



## What is Justice Reinvestment?

Justice Reinvestment is a data-driven approach to reduce spending on corrections and reinvest identified savings in evidence-based strategies designed to increase public safety and hold offenders accountable. States and localities using the justice reinvestment approach collect and analyze data on drivers of criminal justice populations and costs, identify and implement changes that address costs and achieve better outcomes, and measure both the fiscal and public safety impacts of those changes.

The **Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI)** is supported by the [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA) in the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, in coordination with [the Pew Center on the States](#). The purpose of JRI is to provide technical assistance and financial support to states, counties, cities, and tribal authorities that would like to engage in justice reinvestment as either a **Phase I** or **Phase II** site:

- **Phase I** sites receive intensive, on-site technical assistance to start the justice reinvestment process, which involves engaging leaders and key stakeholders, conducting a comprehensive analysis of criminal justice data, and identifying strategies to reduce costs and increase public safety. Currently, 11 states and 16 localities are supported as Phase I sites under the Justice Reinvestment Initiative.
- **Phase II** sites receive targeted technical assistance and are eligible for “seed” funding to support the implementation of justice reinvestment strategies. Sites that apply to be Phase II sites must have already completed all of the steps associated with Phase I (see [JRI Site Selection Criteria](#)). Currently, 6 states and 3 localities are supported as Phase II sites under the Justice Reinvestment Initiative.

The following organizations are working with BJA on JRI:

- [The Urban Institute’s Justice Policy Center](#) serves as the Oversight, Coordination, Outcome, and Assessment provider working with BJA, the Pew Center on the States, and the technical assistance providers to select JRI sites, set specific performance measures, track implementation, and assess the impact of JRI.
- [The Council of State Governments Justice Center](#) and the [Vera Institute of Justice](#) provide technical assistance and support to states selected as JRI sites. The Pew Center on the States also provides technical assistance and support to JRI states in coordination with the Council of State Governments Justice Center and Vera Institute of Justice.
- [The Center for Effective Public Policy](#) and [the Crime and Justice Institute at the Community Resources for Justice](#) provide technical assistance and support to localities and tribes selected as JRI sites.

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