SEARCH: THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AND STATISTICS INFORMATION SHARING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Justice and public safety system practitioners need accurate, timely, and complete information to make critical decisions. This is possible through the comprehensive automation and integration of justice information systems.

The Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) partners with SEARCH, the National Consortium for Criminal Justice Information and Statistics, to provide direct support to local and state justice agencies through onsite and in-house technical assistance. The Information Sharing Technical Assistance Program uses the latest technological advances to guide agencies through the challenging process of strategically planning for information technology and successfully governing, procuring, implementing, securing, and managing solutions.

The Information Sharing Technical Assistance Program assists agencies by:

- Providing technical assistance by highly-trained justice professionals with significant operational and technical experience in the field.

- Identifying information technology system needs, establishing system requirements, and procuring cost-efficient systems.

- Acquiring state-of-the-art technology designed to meet operational needs and accommodate for future growth.

- Offering expertise on information management and how it supports decisionmaking in justice agencies.

- Ensuring systems are based on timely, accurate, complete, and appropriately secured information.

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