

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT CORRECTIONS AND REENTRY

Community-based Adult Reentry Program

This Second Chance Act program provides funding and technical assistance to nonprofit organizations and Indian tribes to partner with correctional agencies to provide critical transitional services as adults return from incarceration back into the community. This program supports implementation and expansion of reentry programs that include mentoring, coordinated supervision and health services, family services, and/or training staff on reentry and victims' issues. Partnerships with parole, probation, and correctional agencies are critical to meet the needs of individuals at medium to high risk to reoffend by screening, assessing, and identifying them for program participation pre-release and ensuring individualized case plans, which may include cognitive behavioral programming, are in place to support them. During post-release, funded programs will provide case management services that connect adults to evidence-based programming to ensure their transition out of incarceration is safe and successful.

Community Supervision Resource Center

This resource center helps community supervision agencies advance along the continuum of best and emerging practices. The field of supervision has made notable advances in the last decade. Research has come a long way, but there is still a gap between what we know and what is done with that knowledge day to day in the field across all types of supervision and jurisdictions. This Community Supervision Resource Center will serve as a hub for the field and a vehicle to administer intensive technical assistance and microgrants as needed by the field.

Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation

Including: Tribal Corrections Capacity Building Training and Technical Assistance Program

This solicitation makes it possible for federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia to use a single application to access tribal-specific funding from four Department of Justice offices (BJA, the Office on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Office for Victims of Crime, and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services) to help them develop a comprehensive and coordinated approach to public safety and victimization. Through this solicitation, BJA provides funding for tribes to engage in comprehensive justice system strategic planning that will improve tribal justice and safety; develop, support, and enhance adult tribal justice systems to prevent crime related to illicit opioid, alcohol, and other substance use and misuse; and renovate, expand, and/or replace tribal justice facilities to enhance facility conditions and/or add capacity for recidivism reduction programming. More information is available at: <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/grants>.

Corrections Data Analysis – Virtual Academies

This program can improve correctional facilities' operations by helping their managing agencies establish, assess, and improve their corrections analysis programs. Analysts improve their skills and thereby help the agencies make the best use of the analysis results and encourage the field to appreciate standards of performance and technique within the profession itself. The program will identify standards for corrections data analysis and use of results, train agency analysts and their leadership to meet those standards, and develop a series of trainings, resources, and communities of practice to implement the standards.



Corrections Staff Safety and Wellness

Recognizing that institutional and community corrections officers and staff face many challenges, threats, and stressors, this program offers training and technical assistance and builds upon the knowledge base of what works to continually improve their safety and wellness. In addition to offering training, the Corrections Officer and Staff Safety and Wellness Center serves as a repository of corrections policies, protocols, and innovations that work to improve corrections officer and staff safety, wellness, resilience, and retention. In addition, the Center will focus on what works to identify and prevent suicide risk among corrections officers who are lost to suicide at a rate much higher than that for the general population.

Implementing the Prison Rape Elimination Act Program Standards, Protecting Inmates, and Safeguarding Communities

This initiative promotes efforts in state, local, and tribal jurisdictions to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement facilities, and to pursue compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Standards. Funds and technical assistance will help agencies reduce sexual abuse in confinement facilities by increasing staff capacity for preventing sexual abuse, promoting integration of the PREA standards into the day-to-day operations and cultures, identifying and documenting innovative and promising practices in order to inform similar efforts across the Nation, and creating cultures of “zero tolerance” of sexual abuse. This program supports all of the facility types covered by the PREA Standards, including prisons and jails, juvenile facilities, community confinement facilities, and lockups. To learn more, visit: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/prison-rape-elimination-act-prea/overview>.

Improving Reentry Education and Employment Outcomes Program

This Second Chance Act program provides funding and technical assistance to state, local, and tribal governments, as well as nonprofit organizations, to expand education and employment programs. It supports recidivism reduction through education opportunities and enhanced

employment prospects for incarcerated adults reentering the workforce and emphasizes strong partnerships among corrections, parole, probation, education, workforce development, and reentry service providers. These partnerships can improve academic and vocational education programs and career training programs available in prisons and jails.

Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Outcomes for Adults in Reentry Program

This Second Chance Act program provides grant funding and technical assistance to state, local, and tribal governments, as well as nonprofit organizations, to enhance their corrections systems’ ability to address the substance use disorder (SUD) treatment needs of people, including parents of minor children and pregnant women, during incarceration and reentry in an effort to reduce recidivism and promote recovery. Funds can be used to implement or expand systems approaches that improve outcomes for adults with SUDs who are reentering communities following a period of incarceration. The expectation is that the corrections systems will screen all individuals detained or incarcerated to identify individuals with SUDs along with any co-occurring disorders. The corrections systems will then assess those that screen positive and apply the results to a comprehensive case management that supports substance use disorder treatment programming pre-release and continues post-release.

Department of Justice Jails and Justice Support Center

This center assists jails in creating and sustaining safe and effective environments for people detained and incarcerated in them and for people who work in and visit them. Collaboratively administered by BJA and the National Institute of Corrections, the Department of Justice Jails and Justice Support Center provides information, resources, training, and technical assistance to improve compliance with all constitutional and federal statutory requirements and other relevant U.S. law, regulations, standards, best practices, and guidelines. It defines the core competencies and standards for corrections operations, develops specialized training, and provides expert assessment and assistance for jails to advance their correctional practices.

Justice Counts

This program envisions a more fair, effective, and efficient criminal justice system by providing policymakers with actionable data to make policy and budgetary decisions. Justice Counts helps agency leaders adopt the Justice Counts metrics, make the data available, and help policy makers use them. It has supported a broad coalition to reach consensus around a set of metrics for each part of the system—law enforcement, prosecution, defense, courts, jails, prison, community supervision. States will develop a plan to engage agencies and localities, organize their data in the Justice Counts tool, and engage policymakers to use the data. For more information, visit: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/justice-counts/overview>.

Justice Reinvestment Initiative Assessment and Coordination

This program provides coordination and third-party assessment support to the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI). JRI assists states to make the most of their resources in order to maximize public safety and justice, particularly in sentencing and corrections. Assessing the outcomes and impact of JRI is a complex challenge; therefore, under this program, a training and technical assistance provider will work collaboratively with site-based grantees on assessments, somewhat akin to the role of a third-party evaluator. This provider will also serve as a coordinator for JRI. To learn more about JRI, visit: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/justice-reinvestment-initiative/overview>.

Pay for Success Initiative

This Second Chance Act program provides funding and technical assistance to units of state, local, and tribal governments to convert or enter into performance-based and outcomes-based contracts for reentry and permanent supportive housing services. Services that may be purchased include permanent supportive and other types of reentry services that are tailored to individuals leaving incarceration, particularly those with substance use

and/or mental health disorders. The program ties payment for services to reaching agreed-upon goals, which are to enhance public safety, lower recidivism, and improve the lives of those leaving incarceration and who are in reentry.

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Program

This program assists states with developing and implementing residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment within state and local correctional and detention facilities in which persons are incarcerated for a period of time sufficient to permit SUD treatment. It encourages the establishment and maintenance of drug-free prisons and jails and developing and implementing specialized residential SUD treatment for individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders or challenges. The program also encourages the inclusion of medication-assisted treatment as part of any SUD treatment protocol. Further information is available at: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/residential-substance-abuse-treatment-state-prisoners-rsat-program/overview>.

Smart Reentry and Supervision with Technical Assistance: New Tools to Facilitate Change

This Second Chance Act program provides corrections and community supervision agencies with funding, technical assistance, and new tools to identify the strengths and gaps in their reentry systems and improve their overall approach to reentry. The twin goals of this program are to improve agencies' capacity to (1) provide services and support to individuals based on their assessed needs and facilitate or maintain community reintegration/successful completion of supervision through accountability and positive change and (2) track the outcomes of current policies and practices and inform future decisions.

Swift, Certain, and Fair Supervision Program

This program provides state, local, and tribal community supervision agencies with information, resources, and technical assistance to advance their responses to the behavior of adults on supervision improve supervision outcomes and reduce recidivism. The selected agencies engage in collaborative problem solving with stakeholders and use data- and research-informed strategies to respond to behavior in a way that individuals will connect to their actions and not see as a function of supervision. Efforts are guided by the principles of swiftness, certainty, and fairness, which agencies operationalize in different ways. To learn more, visit: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/improving-community-supervision-outcomes-through-swift-certain-and-fair-responses/overview>.

ABOUT BJA

BJA helps America's state, local, and tribal jurisdictions reduce and prevent crime, lower recidivism, and promote a fair and safe criminal justice system. BJA provides a wide range of resources, including training and technical assistance, to law enforcement, courts and corrections agencies, treatment providers, reentry practitioners, justice information sharing professionals, and community-based partners to address chronic and emerging criminal justice challenges nationwide. To learn more about BJA, visit bja.ojp.gov or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/DOJBJA) and Twitter ([@DOJBJA](https://twitter.com/DOJBJA)). BJA is a component of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs.

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