

# Second Chance Act Orientation FY2019

Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry  
Program for Categories 1 and 2 Grantees

December 11, 2019

# Speakers

## **BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE**

**Andre Bethea**, *Policy Advisor, Corrections*

## **THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS (CSG) JUSTICE CENTER**

**Jan De la Cruz**, *Senior Policy Analyst, Community Initiatives*

# Overview

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Grant Program Overview**
- 3. Planning and Implementation Overview**
- 4. Grantee Support**
- 5. Q&A**

# Introduction

# U.S. Department of Justice

## Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

**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

Supports state, local and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations in their work to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for people returning from incarceration. **The Second Chance Act has supported over \$300 million in reentry investments across the country.**



[www.bja.gov](http://www.bja.gov)

# The CSG Justice Center

- ❖ National nonprofit, nonpartisan organization
- ❖ Membership association representing state officials in all three branches of government
- ❖ Develops research-driven strategies and tools to increase public safety and strengthen communities



**Justice  
Center**

- ❖ **Delivers** technical assistance (TA) and training for Second Chance Act 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

## Latest News and Resources in Reentry



## National Criminal Justice Initiatives Map

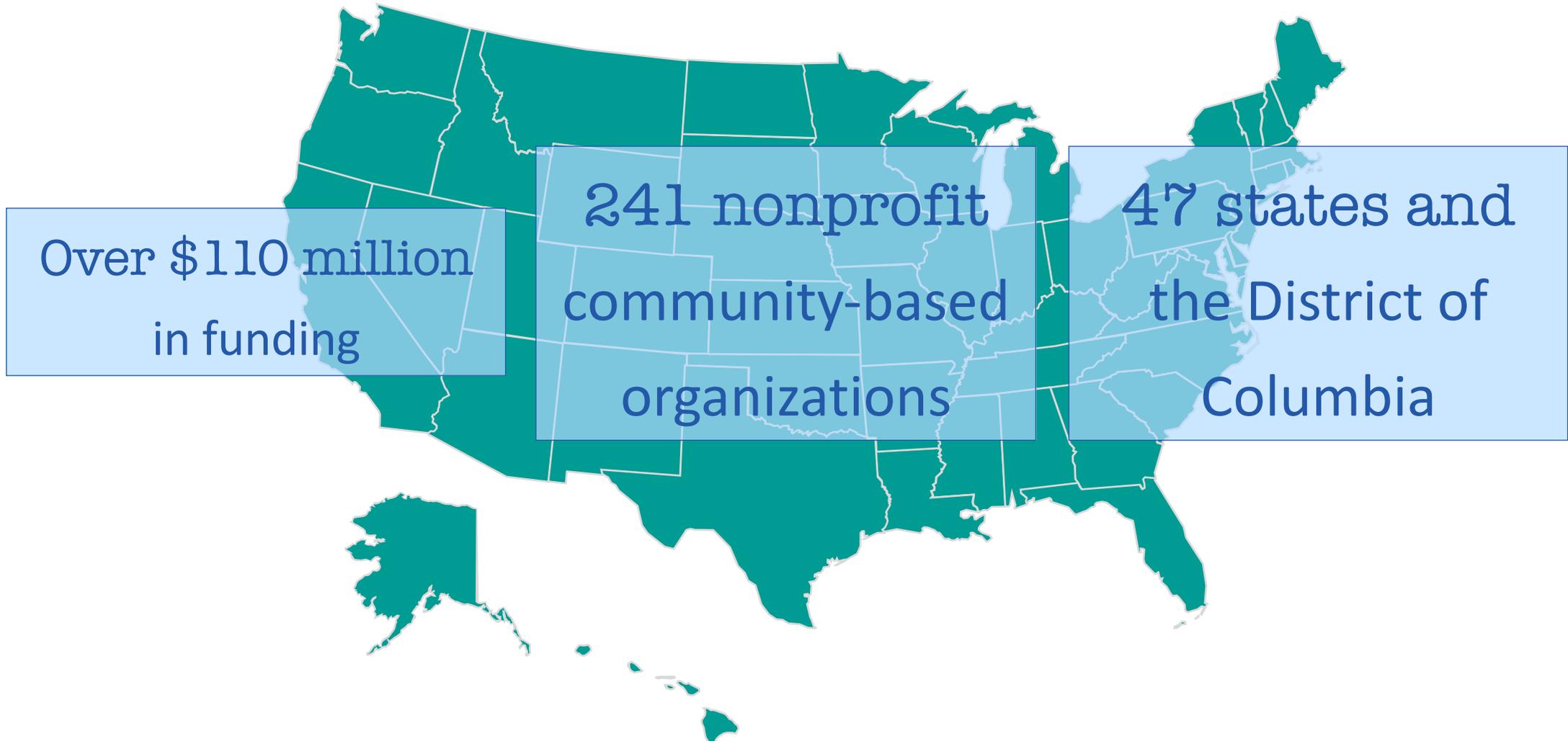


## Directories for State and Local Reentry Services



# General Grant Program Overview

# SCA Community-Based Reentry



# Program Goals & Objectives

*Implement or expand on reentry programs that demonstrate strong partnerships with corrections, parole, probation, law enforcement, and other reentry service providers.*

## Case Management Plans

- Address criminogenic risks and needs
- Include delivery or facilitation of services

## Partnerships

- Increased partnerships between community- and faith-based organizations and other local reentry stakeholders
- corrections, law enforcement, probation/parole, prosecutors, etc.

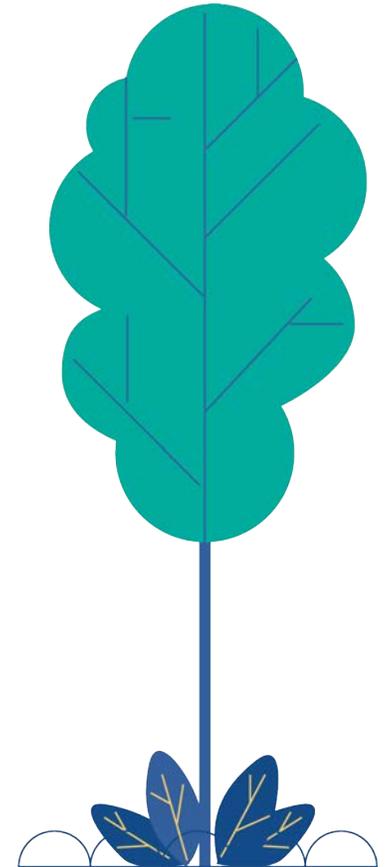
# Award Information

## Category 1

- ❖ Up to \$1,000,000 per grant
  - \$200,000 for planning period
  - \$800,000 for implementation
- ❖ Must serve at least 150 people

## Category 2

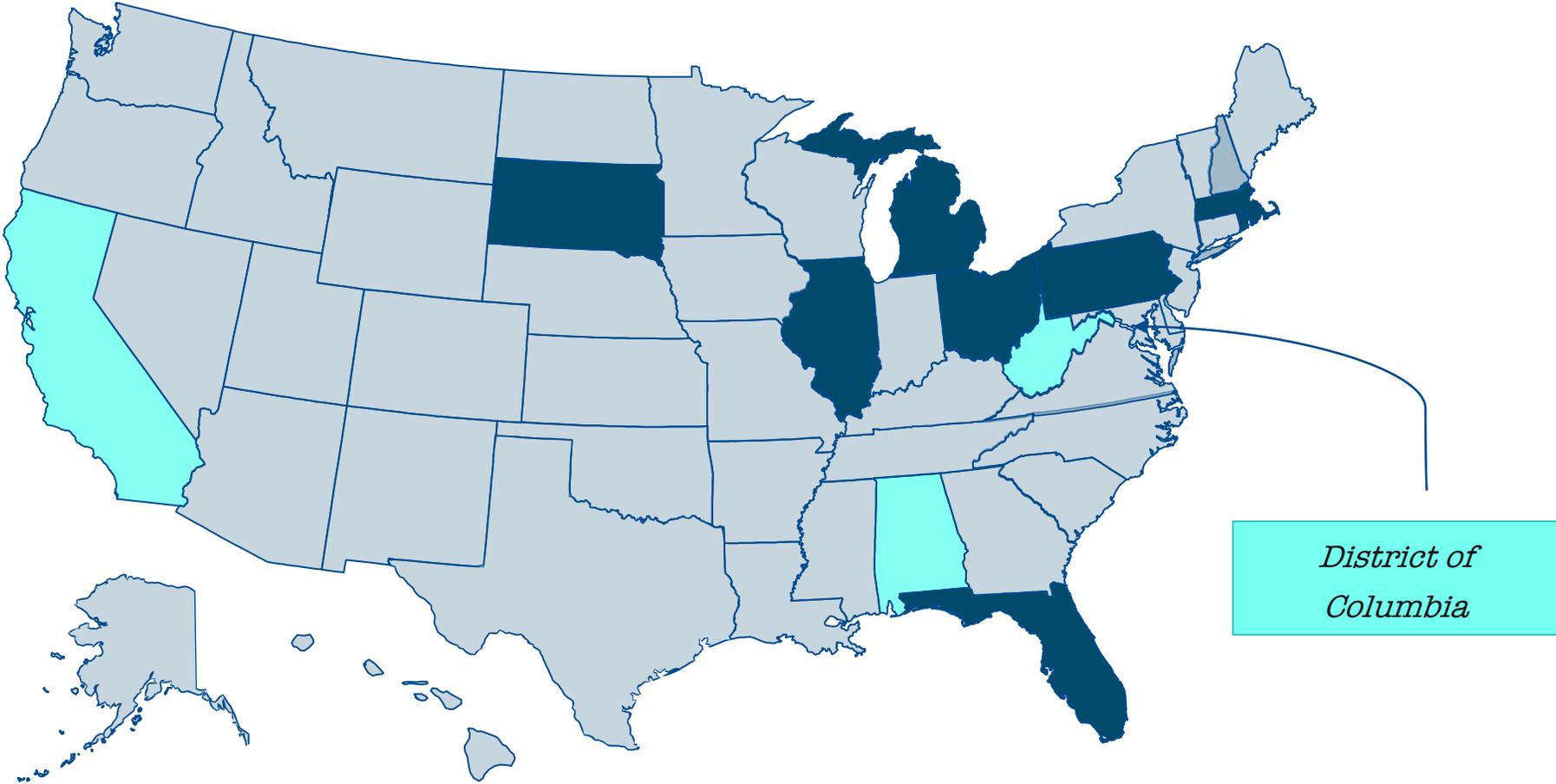
- ❖ Up to \$500,000 per grant
  - \$100,000 for planning period
  - \$400,000 for implementation
- ❖ Must serve at least 75 people



# FY2019 Grantees

\$9,492,500  
in Second Chance  
Act funding

- 7 Category 1 Grantees
- 4 Category 2 Grantees



# FY2019 Category 1 Grantees

- ❖ Berrien-Cass-Van Buren Workforce Development Board, Inc. (MI)
- ❖ Family Services of Montgomery County (PA)
- ❖ Goodwill Industries of Northwest Ohio (OH)
- ❖ The Lord's Place, Inc. (FL)
- ❖ Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota (SD)
- ❖ MBI Research Institute, Inc. (DC)
- ❖ Roca, Inc. (MA)
- ❖ Safer Foundation (IL)

# FY2019 Category 2 Grantees

- Insight Garden Program (CA)
- The Lifehouse, Inc. (WV)
- The Link of Cullman County, Inc. (AL)

# Expectations

- ❖ Target population
  - Minimum of 150 served for Category 1
  - Minimum of 75 served for Category 2
  - Medium to high risk of recidivating
  - Age 18 or older and convicted as an adult
  - Incarcerated at time of enrollment

# Expectations

- ❖ Partnerships with Corrections (MOU/MOA)
- ❖ Integration of risk and needs assessment
- ❖ Comprehensive case management
- ❖ Baseline recidivism rate

# Expectations

- ❖ Work with an evaluator to:
  - Plan to measure outcomes
  - Conduct a program evaluation



# Planning and Implementation Guide Overview

# Planning Phase Overview

- ❖ Grantees will have approximately **180 days** after the budget is cleared to complete the planning phase
- ❖ Grantees will work with their **NRRC TA provider** to complete a **Planning and Implementation Guide** (P&I Guide)
- ❖ Category 1 grantees will have access to **\$200,000** during planning.
- ❖ Category 2 grantees will have access to **\$100,000** during planning.
- ❖ *The P&I Guide will be submitted and reviewed by BJA prior to moving to the implementation phase*

# During the Planning Phase

- ❖ Build capacity for implementing the grant program
- ❖ Establish baseline information
- ❖ Identify strengths and areas of improvement
- ❖ Flesh out ideas and refine concepts cursorily addressed in proposal
- ❖ Target TA and identify themes across grantees

# How to use the P&I Guide

Purpose of the Guide: To assist grantees in ensuring a plan is in place for implementation

- ❖ Identification of things grantee is doing well
- ❖ Challenges or areas the grantee is working on
- ❖ To develop a TA plan with your TA provider to target assistance
- ❖ Aids the grantee in focusing on areas of need
- ❖ Creates opportunities for discussion with other Community Reentry grantees
- ❖ Enables ideas and best practices to be exchanged
- ❖ BJA utilizes this to understand the grant programs

# P&I Guide Sections for Category 1

- ❖ Section 1: Getting Started and Identifying Goals
- ❖ Section 2: Defining Your Target Population
- ❖ Section 3: Service Provision and Support
- ❖ Section 4: Program Evaluation and Data Collection
- ❖ Section 5: Sustainability
- ❖ Appendix A: Development of a Logic Model
- ❖ Appendix B: Supporting Resources

# P&I Guide Sections for Category 2

- ❖ Section 1: Getting Started and Identifying Goals
- ❖ Section 2: Project Partners
- ❖ Section 3: Target Population Basics
- ❖ Section 4: Process Flow and Project Design
- ❖ Section 5: Project Evaluation
- ❖ Section 6: Sustainability
- ❖ Appendix: Supporting Resources

# P&I Guide Tips

- ❖ Work with stakeholders and partners to complete the P&I Guide.
  - Be accurate and concise.
  - Specify what is ready to be implemented, what is in the works, and what is being planned.
  - Don't go it alone. Bring in the program coordinator, case manager, evaluator, and other service providers to support the process.

# P&I Guide Tips (cont.)

- ❖ Work through the exercises with your TA coach.
- ❖ Update the exercises as changes occur
- ❖ Provide and develop documentation (e.g. policy and procedure manuals)
- ❖ Don't go it alone. Bring in the program coordinator, case manager, evaluator, and other service providers/partners

# Grantee Support

# Grantee Support Orgs



- State policy advisor
- Grant management (budget and scope adjustments)



- Training and technical assistance
- Programmatic support (monthly calls, site visits, etc.)

# BJA Contact

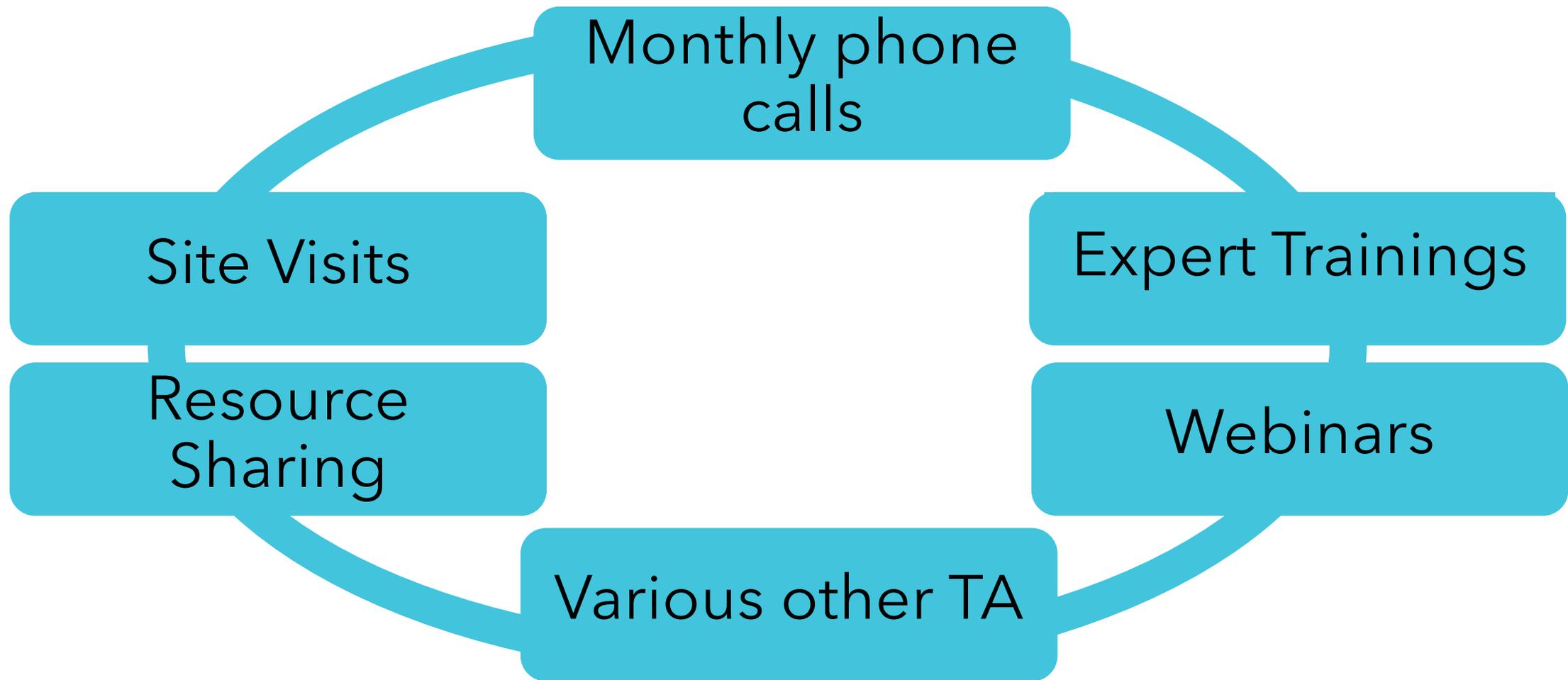
BJA State Policy Advisor  
**Tracey Willis | [tracey.willis@usdoj.gov](mailto:tracey.willis@usdoj.gov)**

BJA Point of Contact

# BJA and NRRC Contacts

- ❖ Your designated NRRC TA 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;
  - ✓ Supporting the development of implementation & sustainability plans; and
  - ✓ Sharing successes with stakeholders, the field, other grantees, and the press

# NRRC TA Activities



# Next Steps for TA

- ❖ Review SCA FY2019 Orientation Webinars
- ❖ Introductory call with TA provider
  - ❖ Your TA provider will reach out to schedule these
- ❖ Work collaboratively to complete P&I Guide
- ❖ Lookout for Grantee Peer Training Events

# Final Tips for a Good Start

- Project Team on calls
- Early engagement with evaluator
- Collaborative effort on P&I Guide
- Up-to-date grant information

# NRRC Resources

MAY 2017

## THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

### What Corrections and Reentry Agencies Need to Know

**What is the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act?**  
 The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which was signed into law in 2014 and implemented by states in July 2016—is the nation's primary source of federal funding for workforce development. Its main goal is to provide job seekers with the assistance needed to obtain employment and to meet employers' needs for qualified workers. WIOA prioritizes employment services for veterans; recipients of public assistance; economically disadvantaged youth and adults, including people who are homeless; people with criminal records; and people who have limited basic skills and work experience, in addition to funding services for other populations. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) requires states to report on the number of people receiving WIOA-funded services according to the barrier to employment they face, such as homelessness or a criminal record.

WIOA replaces the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 and aims to better connect the workforce system with the education system and create effective responses to economic and labor market challenges at the local, state, and national level.

**How WIOA Funding Works**  
 Each state receives WIOA funding based on a formula that considers the size of the state's labor force, its unemployment rate, and the size of its economically disadvantaged youth and adult populations.

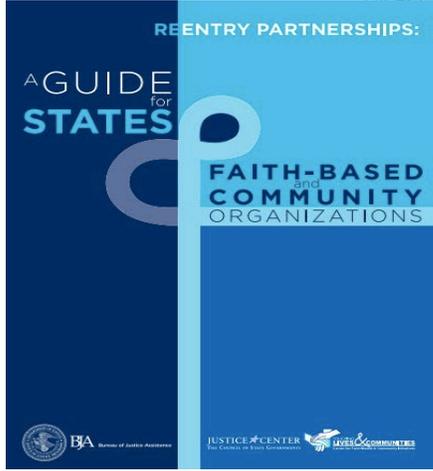
These funds are administered under four titles:

- Title I—Workforce Development Activities, administered by DOL
- Title II—Adult Education, Literacy, and Basic Skills, administered by the U.S. Department of Education
- Title III—Dislocated Worker Assistance, administered by the U.S. Department of Education under the Wagner-Peyser Act of 1933, administered by DOL
- Title IV—Youth Apprenticeship, administered by DOL under the Education and Training Amendments Act of 1973, administered by DoED

Each state's workforce development board (WDB), then oversees how each state's WIOA activities are implemented. WIOA also allows states to use WIOA funds to support other workforce development activities, such as:

- providing training and other services to dislocated workers
- providing training and other services to dislocated workers
- providing training and other services to dislocated workers

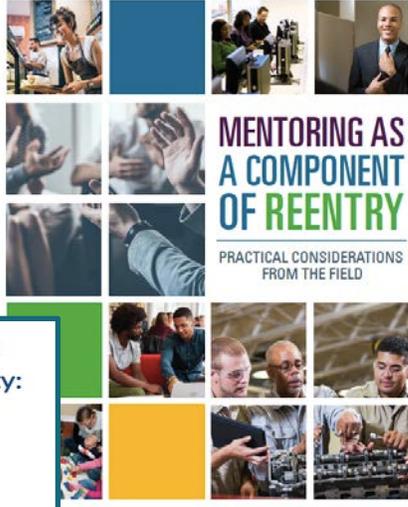
For more information, visit [www.dhs.gov/workforce-innovation-and-opportunity-act](http://www.dhs.gov/workforce-innovation-and-opportunity-act).



### Planning for Sustainability: Supporting Community-Based Reentry Programs

NOVEMBER 30, 2016

This webinar discusses strategies and recommendations for sustaining reentry programs initiated by community-based organizations. With a particular focus on programs that incorporate mentors, presenters discuss how to consider sustainability throughout the program-development process beginning in the planning phase. Topics include leveraging multiple funding streams from public and private sources, asset mapping, and how to build an agency's profile in the field and community.

## MENTORING AS A COMPONENT OF REENTRY

### PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS FROM THE FIELD

April 2017

## THE INTEGRATED REENTRY AND EMPLOYMENT STRATEGIES PILOT PROJECT:

### Four Questions Communities Should Consider When Implementing a Collaborative Approach

**Introduction**  
 Employment can play a critical role in reducing recidivism, but success comes only if there are enough resources for corrections, reentry, and workforce development practitioners to provide every adult leaving prison or jail with the services they need to reduce their likelihood of reoffending and increase their level of job readiness.

Some jurisdictions have made significant progress in implementing both recidivism-reduction and employment strategies, but these efforts are often made with limited coordination. An integrated approach is needed to ensure that criminal justice and workforce development systems utilize their available resources in ways that reduce recidivism and improve the employability of their shared population. *The Integrated Reentry and Employment Strategies (IREES)* white paper helps policymakers, administrators, and practitioners collaboratively determine if resources are focused on the right people, using the right interventions, at the right time.

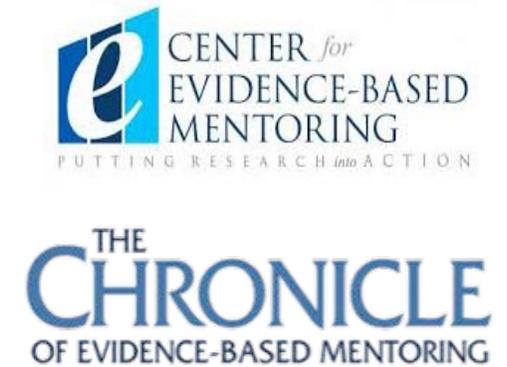
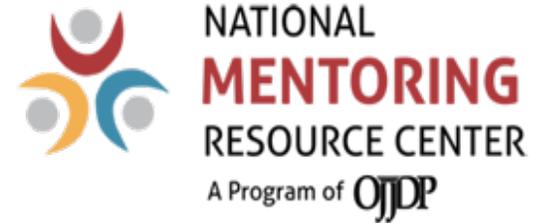
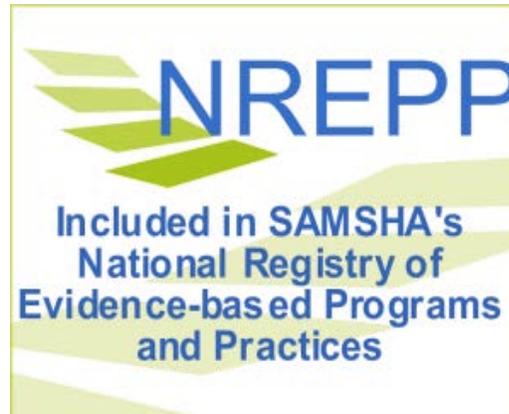
The IREES pilot project was designed to test innovative approaches to reducing recidivism and increasing job readiness for people returning from incarceration and to identify successful strategies for integrating reentry and employment programming. The pilot project focuses on operationalizing a level of cross-systems coordination among corrections, reentry, and workforce development agencies on a scale rarely seen in the field. The theory being tested is that by applying resources based on an assessment-driven referral process, recidivism and employment outcomes will improve. Thus, the pilot project has the potential to influence both correctional and workforce development programming across the country by providing a replicable framework for organizing cross-systems coordination in a cost-effective way.



To help corrections, reentry, and workforce development administrators and practitioners navigate the complex issues related to coordinated planning and service delivery, the Council of State Governments Justice Center, in collaboration with expert practitioners and researchers, developed a white paper on integrating reentry and employment strategies using a resource-allocation and service-matching tool. The work was conducted with the leadership and support of a public-private partnership involving the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Annie E. Casey Foundation, with guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration.



# Additional Resources



# Questions & Answers

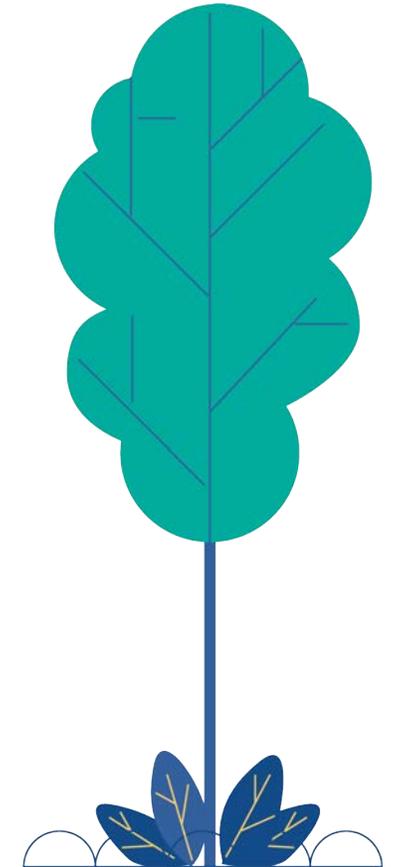


## **Bureau of Justice Assistance**

Andre Bethea  
*Policy Advisor - Corrections*  
Andre.Bethea@usdoj.gov

## **The National Reentry Resource Center**

Jan De la Cruz  
*Senior Policy Analyst*  
jdelacruz@csg.org



# Thank you!

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

[csgjusticecenter.org/subscribe](https://csgjusticecenter.org/subscribe)