



**Second Chance Act:
Orientation for FY 2015
Statewide Recidivism Reduction
*(SRR) Planning Grant Program***

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Bureau of Justice Assistance

- **Mission:** to provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support local, state, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities.

The Second Chance Act has supported over \$300 million in reentry investments across the country



<https://www.bja.gov/>

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National **nonprofit, nonpartisan** membership association of state government officials

Represents **all three** branches of state government

Provides **practical** advice informed by **the best available evidence**





the NATIONAL REENTRY RESOURCE CENTER

— A project of the CSG Justice Center —

- Authorized by the passage of the Second Chance Act in April 2008
- Launched by the Council of State Governments in October 2009
- Administered in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice
- The NRRC has provided technical assistance to over 600 juvenile and adult reentry grantees since inception



NRRC Objectives

Provide a one-stop, interactive source of current, user-friendly reentry information.

Identify, document, and promote evidence-based practices.

Advance the reentry field through training, distance learning, and knowledge development.

Deliver individualized, targeted technical assistance to the Second Chance Act grantees.

www.csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc

NRRC Website

The screenshot shows the NRRC website's navigation menu. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Who We Are', 'Publications', 'Press Room', and 'Updates from Capitol Hill'. Below this is a teal navigation bar with 'Issue Areas', 'Projects', 'Resources', 'Facts & Trends', and 'In the News'. A dropdown menu is open under 'Resources', listing several items: 'Federal Interagency Reentry Council', 'Recidivism Reduction Checklists', 'Reentry and Employment', 'Second Chance Act', 'Statewide Recidivism Reduction Grant Program', and 'What Works in Reentry Clearinghouse'. The 'Statewide Recidivism Reduction Grant Program' link is circled in red. Below the navigation, there is a section titled 'Taking a Statewide Approach' with a quote from Vermont State Senator Richard Sears. To the right, there is an 'ANNOUNCE' section with a list of items. At the bottom, there are two columns: 'Grantees' and 'Field-Wide Resources'.

- Issue pages
- Distance learning
- Publications
- What Works
- Reentry
- Clearinghouse
- Special Projects
- Statewide
- Recidivism
- Reduction page

Sign Up for the NRRC Newsletter

The screenshot shows the top portion of the website. At the top left is the logo for the JUSTICE CENTER, THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS, with the tagline 'Collaborative Approaches to Public Safety'. To the right of the logo is a search bar and a 'Subscribe' button with an envelope icon, which is circled in red. Further right are RSS and social media icons for Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links for 'Who We Are', 'Publications', 'News and Announcements', and 'Updates from Capitol Hill'. A 'Programs' dropdown menu is also visible. A teal banner below the navigation contains links for 'NRRC Home', 'Issue Areas', 'Projects', 'Resources', 'Facts & Trends', and 'In the News'. The main banner features the text 'National Reentry Resource Center' over a background of classical columns. At the bottom of the banner are two smaller sections: 'Federal Interagency Reentry Council' and 'the NATIONAL REENTRY RESOURCE CENTER', a project of the CSG Justice Center.

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Grantee Orientation Process

- **BJA Second Chance Act (SCA) Orientation Webinar**
Thursday, October 22nd
- **SCA Statewide Recidivism Reduction (SRR) Planning Grant Program Grantee Webinar**
Today, October 27th
- **Orientation Call**
November - December, scheduled with your TA provider
- **SCA Conference**
Wednesday, December 16 - Friday, December 18

SCA Conference: December 16-18



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2015 SCA & JMHP NATIONAL CONFERENCES

December 14—18, 2015 Marriott Wardman Park, Washington D.C.

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Register

**** Please register by November 16, 2015 ****

Welcome to the registration site for the 2015 SCA & JMHP National Conferences. **Conference registration is now open.**

Here you can access information about the conferences, including the agenda, travel information, mobile app instructions and event media kit (coming soon), and highlights from 2014. The fully detailed agenda is coming soon. Please check back for details.

These conferences represent a unique opportunity for SCA and JMHP grant recipients to engage with experts in the field and interact with fellow practitioners from around the country to learn about evidence-based practices and promising approaches to reducing recidivism and improving outcomes for people released from prisons, jails, and juvenile correctional facilities. In special

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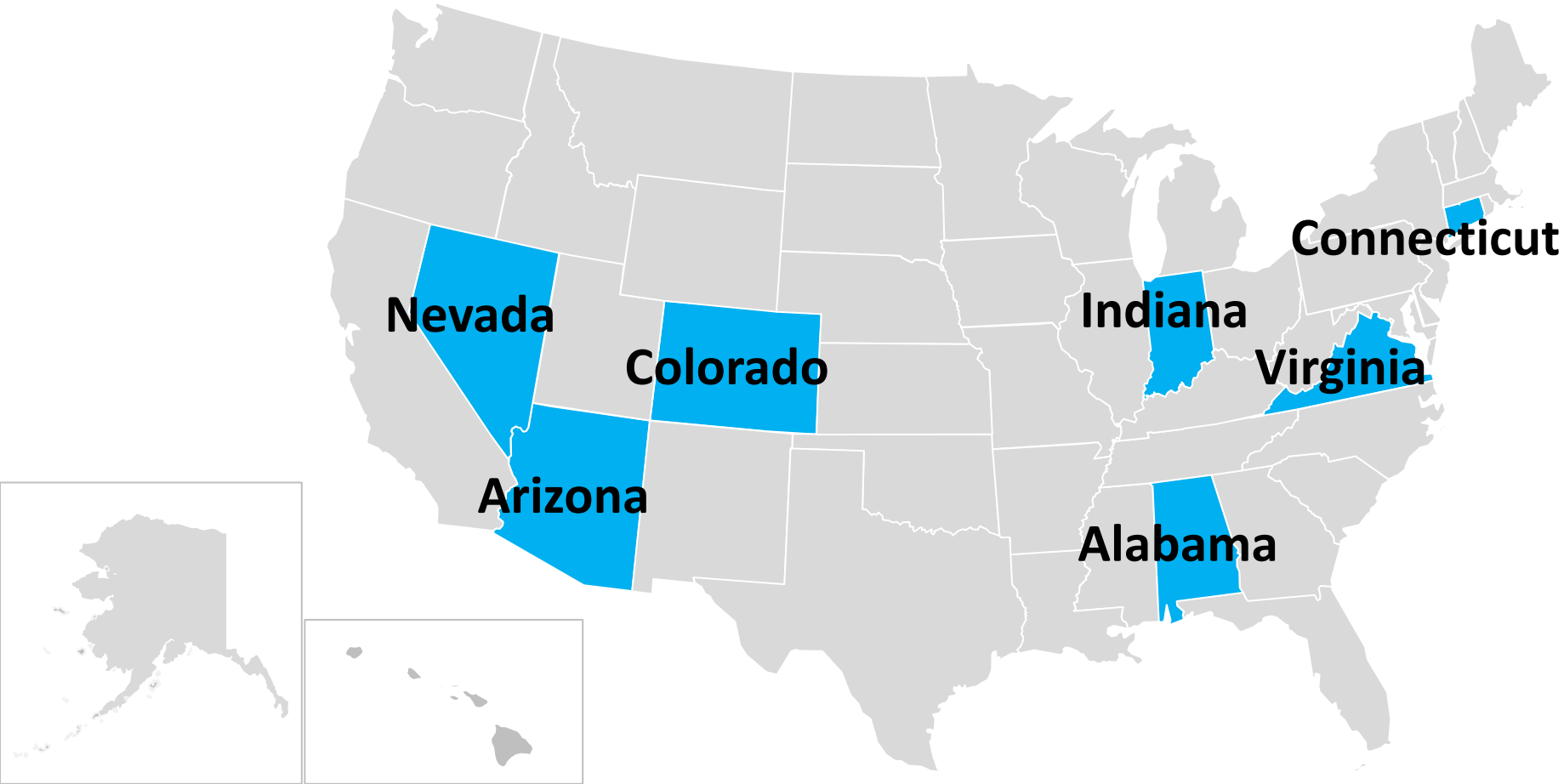
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CONGRATULATIONS!

FY15 Grantees



FY13 and FY14 Grantees

Alaska Native Justice Center

Arkansas Department of Community Corrections

Georgia Department of Corrections

Illinois Department of Corrections

Iowa Governors Office of Drug Control Policy

Kansas Department of Corrections

State of Michigan

Minnesota Department of Corrections

North Dakota Department of Correction and Rehabilitation

Pennsylvania Department of Corrections

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

Vermont Department of Corrections

West Virginia Division of Justice and Community Services

SRR is a Unique Grant Program



1. Highly visible and competitive
2. For the state, managed by an agency
3. Convene stakeholders and execute a statewide reentry plan
4. Build on or tie related initiatives together
5. Focus on evidence-based strategies
6. Create state centers of excellence as national models



SRR is a Two-phase Program

Phase I: Planning and Capacity-Building

7 Grantees in FY 2015

Must complete planning phase
(including P&I Guide) to be eligible
for Phase II



Phase II: Implementation

TBD in FY 2016

Competitive – open to FY15
Planning grantees only

Purpose of the SRR Planning Grant

Take a planning and capacity-building approach to develop a sound organizational infrastructure to support targeted programmatic interventions which should result in the desired reduction in overall recidivism.

Collaborative strategic planning should guide systemic capacity building and eventually lead to the implementation of evidenced-based programmatic interventions targeted at specific reentry population(s) to achieve the desired goal of overall recidivism reduction.

SRR Planning Program Expectations

Up to \$100,000 for a 12 month project period to develop strategic plans, including:

1. Establishing a collaborative Decision-Making Body and Planning Process
2. Taking a Data-Driven Approach to Recidivism Reduction Goal-Setting and Planning
3. Assessing current recidivism reduction policies and implementation gaps and barriers
4. Developing an SRR Implementation Proposal

Program Requirements:

Planning and Capacity Building

1. Provide a statewide definition of recidivism and demonstrate the capability to access and obtain data.
2. Define realistic, but ambitious, recidivism reduction goals.
3. Convene an SRR task force of state leaders and stakeholders.
4. Review the state's strengths and areas for improvement regarding strategies demonstrated to change behavior and reduce recidivism.

Program Requirements: Planning and Capacity Building

Review the state's strengths and areas for improvement, including:



Risk and
need
assessment

Pre-release
planning

Quality
programs

Effective
supervision
strategies

SRR Grantee Experience

Iowa

- FY13 Planning grant
- FY14 Implementation grant

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Bureau of Justice Assistance

- *Funder*
- Financial and Progress Reports, Grant Adjustment Notices (GAN)
- State Policy Advisors

CSR, Inc.

- *Performance Measurement Tool*
- Located at www.bjaperformancetools.org

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NRRC Technical Assistance Overview

**Education/
learning
opportunities
for staff**

**Share lessons
learned across
jurisdictions**

**Facilitate
conversations
with federal
partners**

**Policy and
procedure
review and
rewrites**

**Translate
research for
practice**

**General
program
guidance**

**Assistance
reporting
outcomes to
stakeholders**

**Support public
education
efforts**

NRRC Technical Assistance Activities



Specific to SRR...

CSG Developed a Roadmap to Guide States' Development of Recidivism Reduction Plans

Recidivism Reduction Checklists

REDUCING STATEWIDE RECIDIVISM:
CHECKLIST FOR **LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE POLICYMAKERS**

REDUCING STATEWIDE RECIDIVISM:
CHECKLIST FOR **STATE CORRECTIONS ADMINISTRATORS**

REDUCING STATEWIDE RECIDIVISM:
CHECKLIST FOR **STATE REENTRY COORDINATORS**



Four Phases, 12 Steps

<p>EXPLORATION Commit to reducing recidivism and assess drivers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze the legal and political landscape and convene, engage, and educate stakeholders Identify relevant data about risk factors and driving recidivism Identify and focus on populations with disproportionately high recidivism rates and develop reduction goals <p><i>For example, Michigan's Department of Corrections chose to target substance-abuse-related re-arrests returning to Wayne County, based on data showing that 21 percent of individual parole violations returned to prison from the county.</i></p>
<p>DEVELOPMENT Assess the system and identify implementation goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze current practices using Recidivism Reduction Checklists and identify strengths, gaps, and barriers Develop specific implementation goals and plans informed by relevant evidence-based practices Establish a governance structure that promotes alignment and technical leadership <p><i>For example, the Missouri Department of Corrections convened working groups to review their system and develop evidence-based recommendations. Through their reviews, the groups identified opportunities to strengthen the use of evidence-based supervisory policies and programming in the community to help meet their goal of reducing recidivism by 4 percent over two years.</i></p>
<p>INSTALLATION Put in place the specific policy, procedures, and practice changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build collaborative and administrative support, including a data system to support decision making Change system policies and procedures to promote adherence to evidence-based practices Develop staff competency through education, training, and ongoing coaching and support <p><i>For example, the Illinois Department of Corrections is implementing evidence-based assessment, programming, case management, and supervision practices throughout the system by reviewing department-wide policies and procedures, testing tools, and enhancing their data collection capacity.</i></p>
<p>ACCOUNTABILITY Evaluate changes and improve continuously</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote fidelity to evidence-based practices and programs through quality assurance Collect systematic data and conduct process and outcome evaluation Sustain activities through continuous communication and improvement <p><i>For example, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction has partnered with other state agencies to develop an integrated information-sharing process to ensure all relevant performance measures related to recidivism are tracked and routinely reviewed by key stakeholders.</i></p>

EXPLORATION

DEVELOPMENT

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ACCOUNTABILITY

Planning and Implementation (P&I) Guide

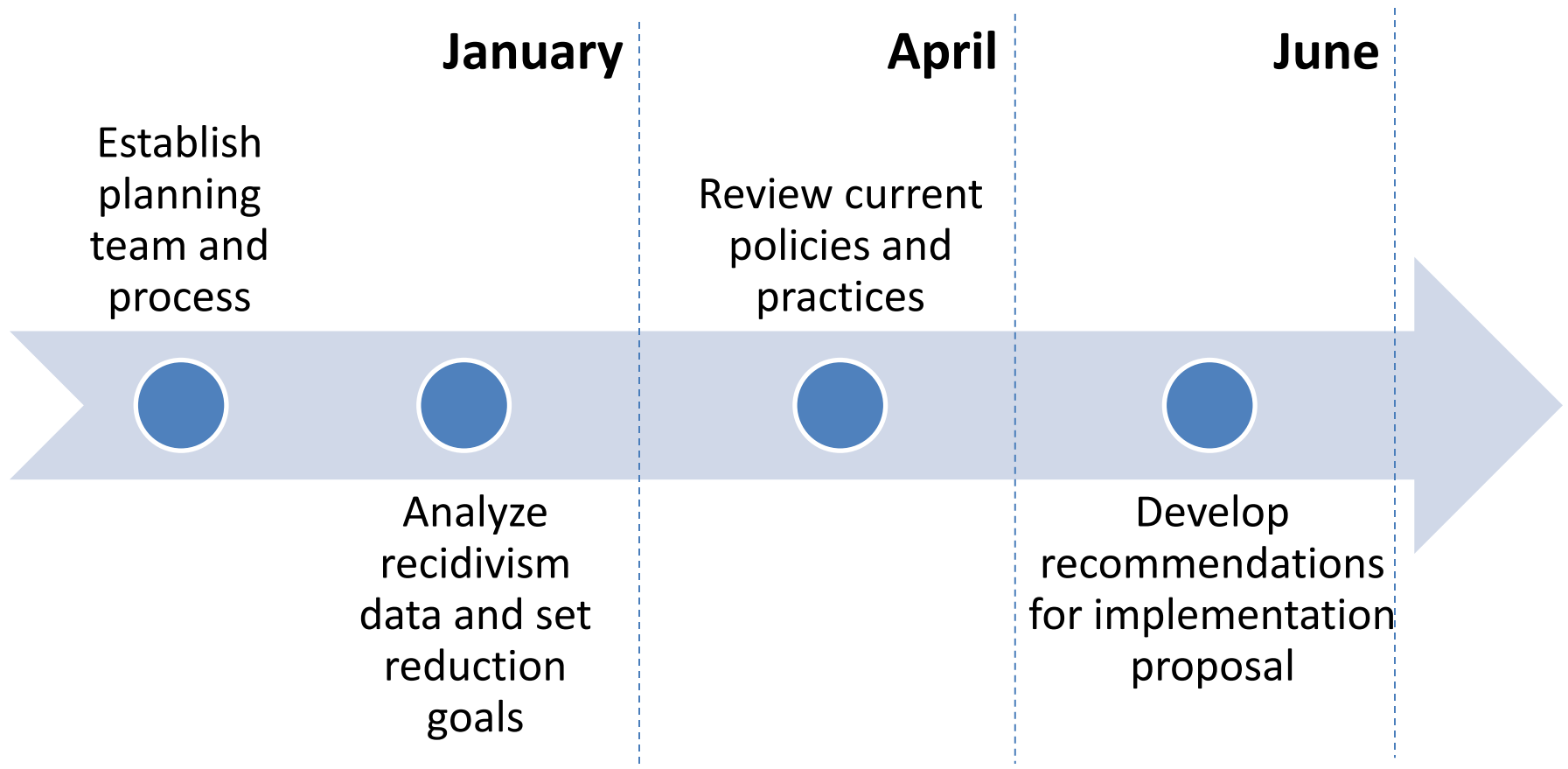
Section 1:
Establish Planning
Team & Process

Section 2:
Data-Driven Planning

Section 3:
Assessing Current
Practices

Section 4:
Implementation,
Sustainability, and
Evaluation Proposal

SRR Planning Process – P&I Guide



Technical Assistance and the P&I Guide

- Work with team of stakeholders to complete the P&I Guide in phases
- Fill out exercises prior to NRRC monthly calls with your TA provider
 - Send to TA provider exercises prior to calls
 - Discuss exercises on calls
 - Update the exercises as changes occur
- TA to inform exercises and plans

Establish Planning Team and Process

- Review of vision, mission, and goals
- Relationship with other agencies and grants
- Environmental scan
- Establish work group, engage partners and stakeholders
 - Team members and support for project
 - Key partners, service providers, and stakeholders
 - Need for additional outreach

Analyze Recidivism Data & Set Goals

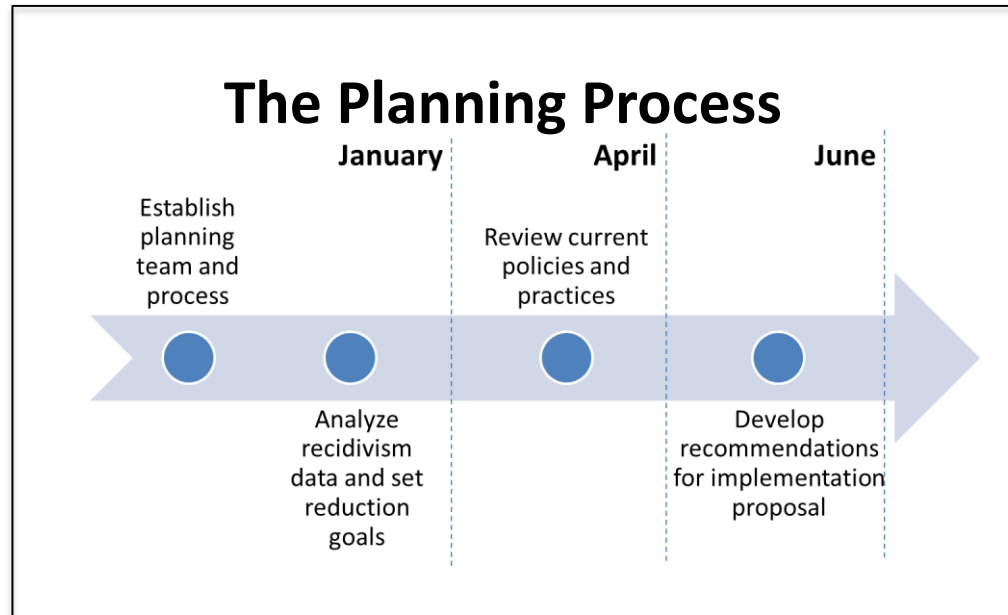
- Define and measure the statewide recidivism rate
- Understand key drivers of the recidivism rate
- Identify a target population for interventions and policy changes based upon those key drivers
- Set recidivism reduction goals for the target population and statewide recidivism rates.

Review Policies and Practices

Use Recidivism Reduction Checklists to assess current reentry policies and practices related to three goals:

- Use risk and needs assessments to inform resource-allocation decisions and individual case responses
- Establish programs and practices that reduce recidivism and ensure they are implemented with fidelity
- Implement community supervision policies and practices that promote successful reentry

Develop FY16 Implementation Proposal



Informs

- Systemic capacity-building
- Expanding evidence-based interventions

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