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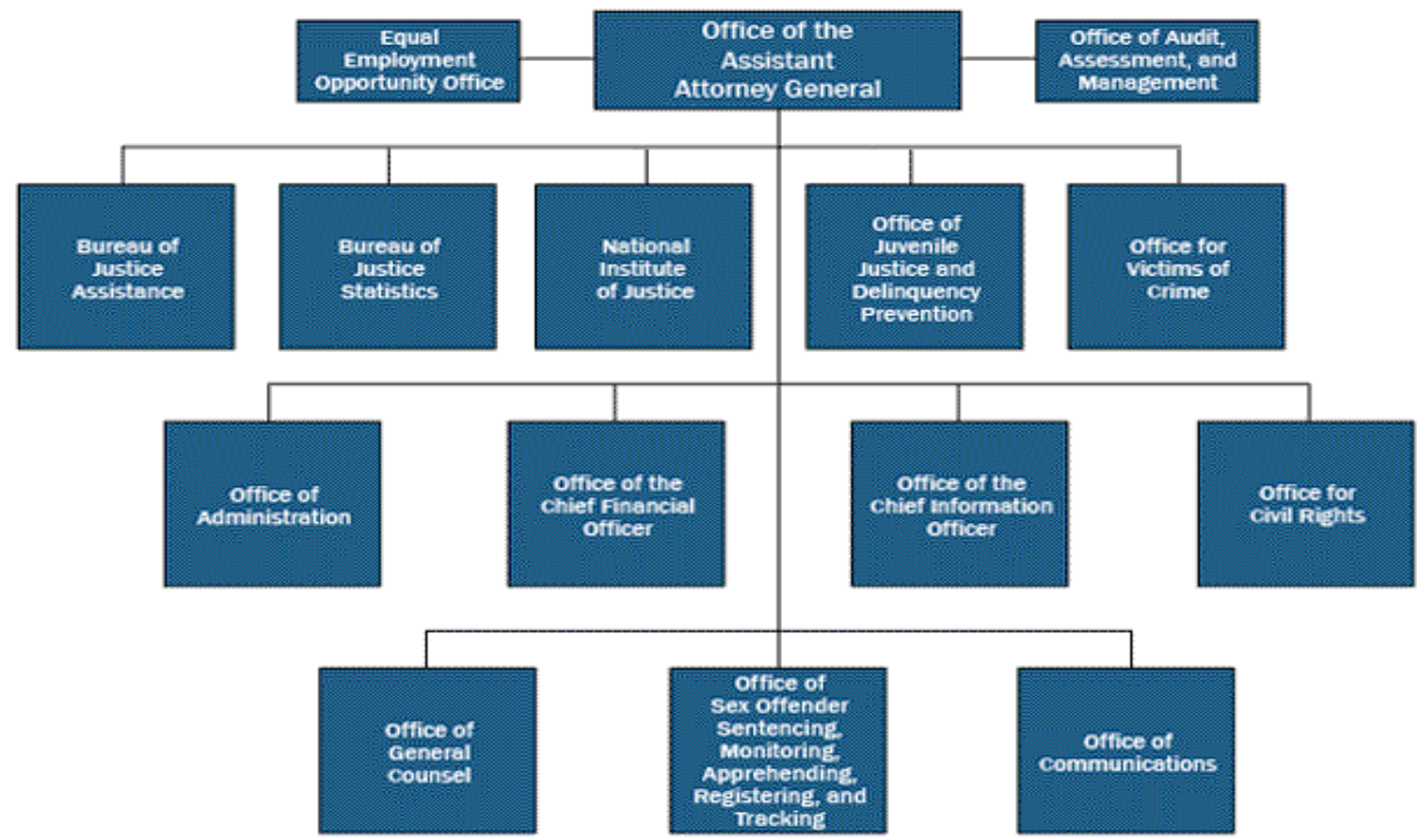
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Office of Justice Programs Bureaus and Offices





OJP Bureaus and Offices

- ❖ **Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS):** Collects, analyzes, publishes, and disseminates statistical information on crime, criminal offenders, victims of crime, and the operation of justice systems at all levels of government. - <http://www.bjs.gov/>
- ❖ **National Institute of Justice (NIJ):** Focuses on research, development, and evaluation; Forensic laboratory enhancement; and research fellowships. - <http://www.nij.gov/>
- ❖ **Office for Victims of Crime (OVC):** Provides leadership and funding on behalf of crime victims; Administers the Crime Victims Fund established under the 1984 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) to help victims and victim service providers with program funding - <http://ojp.gov/ovc/>
- ❖ **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency (OJJDP):** Implements effective programs for juveniles; Gangs; Juvenile reentry; Internet crimes against children; Tribal youth, etc. - <http://www.ojjdp.gov/>
- ❖ **Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART):** Administration, training, and technical assistance related to the national implementation of comprehensive Sex Offender Registration and Notification (SORNA) Program set forth by the Adam Walsh Act; Protection of children and others from sexual abuse or exploitation, etc. - <http://www.smart.gov/>
- ❖ **Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA):** - <https://www.bja.gov/>

Some Other Non-OJP Agencies (DOJ Bureaus)

- ❖ **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS):** Awards competitive, discretionary grants directly to law enforcement agencies across the US and its territories, including community policing - <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/>
- ❖ **Office on Violence Against Women (OVW):** Provides federal leadership in developing the national capacity to reduce violence against women and administer justice for and strengthen services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grants, etc. - <http://www.justice.gov/ovw>



Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJA provides leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support local, state, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities.

BJA's Guiding Principle Statement:

Reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement, and promote a safe and fair criminal justice system.

BJA Strategic Focus Areas:

1. Reduction of violent crime, improvement of community safety, and support for public safety officers.
2. Reduction of recidivism and prevention of unnecessary confinement.
3. Integration of evidence-based, research-driven strategies into the day-to-day operations of BJA and the programs BJA administers and supports.
4. Increasing program effectiveness with a renewed emphasis on data analysis, information sharing, and performance management.
5. Ensuring organizational excellence.

**Director
Denise E. O'Donnell**

**Policy
Office**

- Law Enforcement
- Courts, Prosecution, & Indigent Defense
- Corrections & Reentry
- Prison Rape Elimination Act
- Justice Information Sharing
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health
- Evidence Integration
- Crime Prevention
- Justice Reinvestment
- National Training and Technical Assistance Center

**Planning
Office**

- Administrative Services
- Communications
- Budget
- Performance Measures, Audits
- Strategic Planning
- Tribal Justice

**Programs
Office**

- Managing 8,500 State, Local, and Tribal Grants in FY 13 worth over \$5 Billion
- Providing Customer-Based Grants Administration

**Public Safety Officer
Benefits Program Office**

- Reviewing nearly 700 benefit claims submitted for injured or fallen public safety officers



Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program

- ❖ The PSOB program serves the broader public safety community- law enforcement, firefighter, and other first responder survivors and disabled public safety officers.
- ❖ PSOB provides no-cost support to public safety agencies including training and technical assistance in responding to line-of-duty deaths.
- ❖ Tools and checklists are available to assist agencies and survivors with submitting claims.
- ❖ PSOB Benefits include: Death, Disability and Education



Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Overview

- ❖ JAG is OJP's flagship grant program and the leading source of federal justice funding to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions.
- ❖ JAG funds may be used across seven broad purpose areas:
 - ❖ Law enforcement
 - ❖ Prosecution and court
 - ❖ Crime prevention and education
 - ❖ Corrections and community corrections
 - ❖ Drug treatment and enforcement
 - ❖ Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement
 - ❖ Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation)
- ❖ Allowable costs include training, personnel, equipment, supplies, and contractual support.



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Types of Activities Funded with JAG Awards

- ❖ Prosecution, Courts, & Indigent Defense
- ❖ Police vehicles
- ❖ Crime analyst positions
- ❖ Evidence-based programs
- ❖ Crime prevention
- ❖ Program evaluation
- ❖ Law enforcement technology (e.g. Naloxone Toolkit & other resources)
- ❖ Drug courts
- ❖ School resource officers
- ❖ Automated fingerprint identification systems
- ❖ K-9 units
- ❖ Computer-aided dispatch
- ❖ Multijurisdictional task forces



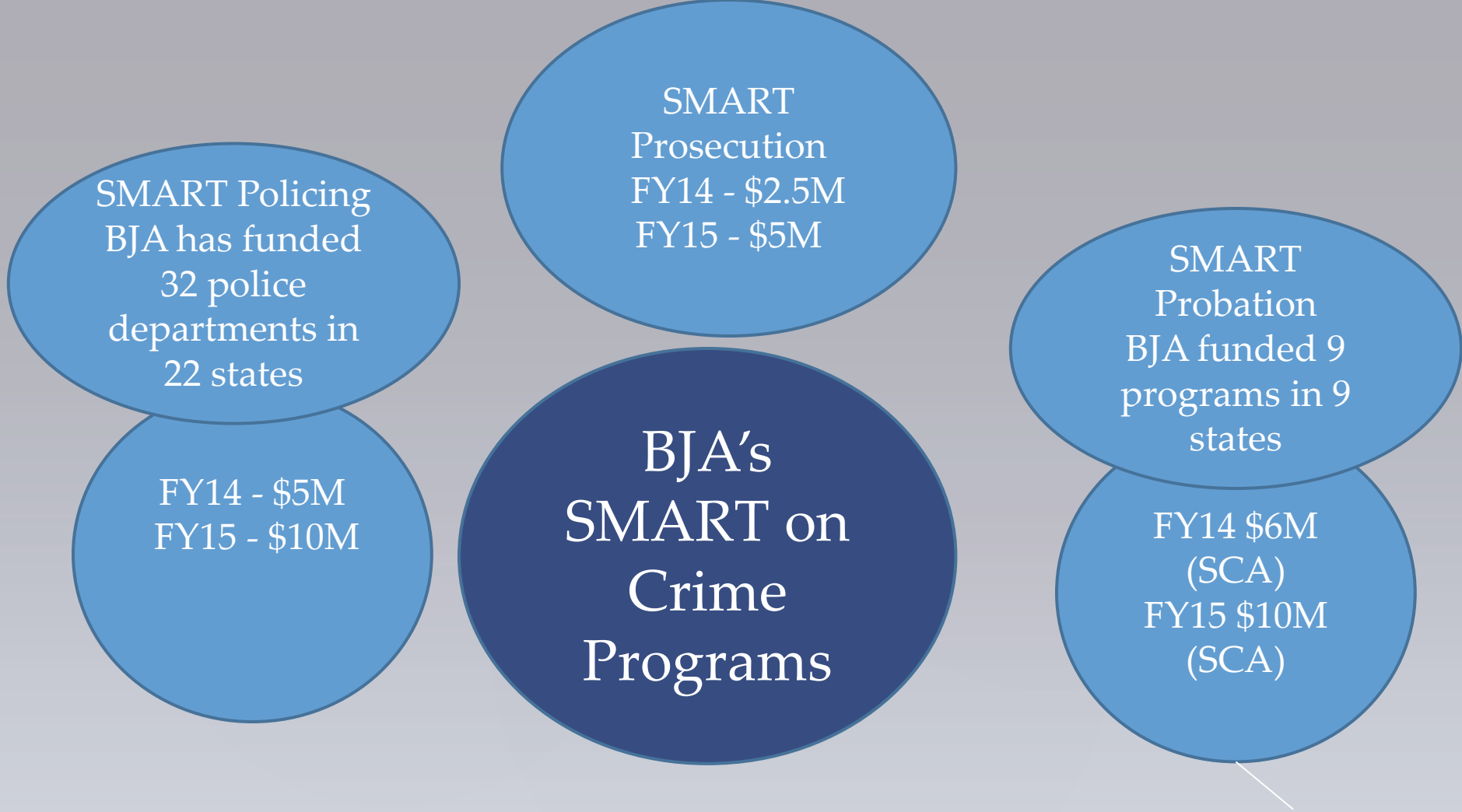
BJA Policy Office – Program Areas

- ❖ Law Enforcement
- ❖ Courts, Prosecution, & Indigent Defense
- ❖ Corrections & Reentry
- ❖ Prison Rape Elimination Act
- ❖ Justice Information Sharing
- ❖ Substance Abuse and Mental Health
- ❖ Evidence Integration
- ❖ Crime Prevention
- ❖ Justice Reinvestment Initiative
- ❖ National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC): General training & technical assistance covering a broad range of criminal justice topic areas



BJA's SMART Programs share core components:

- ❖ A research-practitioner partnership
- ❖ Use of data and research to develop and execute the strategy
- ❖ An evaluation component to see if the strategy works
- ❖ Peer-to-peer learning
- ❖ Training and technical assistance on promising and evidenced-based practices
- ❖ Implementation of smarter and more cost-effective approaches
- ❖ Results that add to the body of knowledge about what works in criminal justice



BJA supports discipline-specific practitioners in building evidence-based, data-driven tactics and strategies that are effective, efficient, and economical.



BJA's Smart Policing In Action

- ❖ Problems addressed are targeted are varied
 - ❖ Gun violence and street crime
 - ❖ Prescription drug abuse
 - ❖ Working with immigrant communities
 - ❖ Retail theft
 - ❖ Repeat offenders and hot spots
- ❖ Responses
 - ❖ Place and offender-based; technology-driven
- ❖ Through 2013, more than \$12.4 million in funding to 32 police departments (36 projects)
 - ❖ Big-city departments (Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Boston, Phoenix)
 - ❖ Medium-sized departments (Lowell, Glendale, Savannah, Reno)
 - ❖ Small departments (York, ME; Pullman, WA)
 - ❖ Sheriff's departments (Evans County, GA)
 - ❖ State agencies (Michigan State Police)



Second Chance Act – Reentry Programs:

FY 14 - \$67,750,000
FY 15 - \$115,000,000

Second Chance Act (SCA) funding provides resources to eligible state government agencies, local units of government, non-profit organizations (mentoring program), and federally recognized Indian Tribes. These programs focus on reducing recidivism, incorporating evidence-based strategies, providing various reentry services, and evaluating the effectiveness and impact of reentry programs. Overall, SCA is a multi-faceted program that offers something to almost all jurisdictions.

- ❖ Research and knowledge transfer through the “What Works in Reentry Clearinghouse” and “National Reentry Resource Center”
- ❖ Reentry demonstration sites
- ❖ Reentry programs for adults with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders
- ❖ Adult mentoring and transitional services
- ❖ Smart probation
- ❖ Technology career training for incarcerated adults and juveniles
- ❖ Juvenile demonstration planning and implementation grants
- ❖ Juvenile co-occurring disorder programs
- ❖ Family-based adult substance abuse treatment options
- ❖ Statewide recidivism reduction programs
- ❖ Pay for success and supportive housing

Since FY 2009, the Department of Justice has awarded more than 600 SCA federal grants that total more than \$300 million dollars that support reentry efforts in 49 states to assist individuals returning to their communities. While over \$1 billion in SCA grants have been requested.



Second Chance Act – Reentry Programs: Additional Resources

- ❖ **National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC):** The NRRC serves as the training and technical assistance provider for the Office of Justice Programs' Second Chance Act competitive site-based grantees, and also provides distance learning education, training, and technical assistance and other reentry resources to the field that includes states, Tribes, territories, local governments, service providers, nonprofit organizations, corrections institutions, and people returning home. Learn more at <http://csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc/>.
- ❖ **Federal Interagency Reentry Council:** The Reentry Council currently represents 20 federal agencies working to remove federal barriers to successful reentry for individuals who have served their time. The Reentry Council's mission is to make communities safer by reducing recidivism, assist those who return from prison and jail in becoming productive citizens, and save taxpayer dollars. Learn more at <http://csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc/projects/firc/>.
- ❖ **Reentry Myth Busters:** The Myth Busters is a series of fact sheets intended to clarify existing reentry myths in various subject areas, with federal policy fact information that affect formerly incarcerated individuals and their families. Some of these subject areas include public housing, employment, parental rights, Medicaid suspension/termination, voting rights and other areas. Learn more at <http://www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/reentry-council>



Prison Rape Elimination Act Standards

- ❖ Provide a set of requirements for field compliance to better prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse in confinement settings.
- ❖ Cover a broad range of correctional practices specific to prevention, detection, and response to sexual abuse and harassment. Examples include:
 - ❖ Medical/Mental Health
 - ❖ Victim Services
 - ❖ Investigations
 - ❖ Reporting Mechanisms
 - ❖ Data Collection



Prison Rape Elimination Act Standards

- ❖ **BJA's Demonstration Projects to Establish "Zero Tolerance" Cultures for Sexual Assault in Correctional Facilities Solicitation Program**
 - ❖ Provides funding to eligible applicants (states, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribes) for demonstration projects within confinement settings.
 - ❖ These settings include adult prisons and jails, juvenile facilities, community corrections facilities, law enforcement lockups and other temporary holding facilities, and tribal detention facilities.
 - ❖ From FY 2011 through FY 2014, BJA has made 71 federal grant awards to the field totaling \$25,268,414. In addition, to over 40 sub-awards made by the PREA Resource Center to further assist the field.
- ❖ **PREA Resource Center - <http://www.prearesourcecenter.org/>**
 - ❖ Field-Initiated Training and Technical Assistance (TTA): Customized responses to individual TTA requests.
 - ❖ Targeted TTA: Webinars, regional trainings, conference presentations, and publications.
 - ❖ PREA in Action: Webinar and documents highlighting implementation case studies.
 - ❖ BJA Demonstration Sites: Implementation coaching for 30 BJA awardees.



Future BJA Funding Opportunities

- **BJA's Justice Today E-Newsletter:** *Justice Today* is a monthly newsletter developed by BJA containing information about new publications, initiatives or funding opportunities. Signing up is easy and can be accessed through the following link. - <https://www.bja.gov/JusticeToday/index.html>
- **Grants.Gov:** Through online registration, Grants.Gov provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies. It's suggested you register with Grants.Gov as well to receive electronic notification on the release of various federal funding opportunities, including available BJA funding opportunities. - <http://www.grants.gov/>



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