

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.

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SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH JUSTICE ACTION MONTH

In October, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention gathered and released several resources related to National Youth Justice Action Month. Explore some of these resources below.

- Blog Post: [Amplifying the Youth Voice During Youth Justice Action Month](#)
- Webinar: [Principles of Child and Adolescent Development: An Overview for Prosecutors](#)
- Literature Review: [Racial and Ethnic Disparity in Juvenile Justice Processing](#)
- Article: [Five Things About Juvenile Delinquency Intervention and Treatment](#)



New Community Engagement Resource

SUPPORTING PSN TEAMS AND THEIR MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY

This series on community engagement was developed by **Reverend Dr. K. Edward Copeland** from Rockford, Illinois. Dr. Copeland has worked locally with community groups, the Rockford Police Department, and other justice and community partners to address crime and safety issues while at the same time building meaningful relationships between community groups and the justice system. He has also worked nationally with the PSN Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) team to provide training on focused deterrence strategies, including the drug market intervention initiative and re-entry strategies.

The series includes **four training modules** and a **list of associated resources** introducing the evidence-based strategy known as focused deterrence, addressing roadblocks that may arise when planning and implementing focused deterrence, running the call-in meeting, and sustaining the focused deterrence efforts over the long term.

[Check Out the Resource Here!](#)



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GRANTS SPOTLIGHT BY JOAN BRODY: THE FY24 FEDERAL GRANT SEASON

Believe it or not, the federal FY24 grant season is just a few months away! Are you ready? Please pick the answer that best describes your current grant situation to learn how to start preparing now:

- a) We won a FY23 grant award!
- b) We did not win a FY23 grant award. 😞
- c) We are still waiting to hear about a FY23 proposal we submitted months ago.
- d) We didn't end up submitting a FY23 grant proposal this year.

No matter what your answer, there are actionable steps that you can take to prepare your organization for the FY24 grant season.

Answer a) We won a FY23 grant award!

- Congratulations! Give yourself a pat on the back.
- Make sure you don't start spending your grant funding until after you receive official budget approval from your federal grant manager.
- As you implement your grant, jot down gaps and other needs to develop a FY24 wish list.

Answer b) We did not win a FY23 grant award.

- Bummer...but don't give up!
- Make sure you receive a copy of your peer review notes. If you didn't receive these automatically, email the contact listed in your solicitation and ask for a copy.
- If there is no contact listed, email me and I can help you find the right person.
- Look up who won an award for that grant in FY23 and FY22. Call that agency and ask to speak to its grants manager. Ask them for a copy of their winning proposal.
- Find information in the [FY24 USDOJ Program Plan](#) when the same or a similar grant solicitation is going to come out and start preparing a new application based on the FY23 solicitation. It will likely be very similar.



GRANTS SPOTLIGHT, CONTINUED

Answer c) We are still waiting to hear about a FY23 proposal we submitted months ago.

- Some grant awards were announced late this year. Keep checking the USDOJ webpage.
- Sometimes you receive an email telling you that didn't win an award and sometimes you don't. Call the federal agency running the grant program and ask whether all the FY23 grant awards have been announced.

Answer d) We didn't end up submitting a FY23 grant proposal this year.

- Work on your grant strategy/wish list and concept papers to get ahead of the grant season.
- Match your needs to forthcoming grants that you identify from the [FY24 DOJ Program Plan](#)
- Download the most recent past solicitation to get a head start because most recurring grants will not change much.
- Look up who won an award for that grant in FY23 and/or FY22. Call that agency and ask to speak to their grants manager or grants lead. Ask them for a copy of their winning proposal.

Good luck!

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WEBINARS

Leaning In:
Historical Trauma
and Cultural
Responsiveness in
Victim Assistance
Services and
Programming

Date:

November 15,
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2:00–3:30 p.m. ET

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The Evolving
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Investigator
Needs to Know

Date:

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