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Welcome and Introductions

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The U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

**Mission:** BJA provides leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support local, state, and tribal law enforcement in achieving safer communities.

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Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

JMHCP supports innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders who come into contact with the justice system.
Category 1 Grantees

Category 1: Collaborative County Approaches to Reducing the Prevalence of Individuals with Serious Mental Illnesses in Jail

Category 1 supports counties as they go through collaborative planning and implementation phases in improving their comprehensive response to people with mental illness that come into contact with the justice system.

For more information, please refer to General JMHCP Application/Solicitation Webinar
The Council of State Governments Justice Center

We are a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that combines the power of a membership association, representing state officials in all three branches of government, with policy and research expertise to develop strategies that increase public safety and strengthen communities.
How We Work

• We bring people together

• We drive the criminal justice field forward with original research

• We build momentum for policy change

• We provide expert assistance
Our Goals

Break the cycle of incarceration
We assist those working inside and outside of government to reduce both crime and incarceration among youth and adults in contact with the justice system.

Improve health, opportunity, and equity
We work across systems to develop collaborative approaches to improve behavioral health, expand economic mobility, and advance racial equity for people and communities affected by the justice system.

Expand what works to improve safety
We help leaders understand what works to improve public safety and what does not, and assist them to develop strategies, adopt new approaches and align resources accordingly.
A National Initiative to Reduce the Number of People who have Mental Illnesses in Jails

GOAL: There will be fewer people who have mental illnesses in our jails tomorrow than there are today

"Stepping Up is a movement and not a moment in time"
Since May 2015, **500+** counties across **43** states have passed resolutions.
Category 1 JMHCP Counties

FY19 Category 1 Sites

- Bureau County, IL
- Chatham County, GA
- Fort Bend County, TX
- Forsyth County, GA
- Lucas County, OH
- Indianapolis, IN
- Mendocino County, CA
- Pickens County, SC
- 36th District, MI
- Waukesha County, WI
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Grantee Orientation Process

✓ JMHCP General Orientation Webinars
  - Part 1- November 5th
  - Part 2- November 12th
✓ Orientation Call
  - Scheduled with your CSG Justice Center TA provider in December 2019
✓ Category 1 Specific Orientation Webinar
  - Today! Tuesday December 10th

Next Up:
- Grants Financial Management Online Training (within 120 days of acceptance)
- Review 2019 P&I Guide
Grant Expectations

Engage in a Collaborative Planning Process with County Leadership

- Targeted analysis of baseline data
- Review of existing community resources
- Identification and initial implementation of policy and practice changes
Grant Expectations

Demonstrate a Commitment to a Systems-Level Reduction in the Prevalence of MI in Jail

- A county system analysis
- Screening and assessment in the jail
  - Clinical
  - Risk
- Effective data management and information sharing
- Shared definitions and language across BH and CJ systems
Establish a Planning Team

All grantees must establish a team (or utilize a pre-existing team) of county leaders, stakeholders, and decision makers from multiple agencies to engage in the planning process.
Grant Expectations

Work with CSG Justice Center to Receive Technical Assistance

Your designated JMHCP Technical Assistance Lead will provide and coordinate support in several areas, including:

- Completion of the P&I Guide
- Identifying measures and strategies to track progress
- Content and facilitation support
- Sharing successes with stakeholders, the field, and the press
Complete and submit the Planning and Implementation Guide

- Grantees will receive intensive technical assistance and will have access to up to $100,000 of the total grant award in order to complete and submit a required Planning and Implementation Guide. Program budget approval and coordination with a technical assistance coordinator is required to complete and submit a Planning and Implementation Guide.

Two Phases to the Grant:

- Planning- 8 months
- Implementation

PMT Reporting
Planning and Implementation Guide

Planning & Implementation Guide
Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program
Category 1: Collaborative County Approaches to Reducing the Prevalence of Individuals with Mental Disorders in Jail

DESCRIPTION
This Planning & Implementation Guide is intended for recipients of Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMCHP) grants administered by the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance. JMCHP grantees will complete this guide in partnership with a technical assistance provider from The Council of State Governments Justice Center.

The Council of State Governments Justice Center prepared this guide with support from the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The contents of this document do not necessarily reflect the official position of either of the U.S. Department of Justice.

A grant requirement, but also a useful tool for planning purposes
How Is the P&I Guide Used?

- Provides exercises that guide the county on how to develop a plan to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jail
- Identify things grantees are doing well
- Provide guidance on challenges or areas the grantee is working on
- Helps the TA provider target assistance
- Aids the grantee in focusing on areas of need
- Creates opportunities for peer to peer learning
- Enables ideas and best practices to be exchanged
Reducing the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jail
Six Questions County Leaders Need to Ask

Helen Holmberg, Dr. Tony Falsetti, Dr. Fred Gruher, and Michael Thompson

January 2017

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Is our leadership committed?

Do we conduct timely screening and assessments?

Do we have baseline data?

Have we conducted a comprehensive process analysis & inventory of services?

Have we prioritized policy, practice, and funding improvements?

Do we track progress?
Systems-Level, Data-Driven Changes Should Focus on **Four Key Measures**

1. **Reduce** the number of people who have mental illnesses booked into jails

2. **Shorten** the length of stay in jails for people who have mental illnesses

3. **Increase** connection to treatment for people who have mental illnesses

4. **Reduce** recidivism rates for people who have mental illnesses
Goal: Every County Has Accurate, Accessible Data

Having accurate and timely data is critical for counties to know the scale of the problem, develop a strategic action plan that effectively targets scarce resources, and tracks progress.

Recommended approach for accurately identifying people who have SMI in jail:

1. Establish a shared definition of SMI for your Stepping Up efforts that is used throughout local criminal justice and behavioral health systems.
2. Use a validated mental health screening tool on every person booked into the jail and refer people who screen positive for symptoms of SMI to a follow-up clinical assessment by a licensed mental health professional.
3. Record clinical assessment results and regularly report on this population.
17 Stepping Up Innovator Counties Recognized for Having Accurate, Accessible Data
Additional Guides to Implement the Six Questions Framework

Project Coordinator’s Handbook

Reducing the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jail: Six Questions County Leaders Need to Ask

The Project Coordinator’s Handbook

Online County Self-Assessment

Welcome

The Stepping Up County Self-Assessment is designed to assist counties participating in the Stepping Up Initiative or other counties interested in evaluating the status of their current efforts to reduce the prevalence of people with mental illnesses in jails and in determining their needs for training and technical assistance to advance their work.

Series of Briefs

IN FOCUS IMPLEMENTING MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT

This brief focuses on implementing a mental health screening and assessment process, specifically to identify the number of people with SMI in jail who have serious mental illnesses (SMI). While implementing this process may also identify people who have less serious mental illnesses or other behavioral health needs who may require treatment while in jail, the method is focused on determining the people who have SMI because this population tends to represent the greatest number on county Behavioral Health and Social Services resources. Understanding the prevalence of people who have SMI in jail will allow counties to develop a strategic plan that will have the greatest impact on addressing the population’s needs.

WHY IT’S IMPORTANT

To reduce the number of people who have SMI in jail, counties need to have a clear and accurate understanding of the rate of the population that has SMI. Prior to being booked into jail, some people who have SMI may have been diagnosed and may be aware of their mental illnesses, while others may have been diagnosed with a mental illness and received but discontinued treatment. Screening and assessment are essential to identifying who should be connected to or referred to services and treatment to address their behavioral health needs, which may also decrease the likelihood that they return to jail. Having this information will make counties better equipped to determine the treatment resources required to address a particular individual’s behavioral health needs. Moreover, building the ability to accurately and consistently identify the number of people who have SMI will help counties to more proactively target their goals.

WHY IT’S CHALLENGING

Implementing a screening and assessment process can be difficult, especially for counties that do not already have the skills, tools, and procedures in place to systematically conduct these activities. jails are two-part environments, with many people being housed for less than 48 hours. It is often this very concentrated and devastating period in a person’s life that leads them to feel overwhelmed, anxious, and/or depressed.

Additional implementation materials are available through the Stepping Up Tools, including webinars, tools that provide information and guidance for applying the six questions, and other resources.
Stepping Up Resources Toolkit: Webinars, Case Studies, and More!

stepuptogether.org/toolkit
Stepping Up Strategy Lab

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- Your jurisdiction
- Quick (2-3 minute) overview of your grant project
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