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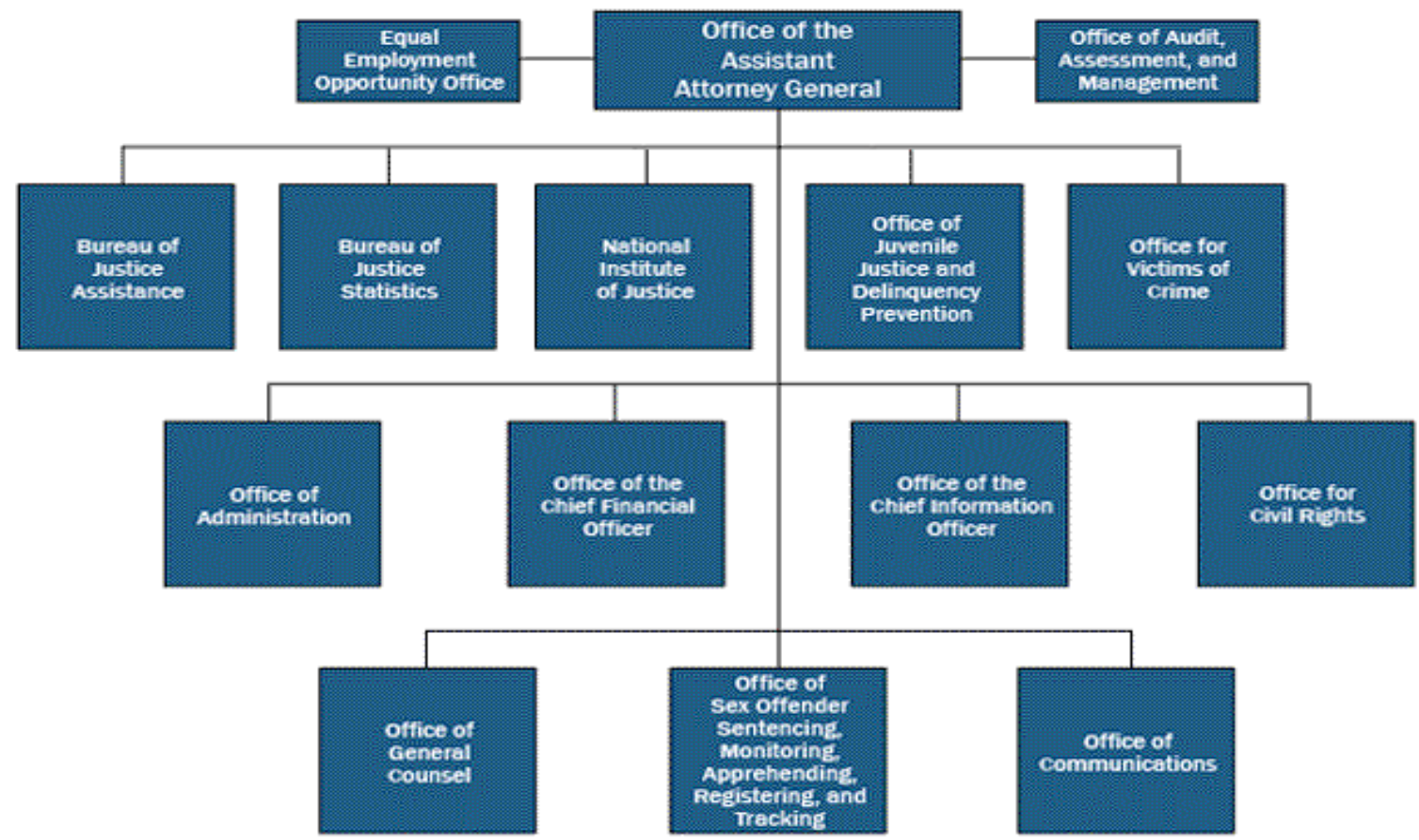
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Office of Justice Programs Bureaus and Offices





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/>



Other Non-OJP Agencies (DOJ Bureaus)

- ❖ **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS):** Awards competitive, discretionary grants directly to law enforcement agencies across the U.S. 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 Initiative
- Project Safe Neighborhoods
- Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation
- Building Neighborhood Capacity Program
- Smart Suite Programs
- Sexual Assault Kit Initiative
- Body Worn Camera Program
- 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.
- ❖ BJA State Administering Agencies - Contact List
 - <http://ojp.gov/saa/index.htm>



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SMART Suite Programs

BJA's SMART Suite Programs share core components:

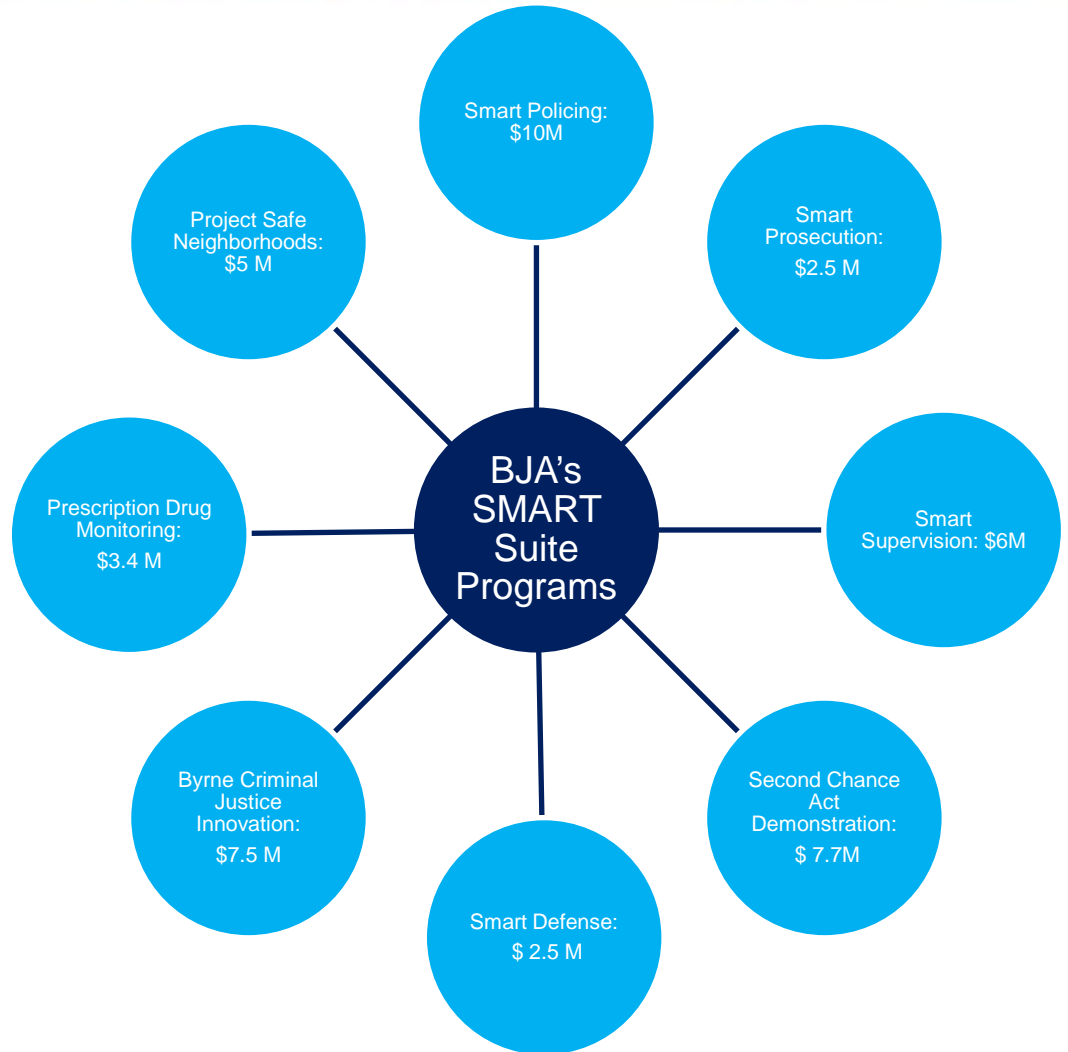
- ❖ A research-practitioner partnership
- ❖ Use of data and research to develop and execute the strategy
- ❖ An evaluation component to see if the strategy works
- ❖ Peer-to-peer learning
- ❖ Training and technical assistance on promising and evidence-based practices
- ❖ Implementation of smarter and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



BJA's SMART Suite

Employs practitioner-researcher partnerships to bring more “science” to criminal justice operations, building partnerships that employ evidence-based, data-driven strategies that are targeted, implemented with fidelity and effective.

*** FY 2015 Funds**





Body Worn Cameras (BWC)

- ❖ In FY 2015, BJA launched the BWC Policy and Implementation Solicitation Program. This program supports the implementation of BWC programs in law enforcement agencies across the country.
- ❖ The intent of the program is to help develop, implement, and evaluate a BWC program as one tool in a law enforcement comprehensive problem-solving approach to enhance officer interactions with the public and build community trust.
 - In FY 2015, BJA made 74 awards (73 = To Localities; 1 Award = TTA Provider), totaling \$21.3M.
 - 55,000 BWCs were requested, and 21,000 were awarded.
- ❖ In addition to the resources listed below, BJA's JAG Program is a valuable resource for agencies when seeking funds to implement BWC Programs.



Sexual Assault Kit Initiative

- ❖ In FY 2015, BJA launched its Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) in response to kits that have never been submitted to a crime laboratory.
- ❖ The goal of the SAKI is the creation of a coordinated community response that ensures just resolution to these cases whenever possible through a victim-centered approach, as well as to build jurisdictions' capacity to prevent the development of conditions that lead to high numbers of unsubmitted SAKs in the future.
- ❖ In FY 2015, BJA made 21 awards totaling \$30.3M, and also made 1 TTA award totaling \$6.0M.



National Training and Technical Assistance Center (BJA NTTAC)

- ❖ BJA NTTAC's TTA services **cover a broad set of topic areas** and are delivered through training, information dissemination, technical assistance, curriculum development, data analysis, onsite and distance learning, peer-to-peer visits, research and information requests, and strategic planning assistance.
- ❖ BJA NTTAC has committed a limited amount of resources to support TTA engagements in four priority areas:
 - Enhancing the work of **community corrections** agencies;
 - Enhancing the capabilities of **crime analysis** and law enforcement personnel to analyze and use data to make informed decisions and respond effectively and prevent crime;
 - Assist communities in preventing and deterring crime using the **Crime Prevention through Environment Design** (CTED) approach; and
 - Offering **training for law enforcement** personnel.
- ❖ For more information and to request TTA: www.bjatrain.org.



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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