

# 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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## **PSN SPOTLIGHT: NEW PSN TTA WEBINARS**

We are excited to share our latest webinars, now available on our YouTube page! Click the following links to explore a range of topics from recent sessions:

[District of Massachusetts: Restorative Justice Practices in Action](#)

[Youth Reentry: Why Should You Care?](#)

[Key Steps for Effective Implementation of Focused Deterrence Strategies](#)



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time to bring attention to the devastating effects of domestic violence and provide support to those affected. Below is a list of resources designed to offer help, education, and support for criminal justice practitioners, individuals, and communities.

[VictimConnect Resource Center National Hotline](#)

[National Domestic Violence Hotline](#)

[National Domestic Violence Prosecution Best Practices Guide](#)

[National Sexual Assault Investigation and Prosecution Best Practices Guide](#)

[National Human Trafficking Prosecution Best Practices Guide](#)

[Victim Services and Victims' Rights: Elevating Victims' Voices at a Critical Time](#)

\* above image from the National Domestic Violence Hotline: <https://www.thehotline.org/stakeholders/domestic-violence-awareness-month/#:~:text=First%20observed%20in%20October%201981,efforts%20to%20end%20domestic%20violence>.



## **GRANTS SPOTLIGHT BY JOAN BRODY: WELCOME TO FISCAL YEAR 2025**

Dear Grant Seekers,

Happy New Year and welcome to FY 2025! As you know, the federal fiscal year starts October 1 and runs through September 30, 2025.

Hopefully, you are celebrating because **you were just notified that you won an FY 2024 competitive grant award!** If that is the case, please read your award letter carefully, especially the special conditions. Every grant award includes many special conditions, so don't be intimidated. Most are standard boilerplate conditions that you have probably read before related to financial and progress reporting. Special conditions often also outline prohibited uses of grant funding and consultant rates. However, sometimes there are additional stipulations included, so make sure to read and understand them all before your agency lead signs the letter accepting the grant award. Also, it goes without saying that it's important to learn your agency's internal process for accepting an award. Sometimes additional approvals are needed by city councils, budget offices, etc. before your agency can accept an award.

When you receive your award letter, you should also learn the name of the grant manager at the granting agency. This is a good time to reach out to them via email and suggest setting up an introductory call. Developing a relationship and rapport with your grant manager is always recommended because they will be key to your successful grant implementation. And if your grant manager doesn't call or email you back right away, no worries! Some grant programs involve a large number of awards, which may delay your grant manager from communicating for a few weeks. If you don't hear back from them by November, a second email and follow-up phone call is recommended.



## GRANTS SPOTLIGHT, CONTINUED

Finally, one last piece of advice: Print everything out and keep a hard copy in a paper file. This may seem old school and duplicative but having a paper copy of all grant materials associated with an award will be important if you get audited. Auditors will welcome reviewing a neat and organized paper file.

**And if you didn't receive an award letter this year, don't fret!!** Review your peer reviewer notes and file your application materials and the peer reviewer comments in a safe place so you can easily find them in a few months when new grant solicitations come out. I know it seems too soon, but before you know it, the FY 2025 grant season will be upon us. Next month, I will talk about how you can start preparing for the next round of grant solicitations.

Happy granting!

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### WEBINARS

**The Youth Protective Factors Study: Risk, Strengths, and Reoffending**  
Date: October 2, 2:00–3:00 p.m. ET  
[Registration link](#)

**Navigating Domestic Violence Protection Orders & Extreme Risk Protection Orders**  
Date: October 7, 1:00–2:00 p.m. ET  
[Registration Link](#)

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