

# PSN TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

*Monthly Newsletter*



Thank you for following our monthly Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) bulletin. The monthly bulletin highlights TTA and resources provided to PSN teams and local law enforcement agencies. TTA requests can be made online [here](#). If you have questions regarding TTA, please contact your regional TTA liaison or the PSN TTA team at [psntta@cna.org](mailto:psntta@cna.org).

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## **SPOTLIGHT ON THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS PSN TASK FORCE: PROGRAM REPORT OUT NOW!**

Earlier this year, Jonathan M V. Davis, Tracey Meares, and Emily Arnesen published a paper titled “Improving Programming in Juvenile Detention: The Impact of Project Safe Neighborhoods Youth Outreach Forums.” This paper summarizes the results of a randomized controlled trial of a youth outreach forums program run out of the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center by the Northern Illinois Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force. Results suggest that implementing similar programs may reduce future criminal behavior of juvenile detention center residents.

[Read the full article here!](#)



## PSN TTA RESTORATIVE JUSTICE RESOURCE KIT

Last month, we released the PSN TTA Restorative Justice Resource Kit. The PSN TTA team gathered a variety of resources for those who are looking to expand their knowledge of restorative justice and the resources that can assist in implementing restorative justice principles or practices in their work and communities. Whether you are a criminal justice practitioner seeking to deepen your knowledge, a community member interested in learning about bringing programs to your neighborhood, or simply someone who is interested in exploring alternative approaches to justice, this kit is for you.

**[ACCESS THE FULL KIT HERE!](#)**

Interested in learning more about restorative justice policies? Check out the webinar, “Introduction to the Restorative Justice Laws Database” hosted by BJA and the National Center on Restorative Justice.

It is a virtual event taking place on August 28 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm ET. [Learn more and register here.](#)

### WEBINARS

Successful Pretrial Strategies in Rural Communities: Small-Town Solutions to Solve Big-Time Problems

Date: August 7,  
3:30–4:30 p.m. ET  
[Registration Link](#)

Ask the Expert: Collaborative Approaches to Providing Mental Health and Law Enforcement Services

Date: August 20,  
2:00–3:30 p.m. ET  
[Registration link](#)

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## **GRANTS SPOTLIGHT BY JOAN BRODY: PREPARING TO WIN A GRANT AWARD**

Dear Grant Seekers,

As the FY24 grant season comes to a close, let me be the first to congratulate you for making it to the end of a very busy grant season that included more than 200 grant solicitations released by the US Department of Justice alone. There were also additional public safety funding opportunities from other federal agencies and through public-private partnerships. Remaining state and local stimulus dollars were also in play.

If you are like me, you may need a minute before you start thinking about next steps to prepare for winning a grant award. But when you are ready, here are a few things that you can do.

1. Thank everyone who helped you with your grant submission. This step may seem obvious, but sometimes in the heat of filing a grant application, you may have forgotten to thank your colleagues, community members, and partner agencies, among others, who helped you get your proposal over the finish line. A simple email letting them know that you successfully submitted your proposal and that you should learn whether you won a grant award around September 30 will be welcomed information.
2. If you haven't told members of your congressional delegation that you applied for a federal grant, it is not too late to do so now. Just call their office and talk to one of their staffers. Building a relationship with staff in your senator's and congressperson's office is always a positive step. Remember, they will be the first individuals notified about grant awards, and developing this communication line will help you learn about future grants, earmarks, and other FY25 funding opportunities.



## **GRANTS SPOTLIGHT, CONTINUED**

3. This is also a good time to get organized. Make sure that you keep copies of submitted proposals and share them with relevant stakeholders. Before grant proposals were submitted electronically, grant writers kept paper files. Although having a backup hard copy is always recommended, also make sure that you download full copies of your electronic submission, especially for applications for which you filled in information online in the grant submission portal.

4. Start a new to-do list with funding searches that you wanted to do earlier this year, but didn't have time for. There may still be a few formula grants left to write or submit like the Justice Assistance Grant or the PSN application, but now is a good time to start researching state funding and private funding opportunities. Your search could include State and Local Recovery Funding under the American Rescue Plant Act and National Opioid Settlement funding in your state attorney general's office.

I hope these suggestions don't delay your well-deserved break, and, as always, if you have additional questions, please reach out any time.

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