

# 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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## **UPCOMING WEBINARS**

### **FY24 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Solicitation Webinar**

Date: July 8, 2024, 4:00–5:00 pm ET

[Learn more and register here](#)

### **Family Functional Therapy: An Evidence-Based Program**

Date: July 23, 2024, 3:00–4:25 pm ET

[Learn more and register here](#)



# PSN VICTIM AND WITNESS INTIMIDATION AND RETALIATION TOOLKIT

The PSN Victim and Witness Intimidation and Retaliation Toolkit is composed of **six practical guides** addressing victim and witness intimidation and retaliation through evidence-backed, victim-centered, and trauma-informed approaches.

Follow the links below for guides on each of the topics:

- [Victim and Witness Intimidation and Retaliation Overview](#)
- [Law Enforcement Considerations for Victim and Witness Intimidation and Retaliation](#)
- [Prosecutor Considerations for Victim and Witness Intimidation and Retaliation](#)
- [Trauma-Informed Engagement with Victims and Witnesses Subjected to Intimidation and Retaliation](#)
- [Technology as Both a Facilitator of and Protector Against Victim and Witness Intimidation and Retaliation](#)
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## **GRANTS SPOTLIGHT BY JOAN BRODY: PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

Dear Grant Seekers,

This month, I am highlighting a few lesser known public safety funding opportunities.

### **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding**

I am talking about ARPA funding again because I am now seeing state, county, and city jurisdictions refocus on ARPA deadlines. You may recall that ARPA included \$1.9 trillion in COVID-19 stimulus funding that needed to be obligated (i.e., an executed purchase order or contract) by December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026. Specifically, cities, counties, and states are in the process of identifying and obligating their remaining State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) allocations under ARPA. States, cities, and counties have used their SLFRF allocations differently. To find out about yours, **search online for *remaining SLFRF funding in \_\_\_\_\_***. Fill in the blank with the name of your city, county, or state to find information. Then be a “squeaky wheel” by promoting your needs and learning about your jurisdiction’s process over the next six months.

### **Opioid Settlement Funding**

More than \$55 billion in opioid settlement funding is being distributed via state Attorneys General’s Offices. Many states have action plans that you can download with links for additional information for accessing prevention and intervention funding. But I urge you to think outside the box about your needs or funding gaps related to opioids, fentanyl, and other drugs. Remember that prevention could include public safety strategies to reduce the amount of illegal opioids entering your jurisdiction. Prevention can also include participating in public education campaigns.



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Moreover, intervention could include increasing naloxone availability and helping connect individuals to treatment services. **Search online for opioid Settlement funding in \_\_\_\_\_.** Fill in the blank with your state's name.

### State Grants

Many jurisdictions miss out on state grant funding. But as the federal grant season winds down, you will have more time to develop and strengthen relationships with state criminal justice agencies, state transportation agencies, state departments of education, etc. State funders have fiscal years that end at different times, so find out when your state budget begins and ends. I recommend being bold and reaching out by telephone to relevant state agencies. Just call their phone number and ask to talk to their grant funding expert or grant writer. When you get connected, ask questions about their process for awarding grant funding and ask for their advice. Remember, everyone loves being asked for advice! Of course, tell them about your agency or organization, too. You will learn something new about your state agency's future funding plans. Moreover, your state agency may also remember you when they need to quickly spend leftover funding at the end of their fiscal year. In fact, call them several times a year with different questions just to continue to "squeak" throughout the year!

Please reach out with any questions and/or email me with any success stories that I can include in a future PSN Newsletter. Happy Granting!

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