

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FACT SHEET

PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

BJA's Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCPC) supports innovative cross-system collaboration to improve responses to and outcomes for individuals with mental illness (MI) or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders who come into contact with the justice system. JMHCPC promotes the coordination of system resources for people who are accessing multiple services, including hospital emergency departments, jails, and mental health crisis services. It also promotes cross-discipline training for justice and treatment professionals, and facilitates communication, collaboration, and the delivery of support services. To be eligible, states, tribes, and local governments must partner with their mental health authority.

Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program

The Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program supports cross-system collaboration to improve public safety responses to and outcomes for individuals with MI or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders who come into contact with the justice system. Focused on building and implementing collaborative law enforcement and mental health responses such as co-responder teams, crisis intervention teams, and integrated community providers, this program supports public safety partnerships with

social services and other organizations that will improve responses to people with MI and co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.

The Kevin and Avonte Program

The Kevin and Avonte Program supports local jurisdictions' efforts to reduce the number of deaths and injuries of individuals with forms of dementia such as Alzheimer's disease or developmental disabilities such as autism who, due to their condition, wander from safe environments. It provides funding to law enforcement and public safety agencies to implement locative technologies to track missing individuals, and it funds such agencies and partnering nonprofit organizations to develop or operate programs to prevent wandering, increase individuals' safety, and facilitate rescues.

Collaborative Crisis Response Training Program

This program seeks to fund the implementation of transdisciplinary crisis response training to educate, train, and prepare law enforcement officers so that they are equipped to appropriately interact with people who have mental illness, intellectual disabilities, or developmental disabilities in the course of completing their job responsibilities. It seeks applications from states, local law enforcement, and correctional entities to develop a plan and then implement the training, engage in organizational planning to deploy trained officers in times of crisis, and sustain a best practice crisis response program.

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and other Substance Abuse Program

To respond to citizens with addiction to opioids, stimulants, and methamphetamine, the Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and other Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) promotes the leveraging of existing resources within a community to support addiction recovery. COSSAP provides financial and technical assistance to states, units of local government, and tribal governments to plan, develop, and implement comprehensive efforts that identify, respond to, treat, and support those impacted by a broad range of drugs. The program also promotes cross-system planning and coordination to deliver evidence-based, culturally relevant interventions.

Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program

Through this program, BJA seeks applications to implement and enhance drug court services, including service coordination, management of drug court participants, and recovery support services. This program provides resources to state, local, and federally recognized tribal governments to strengthen their drug court programs for nonviolent offenders and veterans with addictions, including stimulant and opioid abuse and overdose.

Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence Training and Response to Mental Health Crisis Program

BJA's Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Training and Response to Mental Health Crisis Program provides funding to states, units of local government, and tribal governments to address, prevent, and reduce school violence. The STOP 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.

Comprehensive Community-based Adult Reentry Program

This program funds nonprofit organizations and tribes that provide comprehensive reentry services to facilitate the successful reintegration of people transitioning out of jail or prison to rural and urban communities. BJA seeks applications to implement or expand their reentry programs that demonstrate strong partnerships with parole, probation, and correctional agencies to meet the needs of individuals at medium to high risk to reoffend by screening, assessing, and identifying them for program participation prerelease and ensuring cognitive behavioral programming is in place to support them. During post-release, the partners will provide participants with case management services and connect them to evidence-based programming to ensure their transition out of incarceration is safe and successful.

Adult Reentry Education, Employment, Treatment, and Recovery Program

This program seeks to enhance a corrections system's ability to address the substance use treatment needs of people during incarceration and reentry, as well as expand education and employment programs that emphasize strong partnerships among corrections, parole, probation, education, workforce development, and reentry service providers. These partners support the establishment and improvement of academic and vocational education and career training programs in prisons and jails. By reducing recidivism, promoting recovery, and enhancing employment prospects for formerly incarcerated adults reentering the workforce, these efforts will improve public safety and health.

Officer Robert Wilson III Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement Officers and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability Initiative

The Officer Robert Wilson III Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement Officers and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability (VALOR) Initiative seeks to improve the immediate and long-term safety, wellness, and resilience of our nation's law enforcement officers. Through a multifaceted approach that includes delivering no-cost training (professional education), conducting research, developing and providing resources, and establishing partnerships that benefit law enforcement officers, the VALOR Initiative provides our law enforcement with innovative, useful, and valuable resources and skills.

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 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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