Demonstration Projects to Establish "Zero Tolerance" Cultures for Sexual Assault in Local Adult and Juvenile Correctional Facilities](#)
Applications are due March 15, 2012
- [Protecting Public Health, Safety and the Economy from Counterfeit Goods and Product Piracy: The Intellectual Property Theft Enforcement Program](#)
Applications are due March 2, 2012
- [Wrongful Conviction Review Program](#)
Applications are due March 1, 2012

For more funding opportunities, visit the [OJP Open Solicitations page](#).

This Month in Law Enforcement

The State of Oklahoma identified the need within the statewide district attorney system to develop centralized resources to aid prosecutors in the handling of capital murder cases. Using Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds, the state recently created the Capital Litigation Resource Program (CLRP). CLRP directly assists the 75 rural county district attorney offices in Oklahoma by providing technical assistance, legal guidance, and when needed, assisting with the actual prosecution by participating in court hearings and trials. Within the first year of the program, several advanced trainings were provided to more than 100 prosecutors and more than 180 motions, briefs, and responses have been distributed to prosecutors across the state. To read more about Oklahoma's successful program and other programs using JAG funds, visit [BJA's JAG Showcase](#).

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?

BJA and APA launched the 2012 "Final Fridays" webinar series this month with an overview of "[The High Performance Prosecution Model](#)." A brief overview of the framework and the components of the high performance prosecution model were explained, including examples from offices across the country. We encourage all prosecutors, law enforcement, and interested criminal justice partners to attend this informative free webinar opportunity. For information on future webinars, go to the [APA web site](#).

FEATURED PROGRAM

OJP's CrimeSolutions.gov was recently recognized by [The Crime Report](#) as one of the "Ten Most Significant Criminal Justice Stories of 2011." CrimeSolutions.gov is a central, credible online database that informs practitioners and policymakers about what works in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services. It was created by OJP to encourage justice practitioners to replicate programs with a track record of success. Currently, there are more than 160 Program Profiles on [CrimeSolutions.gov](#), and we encourage you to visit this site to find promising or effective programs to implement in your community or organization.

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