Drug Market Intervention
Training and Technical Assistance Initiative

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Through the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) strategy, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) supports training and technical assistance for teams interested in implementing the Drug Market Intervention (DMI) commonly referred to as the *"High Point Model"*. DMI is a strategic problem-solving effort aimed at effectively responding to illegal, open-air drug markets and the associated crime, violence, and disorder that has proven challenging for communities and law enforcement for decades. Nine steps guide the effort to the ultimate goal of permanently closing down open-air drug markets and restoring the community. Using focused deterrence with transformational elements the most violent offenders are targeted and prosecuted. In contrast, lower-level, non-violent offenders are informed that their drug dealing days have ended but they are provided an opportunity to desist from criminal activity and linked to opportunities for social support. Local residents play an integral role in reestablishing and maintaining safety in the neighborhood.

BJA has provided funds for Michigan State University (MSU) to coordinate with professionals who have developed and implemented the DMI strategy to provide implementation support through training and technical assistance (TTA). By submission of a BJA Open Solicitation, teams from across the United States are chosen for participation. The DMI team consists of representatives from law enforcement, prosecution, community, and social services. One team member is the designated Point of Contact (POC). The POC attends an introductory meeting and the entire team attends three trainings. The first training consists primarily of presentations on the foundational elements of the strategy by various representatives from jurisdictions that have already implemented the strategy. The second and third trainings include additional presentations on more advanced topics such as working with the media, how to collect data for performance measures, funding/resources, and sustainability issues. These later sessions also focus on problem solving through breakout sessions, in which team members work with their peers within their discipline as well as other teams to overcome obstacles and challenges they are facing in implementing the strategy. Each team receives a site visit from MSU, ongoing support to help them adapt the model to their unique context including access to colleagues from successful communities who have experienced similar challenges and are able to provide counsel and advice. Since 2007, MSU has worked with more than 25 sites providing training and technical and evaluation assistance.

Additional information about DMI can be found at http://drugmarketinitiative.msu.edu/. For more information about participation in the BJA's DMI TTA Initiative, contact Catherine McNamee, BJA Policy Advisor for Adjudication, Catherine.McNamee@usdoj.gov, or Heather Perez, Outreach Specialist, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University, perezh@msu.edu.