FY2018 Second Chance Act Innovations in Reentry Initiative: Reducing Recidivism through Systems Improvement Orientation Webinar

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1. Overview of the Second Chance Act (SCA) Innovations in Reentry Initiative (IRI)

2. National Reentry Resource Center and Technical Assistance

3. Grantee Experience

4. Questions and Answers
**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.

**About the Second Chance Act**
SCA supports state, local, and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations in their work to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for people leaving incarceration. **SCA has supported over $300 million in reentry investments across the country.**

[www.bja.gov](http://www.bja.gov)
FY2018 IRI Grantees

1. Bexar County Commissioners Court (TX)
2. City of Holyoke Police Department (MA)
3. City of Fort Myers (FL)
4. Broward Sheriff's Office (FL)
5. Alameda County Probation Dept (CA)
6. City of Richmond (VA)
7. Cuyahoga County Office of Reentry (OH)
FY2009–FY2018 IRI Grantees

157 awards
Over $60 million in funding
Keys to Grant Success

- Ongoing engagement of the Reentry Task Force
- Partnership with corrections for transition planning
- Collaboration with a research partner
- Connection to service providers within the communities to which people return
- Active participation with your technical assistance (TA) provider
Key Grantee Contacts

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
• Financial and Progress Reports, Grant Adjustment Notices (GAN)
• BJA State Policy Advisor - Jennifer Lewis Jennifer.L.Lewis@usdoj.gov

Performance Management Tool (PMT)
• Quarterly performance measurement data entry
• PMT help desk email bjapmt@usdoj.gov or toll-free at 1-888-252-6867

National Reentry Resource Center
• Training and Technical Assistance
• Grantees will all have an individual provider – contact information to follow
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The National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC)

- **Delivers** technical assistance and training for SCA grantees
- **Advances** the knowledge base of the reentry field
- **Promotes** what works in reentry and successes of grantees
- **Facilitates** peer networks and information exchange
- **Provides** information for people returning to communities and their families

Funded and administered by the U.S. Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Assistance, the NRRC is the nation’s primary source of information and guidance in reentry.

www.NationalReentryResourceCenter.org
Latest News and Resources in Reentry

**RECENT HEADLINES**

*Pa. Banking on Program Providing Former Inmates with Financial Literacy*

**OCTOBER 1, 2019**

Pennsylvania has a new idea to help lower recidivism rates. The state agencies have launched a pilot program that teaches financial literacy to inmates at state prisons through a course on credit and banking basics. The class is a collaboration between the Department of Corrections and the Department of Banking and Securities.

**PUBLICATIONS**

*No More to Go: Homelessness among Formerly Incarcerated People*

**August 31, 2018**

This report provides the first estimates of homelessness among the 5 million formerly incarcerated.

**FUNDING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*SAMHSA*

Register for Webinar: SOAR – A Reentry Tool for Individuals Involved in the Criminal Justice System

**October 9, 2018**

Date: Wednesday, October 24

**WEBINARS**

*Clean Slate CLEARINGHOUSE*

Technology and Criminal Record Clearance

**September 5, 2018**

This webinar explores how technology has influenced criminal record clearance.

National Criminal Justice Initiatives Map

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NRRC technical assistance providers will work closely with you throughout the planning and implementation of your SCA grant.

Technical assistance will be tailored to each grantee and will reflect each jurisdiction’s unique characteristics and resources. NRRC staff will work closely with each grantee to ensure the applicability and relevance of the assistance.

TA support will be provided through:

- Monthly calls
- Site visits
- Trainings
- Distance-learning opportunities
The Role of the NRRC TA Provider

- **Connects** you to subject matter experts
- **Recommends** publications and online resources
- **Hosts** peer learning communities
The Role of the NRRC TA Provider

- **Shares** evidence-based practices and promising strategies to overcome implementation barriers

- **Promotes** innovative work being done by other SCA grantees

- **Works** closely with BJA to promote grant management and reporting requirements
New to FY2018 IRI

Conduct an analysis of the systems in at least two of the following domains:

- Behavioral Health
- Community Supervision
- Education
- Housing
- Employment
The Planning and Implementation (P&I) Guide

Section 1
- Background information
- Logic model

Section 2
- Development of task force
- Establishing reentry coordinator

Section 3
- Target population details
- System mapping and gaps

Section 4
- Identify evidence-based interventions and services

Section 5
- Data collection and program evaluation

Section 6
- Sustainability planning
P&I Guide Section 1

• Identifying Goals and Assessing Initial Technical Assistance Needs
  – Obtain grantee information
  – Update grant initiative
Content Area A: Evaluate your current strategic plan for reentry and address any identified deficits. Make sure to identify system gaps that have an impact on reducing recidivism, especially when involving violent crime.

<p>| Goal: Enter a statement about what the project intends to accomplish with respect to the content area specified above. |
| Inputs: What resources will be necessary to support this goal (e.g., staff, materials, funds)? |
| Current Gaps: What gaps in policies, procedures, or programming have been identified and need to be addressed in order to achieve this goal? |</p>
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<td>What are the intended results? (Objectives should be well defined, specific, measurable, and derived from the goal.)</td>
<td>What activities will be conducted to achieve the objective? What is the title of the person and/or entity responsible for implementing each activity?</td>
<td>Who will participate in or be targeted by the objective? How many participants will be served?</td>
<td>Identify short-term outcomes.</td>
<td>What change(s) is expected in the participants as a result of these activities?</td>
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<td>Example: To incorporate risk and needs assessments in all case planning</td>
<td>Example: 1. Research and select a risk and needs assessment tool (Director of Programs) 2. Coordinate purchase of tool and develop a training schedule. (Deputy Director) 3. Implement training. (Director of Programs)</td>
<td>Example: Initial training will include 30 probation/parole officers; entire workforce to be trained = 150 officers</td>
<td>Example: Number of staff trained Number of training courses completed by staff</td>
<td>Example: All probation/parole officers will be trained in using and scoring risk and needs assessments.</td>
<td>Example: Selection to be completed by June 2019 Purchase/training schedule to be completed in July 2019</td>
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P&I Guide Section 2

- Task force development
- Collaborative strategies
  - Inventory of task force members
  - Task force questions
  - Identifying a reentry coordinator
- Establishing a reentry coordinator
• **Target Population**
  - Target population details
  - Screening and assessment processes
  - Criminogenic risk and needs assessment
  - Inventory of behavioral health assessments
P&I Guide Section 4

• Inventory of evidence-based interventions and supportive services
  – Evidence-based interventions and services
  – Supportive services
  – Connections to health care coverage and other benefits
  – Housing assessment

Due to your NRRC TA Provider 4/19/19
P&I Guide Section 5

• Data collection, performance measurement, and program evaluation
  – Describing the evaluation plan

Due to your NRRC TA Provider 6/7/19
P&I Guide Section 6

• **Sustainability**

  – Planning for program sustainability
    * Will those domain-specific reentry barriers be addressed beyond the life of the grant?

  

  ![Diagram of Program Areas: Behavioral Health, Community Supervision, Education, Housing, Employment]
Agenda

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Grant Overview and Goals:

1. To reduce firearm violence and recidivism of targeted high risk group

2. To increase community engagement in reentry and significantly reduce recidivism
Alma Brothers: Run by Alma Center that focuses on trauma healing work
• 75 high-risk young men coming back to Center St. Corridor, area of high firearm violence
• 12 months before release do “Walk of Truth” trauma healing program with Peer Guides
• Upon release Notification Session followed by Welcome Home Ceremony with community
• 12 months post-release accompaniment by Peer Guides
• Includes Family Guides and employment assistance by Employ Milwaukee, local W.I.B.

Milwaukee Reentry Council: Reentry Task Force required under Second Chance Act
• Significant community involvement
• Subcommittee of Milwaukee Community Justice Council
Milwaukee Reentry Council

- Meets monthly
- Oversees and supports “Alma Brothers” project
- Housing, Healthcare, and Revocations working groups
- Creating “Reentry Circles” in congregations and civic groups based on restorative practices
- Developing “First Wednesdays” monthly resource fairs for participants similar to Lucas County (Toledo) Ohio
- Broad membership
Lessons Learned

• People in reentry, their families, and faith community are important partners in cooperation with civic leadership and justice system to advance change

• Great deal of cohesion around evidence-based policy and program improvements
Utilizing Technical Assistance

• Great knowledge base at our fingertips
• Experts on topics like revocations, housing, innovative practices in other parts of the country
• Access to resources: reports, webinars, trainings, and networks
• Monthly phone calls to receive group updates, discuss next steps, etc.
Questions and Answers
Thank you!

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