FY17 Second Chance Act
Statewide Recidivism Reduction (SRR) Orientation
Speakers

Deanna Hoskins
Senior Policy Advisor, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Department of Justice

Sheila Lambert
Policy, Programs, and Grant Administrator, Nevada Department of Corrections, FY 16 SRR Grantee

Andrea Lee
Policy Analyst, Corrections and Reentry, Council of State Governments Justice Center

Kerwin Henderson
Policy Analyst, Corrections and Reentry, Council of State Governments Justice Center

Mary Heidel Haight
Corrections Project Manager, Corrections and Reentry, Council of State Governments Justice Center
TA Providers

Andrea Lee
Policy Analyst
alee@csg.org

Kerwin Henderson
Policy Analyst
khenderson@csg.org
Bureau of Justice Assistance

• **Mission:** to provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support local, state, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities.

The Second Chance Act has supported over $300 million in reentry investments across the country.

https://www.bja.gov/
SRR is a Unique Grant Program

1. Highly visible and competitive
2. For the state, managed by an agency
3. Convene stakeholders and execute a statewide reentry plan
4. Build on or tie related initiatives together
5. Focus on evidence-based strategies
6. Create state centers of excellence as national models
FY17 SRR Grantees

CONGRATULATIONS!

Alaska

Utah

Louisiana

Delaware

District of Columbia
Map of FY14-16 SRR Grantees
SRR is a Two-phase Program

Phase I: Planning and Capacity-Building

| 5 Grantees in FY 2017 | Must complete planning phase (including P&I Guide) to be eligible for Phase II |

Phase II: Implementation

| TBD in FY 2018          | Competitive – open to FY17 Planning grantees only |
Grantee Contacts

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

- Funder
- Financial and Progress Reports, Grant Adjustment Notices (GAN)
- BJA Policy Advisors
  - Jennifer Lewis (West) Jennifer.L.Lewis@usdoj.gov
  - Zafra Stork (Southeast) Zafra.Stork@usdoj.gov
  - Linda Hill-Franklin (Northeast) Linda.Hill-Franklin@usdoj.gov

Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc.

- Performance Management Tool (PMT)
- PMT help desk email bjapmt@usdoj.gov or toll-free at 1-888-252-6867.

National Reentry Resource Center

- Training and Technical Assistance
NRRC Technical Assistance Requirement

• Grantee Scorecard
  – Level of commitment by state policymakers to the SRR plan
  – Level of stakeholder engagement
  – Data-driven planning process
  – Capacity for effective implementation internal and external to the agency
  – Responsiveness to SRR Planning process and TA resources
Presentation

Bureau of Justice Assistance – SRR Overview

Council of State Governments and Technical Assistance

Overview of the SCA SRR Planning Grant Program

Grantee Support

Questions and Answers
• Authorized by the passage of the Second Chance Act in April 2008

• Launched by the Council of State Governments in October 2009

• Administered in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice

• The NRRC has provided technical assistance to over 600 juvenile and adult reentry grantees since inception
Sign Up for the NRRC Newsletter
Purpose of the SRR Planning Grant

As an SRR Planning Grantee, you will receive up to $100,000 over 12 months to create practical, data-driven plans to

- Implement evidenced-based programmatic interventions
- Increase case management capacity
- Create sustainable correctional policies and practices
SRR Planning Expectations

1. Establishing a collaborative Decision-Making Body and Planning Process

2. Provide a statewide definition of recidivism

3. Demonstrate the capability to access and obtain data

4. Convene an SRR task force of state leaders and stakeholders.

5. Assess current recidivism reduction policies and implementation gaps and barriers
Program Requirements: Planning and Capacity Building

Assess the state’s strengths and areas for improvement, including:

- Risk and need assessment
- Pre-release planning
- Quality programs
- Effective supervision strategies
Presentation

Bureau of Justice Assistance – SRR Overview

Council of State Governments and Technical Assistance

Overview of the SCA SRR Planning Grant Program

Grantee Support

Questions and Answers
NRRC Technical Assistance Overview

- Meet the requirements of the grant
- Develop a statewide recidivism reduction plan
- Submit an Implementation proposal to BJA for up to 3 million dollars of funding

TA Value
- Education/learning opportunities for staff
- Share lessons learned across jurisdictions
- Facilitate conversations with federal partners
- Policy and procedure review and rewrites
- Translate research for practice
- General program guidance
- Assistance reporting outcomes to stakeholders
- Support public education efforts
SRR Technical Assistance Activities

- Monthly calls
- Ad-hoc calls/emails
- Site visits
- Resource sharing
- Webinars
- Expert trainings
- Peer learning
SRR Grantee Training Conference
SRR Planning Process: Planning Guide

- Establish planning team and process
- Review current policies and practices
- Analyze recidivism data and set reduction goals
- Develop recommendations for implementation proposal
Technical Assistance: Planning Guide

• Work with team of stakeholders and TA provider to complete each section of the Planning Guide in phases

• Fill out exercises prior to NRRC monthly calls with your TA provider
  – Send to TA provider exercises prior to calls
  – Discuss exercises on calls
  – Update the exercises as changes occur

• TA to inform exercises and plans
Establish Task Force and Planning Process

• Review of vision, mission, and goals
• Relationship with other agencies and grants
• Environmental scan
• Establish planning team, work groups, engage partners and stakeholders
  – Team members and support for project
  – Key partners, service providers, and stakeholders
  – Need for additional outreach
Analyze Recidivism Data and Set Goals

• Define and measure the statewide recidivism rate
• Understand key drivers of the recidivism rate
• Identify a target population for interventions and policy changes based upon those key drivers
• Set recidivism reduction goals for the target population and statewide recidivism rates.
Review Policies, Practices, and Programs

Use Recidivism Reduction Checklists to assess current reentry policies and practices related to three goals:

• Use risk and needs assessments to inform resource-allocation decisions and individual case responses

• Establish programs and practices that reduce recidivism and ensure they are implemented with fidelity

• Implement community supervision policies and practices that promote successful reentry
Develop FY18 Implementation Proposal

The Planning Process

- January: Establish planning team and process
- April: Analyze recidivism data and set reduction goals
- June: Review current policies and practices
- June: Develop recommendations for implementation proposal

- Systemic capacity-building
- Expanding evidence-based interventions
SRR Grantee Experience

Nevada

- FY15 Planning grant
- FY16 Implementation grant
Nevada’s Plan

Nevada Risk Assessment System (NRAS – Modeled after ORAS)
• NDOC in partnership is in the process of validating the NRAS for Nevada’s population
• Currently identifying and addressing criminogenic needs of our offender population for program development and placement
• Case Planning processes will begin in year two of the SRR Grant based on limited case management training

Workforce Development
• Partnering with Parole and Probation to implement NRAS in Parole.
• EPICS training conducted in conjunction with Parole and Community Partners.
• Expanding base of Community and state agency partners
• Providing Continuity of Care, Programming, Medicaid Eligibility
• Training and adopting evidence-based practices for re-entry (i.e. MRT)
Nevada’s Plan

**Quality Improvement**

- Staff Training that requires competency testing – not just attendance
- Qualitative and Quantitative Audit Instruments are currently being developed
- Conducting a review of all Evidence-Based Programs to provide a smaller number of programs with efficiency and fidelity, rather than a larger number of ineffective programs
Questions and Answers
Thank you!

Join our distribution list to receive National Reentry Resource Center updates!

www.csgjusticecenter.org/subscribe

For more information, contact info@nationalreentryresourcecenter.org

This presentation was prepared by The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Assistance. Presentations are not externally reviewed for form or content. The statements reflect the views of the authors and should not be considered the official position of the CSG Justice Center, the members of The Council of State Governments, or the Bureau of Justice Assistance.