BJA’s Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Policy and Implementation Program is targeted to law enforcement agencies seeking to pilot, establish, or enhance BWC policy and implementation programs. It addresses how to develop and implement policies and practices for effective program adoption, including the purchase, deployment, and maintenance of camera systems and equipment; data storage and access; and privacy considerations. While BWC equipment may be purchased under the program, award recipients must first demonstrate a commitment and adherence to a strong BWC policy framework, including the requisite training.

The purpose of the Collaborative Model to Improve Law Enforcement Investigations of Human Trafficking is to assist law enforcement agencies—and their communities—in developing effective and sustainable multidisciplinary task forces that implement coordinated, victim-centered approaches to identify victims of sex and labor trafficking. The model also addresses the individualized needs of victims by providing them with services and investigates and prosecutes sex and labor trafficking cases at the local, state, tribal, and federal levels.

To respond to the abuse of opioids that has devastated many communities, BJA’s Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program (COAP) promotes the leveraging of existing resources within a community. COAP provides financial and technical assistance to states, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to plan, develop, and implement comprehensive efforts that identify, respond to, treat, and support those impacted by the opioid epidemic. It also promotes cross-system planning and the coordination of delivering services as it seeks to reduce the incidence of fatal overdoses.

The purpose of BJA’s Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combating Violent Crime is to provide state, local, and tribal prosecutors with information, resources, training, and technical assistance to develop effective strategies and programs that address violent crime within their jurisdictions. It encourages prosecutors to use data and analysis-driven approaches to test promising crime prevention, response, and reduction practices; implement evidence-based interventions; improve the effectiveness and efficiency of prosecutors’ processes and procedures; and establish sustainable partnerships with researchers to evaluate program effectiveness.

The Intellectual Property Enforcement Program provides national support to improve the capacities of criminal justice systems to address intellectual property (IP) enforcement. The program includes training and technical assistance in prosecution and prevention to support law enforcement agencies in closely coordinating the objectives and activities of their IP enforcement task forces with their relevant state, local, tribal, and federal agencies, including local U.S. Attorney’s Offices.
Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) funds cross-system collaboration to improve responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse who come into contact with the justice system. This contact can occur because a crime was committed or because law enforcement officers were first responders to a call for service. JMHCP supports training, policy development and implementation, direct services, evaluation, data and technology programs that increase collaboration between criminal justice and behavioral health partners.

The Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative

Administered by BJA in partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative encourages local jurisdictions to work with their local ATF crime gun intelligence centers to collectively leverage their intelligence, technology, and community engagement. This initiative provides funding to swiftly identify unlawfully used firearms and their sources, and effectively prosecute perpetrators engaged in violent crime.

National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative

BJA’s National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative assists law enforcement and prosecutors with addressing the challenges associated with unsubmitted sexual assault kits (SAKs) and reducing the number of unsubmitted SAKs in their jurisdictions. The initiative provides them with the evidence and tools to solve and reduce violent crimes associated with sexual assault while achieving the long-term goal of improving the criminal justice response to cases of sexual assault. Using a victim-centered approach, jurisdictions can build their capacities to inventory, test, and track SAKs and improve practices related to investigation, prosecution, and victim engagement and support in connection with evidence and cases resulting from the testing process. Lastly, the program will help sites prevent the future development of conditions that lead to high numbers of unsubmitted SAKs.

Project Safe Neighborhoods Program

Project Safe Neighborhoods fosters safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in violent crime by primarily addressing violent crime, criminal gangs and the felonious possession and use of firearms. Through ongoing coordination, cooperation, and partnerships of local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies—and the communities they serve—led by the U.S. Attorney in all 94 districts, this comprehensive approach to public safety marries targeted law enforcement efforts with community engagement, prevention, and reentry efforts.

Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) Prevention Training and Response to Mental Health Crisis Program

BJA’s STOP Prevention Training and Response to Mental Health Crisis Program provides funding to states, units of governments, and Indian tribes to address, prevent, and reduce school violence. The program supports training school personnel and educating students to prevent student violence against others and themselves. It also provides specialized training for school officials in responding to mental health crises, and it funds the development and operation of anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines, and websites.

Strategies for Policing Innovation Program

The Strategies for Policing Innovation Program provides resources and opportunities to enable law enforcement agencies to identify and define their most pressing crime problems and institute lasting operational and organizational changes. The program funds the testing of promising crime prevention, response, and reduction practices and implementation of evidence-based strategies. It supports improving the effectiveness and efficiency of police agencies’ processes and procedures; the implementation and testing of justice information-sharing technology; and establishing a system for evaluating effectiveness.

About BJA

BJA helps to make American communities safer by strengthening the nation’s criminal justice system: Its grants, training and technical assistance, and policy development services provide state, local, and tribal governments with the cutting edge tools and best practices they need to reduce violent and drug-related crime, support law enforcement, and combat victimization. To learn more about BJA, visit www.bja.gov, or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/DOJBJA) and Twitter (@DOJBJA). BJA is part of the Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs.