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COVID-19 Detection and Mitigation in Confinement Facilities
Training and Technical Assistance Center

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TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER

COVID-19 remains a public health concern, and confinement facilities should continue to take measures to protect those at highest risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19. BJA's COVID-19 Detection and Mitigation in Confinement Facilities (CDMCF) Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Center assists state, local, and territorial health departments and corrections authorities in their COVID-19 response efforts, including how best to utilize federal funding, collaboration between health departments and state and local facilities, and implementing strategies informed by **CDC guidelines, criminal justice standards and practices, and innovations in the field.**

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) remain dedicated to preventing severe illness and death from COVID-19 for those that live, work, and visit confinement facilities.

The American Rescue Plan Act (2021) authorized the provision of federal funding to 64 state, local, and territorial health department recipients through the CDC's Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) Program.

The CDC has partnered with BJA to provide training and technical assistance through the CDMCF TTA Center.

ACCESS TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

TTA is available to:

- ELC recipients
- State, local, and territorial confinement facilities

The CDMCF TTA provider, CNA, will engage with ELC recipients and confinement facilities to understand their potential needs and offer customized TTA solutions. In addition, ELC recipients and confinement facilities can contact CNA via bjacdmcf@cna.org to request TTA support.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND CONFINEMENT PEER GROUPS

The CDMCF TTA Center hosts facilitated discussions for public health experts working with confinement facilities and for officials working in confinement facilities in prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities to detect and mitigate COVID-19. To join public health or confinement facilities peer-to-peer discussion, contact bjacdmcf@cna.org

ABOUT THE TTA PROVIDER

BJA has contracted with CNA, a nonprofit research and analysis organization, to establish and operate the CDMCF TTA Center. CNA has 80 years of experience working with government agencies to solve complex problems and supports many BJA programs across the country, as well as public health emergency preparedness initiatives. CNA has partnered with the American Correctional Association, American Jail Association, and Correctional Leaders Association to support BJA's CDMCF TTA Center.

For more information, please contact bjacdmcf@cna.org or visit www.cna.org/cdmcf

TTA CENTER BENEFITS

The TTA provider will provide access to information and support about detection and mitigation of COVID-19 in confinement, including:

1. Needs assessment and customized TTA action planning based on results (for ELC recipients only)
2. Technical assistance on how to use available funding based on established guidance
3. Peer-to-peer collaboration and learning
4. Best practices and lessons learned, in keeping all those who live, work, and visit confinement facilities safe during the COVID-19 pandemic
5. Curriculum development and training delivery (train-the-trainer)
6. Guidance to develop strategies and resources
7. Access to updated guidance, tools, and information
8. Development and tracking of performance measures to understand the impact of program activities
9. Access to subject matter experts (SMEs) in correctional operations, correctional health care, curriculum development and training, corrections administration, and public health

THE NUMBERS

\$700M provided through CDC ELC cooperative agreement.

Funding **64** recipients are the health departments in:

- **50** states
- District of Columbia, New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles County, Houston, and Philadelphia
- Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, Marshall Islands, Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau

ELIGIBLE FACILITY TYPES

- Adult prisons and jails
- Juvenile confinement facilities
- Police lock-ups
- Community confinement facilities as defined by 28 C.F.R. § 115.5

Project period: **August 2021–July 2024**

SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS AVAILABLE BY REQUEST:

Correctional health care directors | Corrections inspection and monitoring professionals | Epidemiologists | Current and former executive-level correctional administrators | Prison reform and policy stakeholders | Public health professionals | Data analysis and modeling experts

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