BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

FY2020 SECOND CHANCE ACT IMPROVING REENTRY FOR ADULTS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS PROGRAM KICKOFF WEBINAR

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Speakers

- Andre Bethea, Bureau of Justice Assistance
- Catherine Chichester, Co-Occurring Collaborative Serving Maine
- Arlene Jacques, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Jail, Maine
- Shawn LaGrega, Maine Pretrial Services
- Christine Lindquist, RTI International
- Faye Luppi, Cumberland County, Maine
- Sarah Wurzburg, The Council of State Governments Justice Center

Agenda

1. Introduction & Recap FY2021 SCA Welcome Webinar
2. Improving Reentry for Adults with Substance Use Disorders Program Overview
3. Getting Started
4. Grantee Experience
5. Evaluation and Sustainability Training and Technical Assistance
6. Next Steps
7. Questions and Answers

Agenda Item #1

INTRODUCTION

The Second Chance Act (SCA)

- The Second Chance Act supports state, local, and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations in their work to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for people leaving incarceration.
- The Second Chance Act has supported over $500 million in reentry investments across the country since it passed in 2008.
- Passed in 2018, the Second Chance Reauthorization Act builds on and strengthens the initial landmark legislation.

Key Program Name Partners

Grantees	Funder	Training and technical assistance provider (TTA)	National Reentry Resource Center
13 state, local, tribal, nonprofit agencies	BJA	The Council of State Governments Justice Center	American Institutes for Research (AIR)

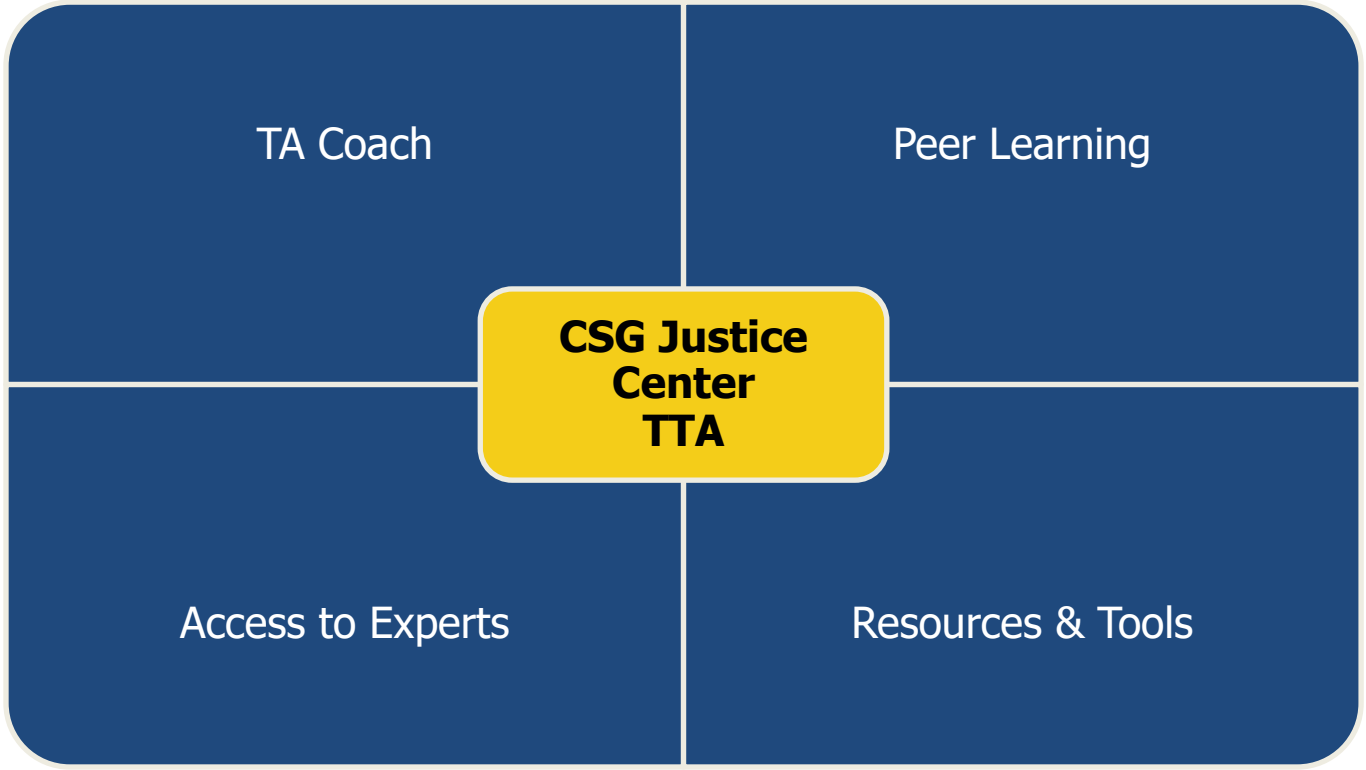
The U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

- 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

CSG Justice Center

Delivers TTA for SCA grantees focused on reentry best practices, screening and assessment, collaborative comprehensive case management, substance use and risk reduction programming, data collection, and sustainability

- Content expertise
- Project management support
- Connections to peer networks and resources


TA Coach
Peer Learning
CSG Justice Center TTA
Access to Experts
Resources & Tools

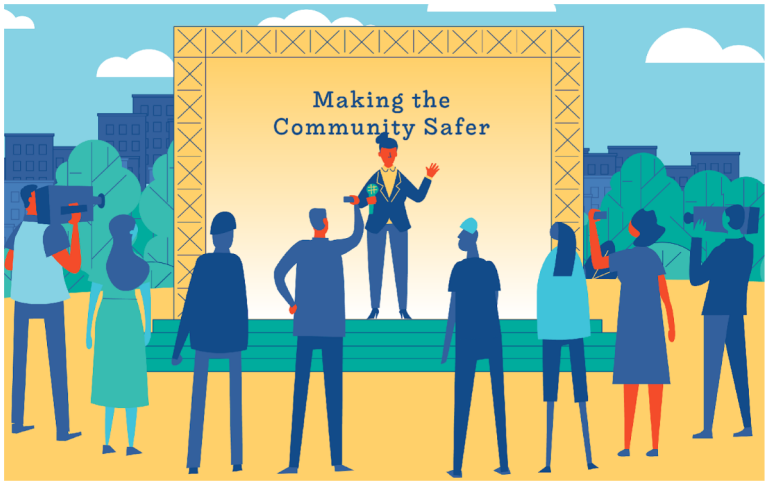
Monthly Calls
Site Visits
P&I Guides
TA Coach
Learning Commun-ities
Resources
Peer Learning

The National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC)

The American Institutes for Research (AIR) operates the NRRC as a collaborative project of BJA and OJJDP.

The primary mission of the NRRC is to advance the knowledge base of the reentry field.

The NRRC serves as a convener and coordinator of SCA grantees.



Attendee Poll

- Have you previously received a BJA award?
  - ❑ Yes
  - ❑ No
- If so, have you previously received an SCA award?
  - ❑ Yes
  - ❑ No

Agenda Item #2

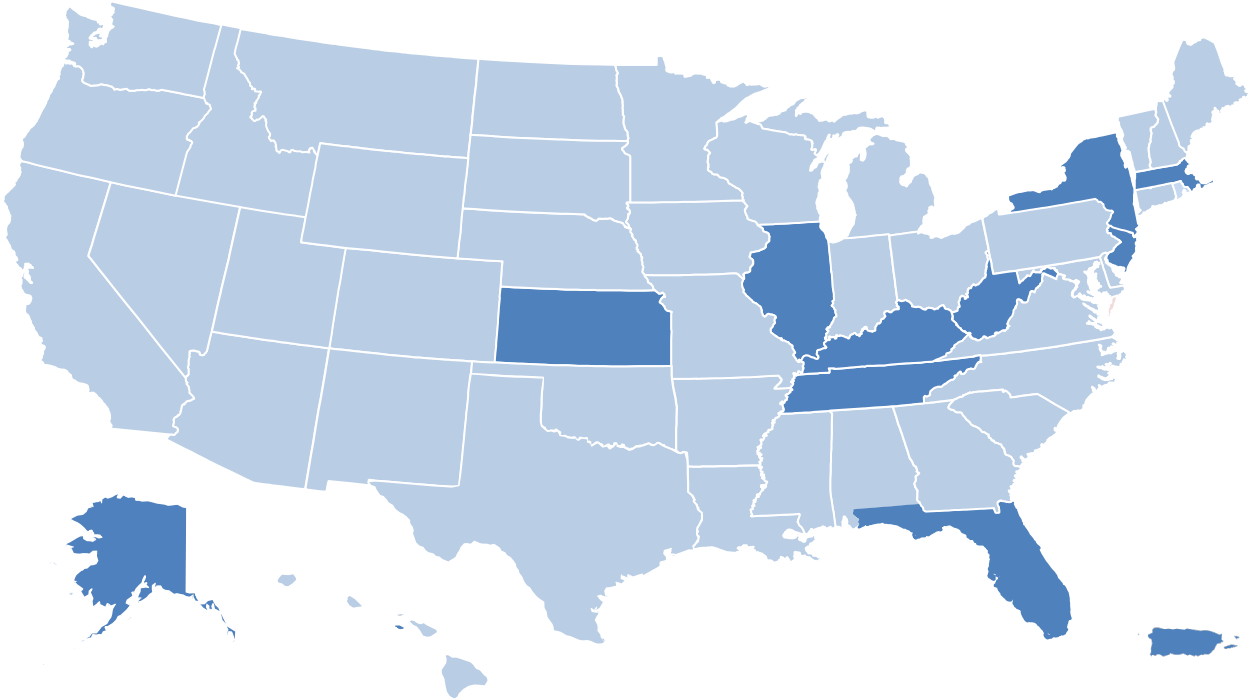
IMPROVING REENTRY FOR ADULTS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Award History

Began in FY2020

$11,200,000 awarded to date

13 grants to state, local, tribal government, and nonprofit entities



FY2020 Grantees

Congratulations!

- Alaska Native Justice Center, AK
- Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation Reentry, AZ
- DISC Village, Inc., FL
- Safer Foundation, IL
- County of Barton, KS
- Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc., KY
- Essex County Sheriff's Department, MA
- Steppingstone, Inc., MA
- County of Camden, NJ
- New Jersey Reentry, NJ
- BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc., NY
- Mental Health and Anti-Addiction Services, PR
- The Lifehouse, Inc., WV

Program Objectives

- Improve the provision of drug treatment to people in the justice system, including provision of prison-based family treatment programs.
- Reduce the use of alcohol and other drugs by long-term substance users during the period of incarceration and during parole or court supervision.

Program Deliverables

- An action plan to be developed with input from BJA and the assigned technical assistance provider and submitted within six months of receiving final budget approval
- A final performance close-out report at the end of the project period

Investments and Improvements

- Standardize screening and assessment processes for SUDs.
- Provide evidence-based pre- and post-release SUD and cognitive behavioral interventions.
- Establish medication-assisted treatment in a prison or jail.
- Collect and use data to determine the effectiveness of the treatment programs.

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GETTING STARTED

Planning Process

- Six-month planning process
- $100,000 of grant funds available
- Guided by TTA coach
- Work with partners to complete action plan

The Action Plan

1. Completing a Planning and Implementation (P&I) Guide
2. Submit for BJA approval
3. Special withholding conditions removed

Planning and Implementation Guide

Section 1: Getting Started

- Tell us about the purpose of your grant project, implementation goals, advisory group, and implementation team.

Section 2: Defining/Refining Your Target Population

- Tell us about your program eligibility, screening, and assessment process.

Planning and Implementation Guide

Section 3: Identifying Evidence-Based Services and Supports

- Tell us about your evidence-based services and supports, including medication-assisted treatment, family-based treatment, and training opportunities.

Section 4: Case Plans and Post-Release Supports

- Tell us about your case management processes, probation and parole strategies, benefits and insurance enrollment strategies, and housing.

Planning and Implementation Guide

Section 5: Data Collection

- Tell us about your data collection and performance measurement strategy and program evaluation plans.

Section 6: Sustainability

- Tell us about your planning for program sustainability.

The Logic Model

Project Goals	Resources (Existing and Grant-Funded)	Activities and Timeline	Process Measures	Short-Term Outcomes	Long-Term Outcomes	Sustainability
Example: implement risk and/or needs assessment tool	*Example: Grant funds for training classification officers in screening for SUD*	*Example: Implement pre-release screening for SUD*	*Example: Number of people referred to the SUD program; number of people enrolled in the SUD program*	*Example: Hire a case manager for the SUD program*	*Example: Every person booked into the prison is screened for SUD*	*Example: Ensure that classification officers continue to screen for SUD in jail*

Planning and Implementation

Section 7: Technical Assistance Goals

- Tell us about your technical assistance (TA) goals and work with your TA coach to begin to develop the TA plan.

Final draft submitted to BJA for approval

- Implementation begins upon approval

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GRANTEE EXPERIENCE

Cumberland County, Maine

Cumberland County Project Reentry for Adult Offenders with Co-Occurring Disorders

Project Description

Cumberland County's Project Reentry for Adult Offenders with Co-Occurring Disorders in Portland, Maine, and surrounding areas will serve 90 individuals, age 18 and older with co-occurring disorders who are at a medium to high risk of recidivating and are returning from Cumberland County Jail, which is the largest in the state. The goal is to use validated risk and need assessments to identify individuals in the jail and implement linkages among community organizations and the correctional system through the use of a reentry specialist, a case manager and a peer support worker to establish a continuum of care beginning in the jail and extending into the community. As citizens reentering the community, individuals are connected to intensive behavioral health treatment as well as to housing, natural supports, health care, vocational, and other resources they may need to be successful. An external evaluator from a local university provides evaluation.

Cumberland County, Maine

Cumberland County Project Reentry for Adult Offenders with Co-Occurring Disorders

Goals and Objectives

Goals:

- Identify 90 medium- to high-risk individuals with COD.
- Develop comprehensive care plans.
- Establish probation contacts.
- Coordinate institutional and community service programs.

Objectives

- Reduce recidivism.
- Increase awareness of and access to correctional and community programs.
- Increase quantity and quality of COD treatment, including MAT/psychotropic meds, and community supports, including housing, vocational, peers support, etc.

Cumberland County, Maine

Cumberland County Project Reentry for Adult Offenders with Co-Occurring Disorders

Accomplishments and Lessons Learned

- Care coordination requires teamwork across programs and systems.
- Peer coaches support community inclusion.
- Resources and access to community supports are vital, e.g., housing, medications, etc.
- Correctional linkage with staff at the jail is critical.
- Administrative and subawardee oversight is required and welcomed by the team.

Cumberland County, Maine

Cumberland County Project Reentry for Adult Offenders with Co-Occurring Disorders

Benefits of Technical Assistance

- Provides opportunities to connect and learn from other grantees.
- Provides guidance through planning, implementation, and delivery.
- Helps with problem-solving.
- Keeps you on track and focused on your goals.

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EVALUATION AND SUSTAINABILITY TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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Evaluation and Sustainability Training and Technical Assistance (ES TTA)

RTI INTERNATIONAL

Center for Court Innovation

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About ES TTA

- Conducted by RTI International and the Center for Court Innovation with funding from BJA (2019-2023).
- The project currently supports selected FY18 and FY19 SCA grantees in conducting more rigorous evaluations and effectively planning for sustainability.
- Some FY20 grantees may be offered this opportunity for more intensive TTA focused on evaluation and sustainability.
- All grantees receiving ES TTA will continue to have their primary TA contact provide programmatic support.

ES TTA Resources for all Grantees

- The Second Chance Act Grantee's Guide to Local Evaluation Milestones (resource brief and accompanying infographic)
  - Identifies the key evaluation milestones for grantees to achieve at each stage in the SCA grant life cycle and helps keep grantees on track
- Improving Evaluation Readiness for Second Chance Act Programs (resource brief and accompanying planning guide)
  - summarizes key steps that grantees and research partners can take to build a program's evaluation readiness and increase capacity for evaluation.

Available at https://nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/ along with additional evaluation and sustainability resources developed by the ES TTA project.

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NEXT STEPS

To-Do List

- ✓ Contact BJA Programs about budget clearance.
- ✓ Set up a monthly call with your TTA provider.
- ✓ Review proposal.
- ✓ Complete the action plan (P&I Guide).

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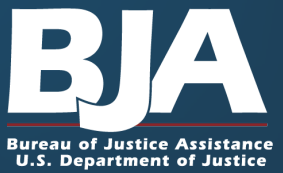
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



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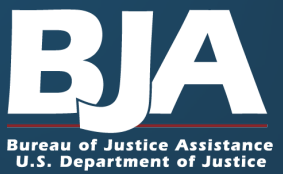
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