Second Chance Act
Technology-Based Career Training Program for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles

Orientation (Fiscal Year 2015)

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Agenda

Introductions

Overview of the SCA Tech-Based Career Training Program

Grantee Support

Questions and Answers
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/
• National non-profit, non-partisan membership association of state government officials

• Engages members of all three branches of state government

• Justice Center provides practical, non-partisan advice informed by the best available evidence

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Authorized by the passage of the Second Chance Act in April 2008 and launched by the Council of State Governments in October 2009

NRRC staff have worked with nearly 600 SCA grantees, including 40 state corrections agencies.

The NRRC provides individualized, intensive, and targeted technical assistance training and distance learning to support SCA grantees.
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Tech-Based Training Programs
Purpose of the Grant Program

Increase post-release employability of the incarcerated population

Facilitate successful reentry
Grant Program Updates

- **Extended Award Period**
  - FY2014 = 12 months
  - FY2015 = 36 months

- **Increased Pre-release Period**
  - FY2014 = 6-18 months prior to release
  - FY2015 = 6-24 months prior to release

- **Post-release Services**
  - FY2014 = Maximum 6 months
  - FY2015 = Maximum 12 months

- **Internet Access**
  - FY2015 allows for less restrictions regarding internet access

- **Updated Priority Considerations**
  - Employability/job readiness assessments
  - Partnerships with educational institutions
Grant Program Expectations

- **Target Population**
  - Moderate to high risk of reoffending
  - 6-24 months prior to release
  - Adults or juveniles convicted/adjudicated and currently incarcerated
Grant Program Expectations

- Partnership with training entity
- Reentry plans and case management
- Internet access, as appropriate
Grant Program Expectations

- Data Collection
  - Tracking outcomes
  - Setting targets
  - Baseline recidivism rate & tracking recidivism
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Grantee Support

• Funder
• State Policy Advisor
• Grant management (budget and scope adjustments)

• Contracted through BJA
• Performance measurement tool

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• Training and technical assistance
• Programmatic support
# Grantee Support

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Your designated NRRC Technical Assistance Lead will provide and coordinate support in several areas, including:

- Completion of the P&I Guide
- Identifying measures and strategies to track progress
- Developing partnerships with evaluators
- Content and facilitation support
- Sharing successes with stakeholders, the field, and the press
Technical Assistance

Ongoing support responsive to the unique needs, strengths, and challenges of each grantee.

- Monthly phone calls
- Peer learning opportunities
- Webinars
- Expert trainings
- Resource sharing
- Site visits
SCA Conference

December 16-18 | Washington D.C.
Serves as a resource to help grantees:

- Identify implementation goals and measurement objectives
- Develop a comprehensive program that is oriented around evidence-based practices
- Communicate progress with key stakeholders
- Evaluate the program and think about sustainability
- Develop a TA plan with NRRC Technical Assistance Lead
- Comply with BJA’s expectations for the grants
The P&I Guide provides information about grant requirements and best-practices.

Each section of the Guide includes exercises for grantees to self-assess how program activities align with evidence-based practices and other recommendations as well as identify areas of success and challenges.
Planning & Implementation Guide

Section 1: Getting Started & Setting Goals

Section 2: Defining or Refining Your Target Population

Section 3: Service Provision and Support

Section 4: Career Training and Employment Support

Section 5: Data Collection, Performance Measurement, and Program Evaluation

Section 6: Sustainability

Section 7: Resources
Appendix A: The Resource-Allocation and Service-Matching Tool

Associated resource

Integrated Reentry and Employment Strategies: Reducing Recidivism and Promoting Job Readiness

Planning & Implementation Guide

- **Appendix B**: Programs Serving Juvenile Populations
  - Associated resource

Core Principles for Reducing Recidivism and Improving Other Outcomes for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System

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