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## Orientation Webinar

# FY 2016 Second Chance Act Smart Reentry Grantees

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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



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# National Reentry Resource 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

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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**



# NRRC Technical Assistance Overview

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
- ✓ Content and facilitation support
- ✓ Sharing successes with stakeholders, the field, and the press

# NRRC Technical Assistance Activities



# Examples of Technical Assistance

Assisting with data collection and analysis

Facilitating strategic planning sessions or meetings of reentry task forces

Training on what works to reduce recidivism, promote recovery, and improve other outcomes

Helping translate research into proposed policy and practice improvements

Supporting the development of Implementation and/or Sustainability Plans

# Grantee Orientation Process

- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Second Chance Act (SCA) Orientation Webinar
  - Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>
- FY16 SCA Reentry Program for Adult Offenders with Co-occurring Substance Use and Mental Disorders Grantee Webinar
  - **Today (Tuesday, December 13)**
- Orientation Call
  - Scheduled with your CSG Justice Center TA provider
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# Purpose of the SCA Smart Reentry

## Goal

The goal of this program is to support jurisdictions to develop and implement comprehensive and collaborative strategies that address the challenges posed by reentry to increase public safety and reduce recidivism for individuals reentering communities from incarceration who are at medium to high risk for recidivating.

# BJA's Smart Suite

BJA's "Smart Suite" of programs invest in the development of practitioner-researcher partnerships that use data, evidence, and innovation to create strategies and interventions that are effective and economical. This data-driven approach enables jurisdictions to understand the full nature and extent of the crime challenges they are facing and to target resources to the highest priorities.

# Highlighting the Practitioner and Evaluator Partnership

The Smart Suite assists criminal justice practitioners in building their capacity to develop research-based strategies and focus on program fidelity to increase chances of success.

This partnership between criminal justice practitioners and evaluators is what makes the Smart Suite, and Smart Reentry grantees primed not only for success, but to guide the field in 'what works' and how to implement those practices to fidelity.

# Planning & Implementation Phases of Smart Reentry

- During the planning phase grantees will be allowed to access up to \$150,000.
- Must complete and submit a required Planning and Implementation Guide (P&I Guide).
- The P&I Guide will guide each grantee in developing a strategic plan that incorporates evidence-based programs, policies, and practices.
- Once P&I Guides are submitted and approved by BJA, grantees will move into the Implementation Phase of their project and gain access to the remainder of their grant funds.

# Mandatory Program Components

1. Ability to track unique identifiers for participants, gain access to recidivism data, and report recidivism data, particularly returns to incarceration during the period 1 year after release.
2. Engagement of a research partner
3. Provide a baseline recidivism rate for target population.

# Uses of Funds for Implementation

- Target Criminogenic Needs that Affect Recidivism
- Provide Sustained Case Planning/Management in the Community
- Support a Comprehensive Range of Services for the Formerly Incarcerated
- Provide Staff Training, Coaching, and Performance Evaluations on New Evidence-Based Practices Adopted
- Resources for Civil Legal Aid
- Access to Health Benefits
- Develop Or Use An Existing Data System
- Transitional Employment
- Improve Contracted Service Provision and Accountability

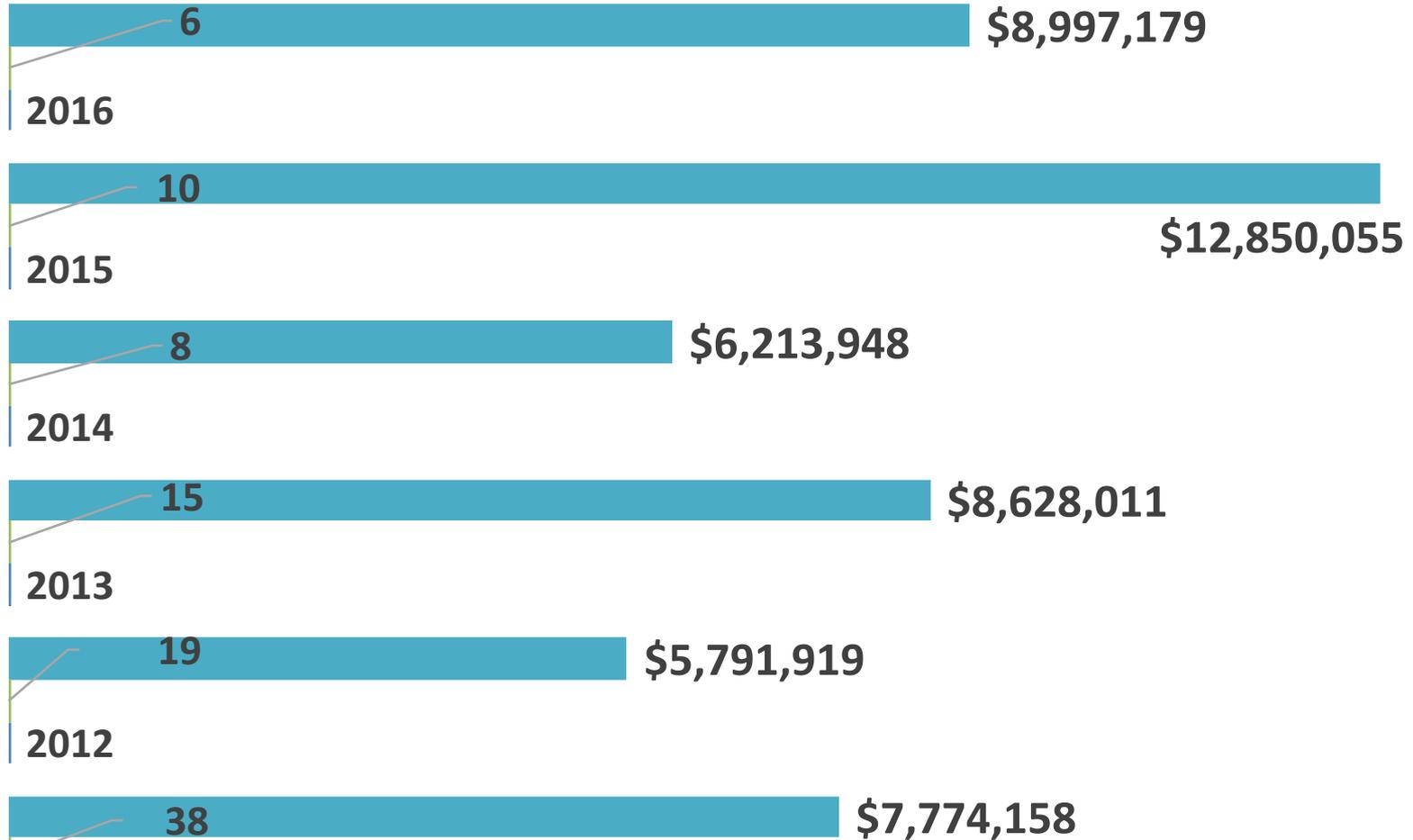
# Implementation Funds Continued

- Provide Evidence-Based Pharmacological Drug Treatment Services
- Use Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions
- Implement Transition Planning Procedures
- Support a Comprehensive Range of Recovery Support Services
- Provide Sustained Aftercare, Case Planning/Management in the Community
- Provide Community Supervision Services which Follow Evidence-Based Practices
- Plan for Data Collection and Performance Measurement to Meet Grant's Performance Measurement Reporting Requirements, and Plan for Conducting Process/Outcome
- Strategies for Increasing Access to Health Care

# SCA Grantees Across the Country



# Smart Reentry Funding



# FY16 Smart Reentry Grantees

## **Local**

- City of Newark, New Jersey
- Fulton County, Georgia
- Contra Costa County, California
- Prince George's County, Maryland

## **State**

- Wisconsin Department of Justice

## **Tribal**

- Bridges to Home, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Oklahoma

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# Planning Phase: The Process

- Work with team of stakeholders to complete the Smart Reentry P&I Guide in phases
  - Be honest and accurate
  - 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

# How is the P&I Guide Used?

- Identification of things grantee is doing well
- Challenges or areas the grantee is working on
- Helps the TA provider target assistance
- Aids the grantee in focusing on areas of need
- Creates opportunities for discussion with other Smart Reentry grantees
- Peer to peer learning
- Enables ideas and best practices to be exchanged

# P&I Guide Sections

- Section One: Identifying Goals and Assessing Initial Technical Assistance Needs
- Section Two: Developing Collaborative Strategies and Establishing Your Task Force
- Section Three: Target Population
- Section 4: Identifying Evidence-Based Community Services and Supports for Your Target Population

# P&I Guide Sections

- Section 5: Developing Your Program within Your System and the Community
- Section 6: Data Collection, Performance Measurement, and Program Evaluation
- Section 7: Sustainability
- Appendix A: Supporting Resources

## Section One: **Background**

- Reason for seeking grant
- Relationship with other agencies and grants
- Relationship with evaluations
- Current and Previous experiences in this work

## Section Two: **Developing Your Task Force**

- General Task Force Questions
- Identifying Task Force and Members

## Section Three: **Describing Your Target Population**

- Evaluating Your Screening and Assessment *Processes*

## **Section 4: Identifying Evidence-Based Community Services and Supports for Your Target Population**

- System mapping
- Competence building

## **Section 5: Developing Your Program within Your System and the Community**

- Creating a logic model

# P&I Guide

## Section Six: **Data Collection, Performance Measurement, and Program Evaluation**

- Developing an Evaluation Plan

## Section Seven: **Sustainability**

- Connections to Health Care Coverage and Other Benefits
- Assessing Your Sustainability
- Creating a Sustainability Action Plan
- Reviewing Potential Resources
- Engaging Additional Partners
- Next Steps for Sustainability

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# Grantee Experience

## FY14 SCA Adult Demonstration Program: Back on Track LA



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### Identifying the Pilot Program

Participant Qualifications: male split-sentence or N3 moderate to high risk inmates. Minimum 4 months remaining custody

### Participant Screening and Assessments

Utilizing best practices tools, perform complete risk and needs assessment, including risk of recidivating, education assessment, drug treatment/substance abuse needs and mental health status.

### Case Management

Each participant is assigned a case manager to develop personal goals. The case manager track and monitor participants throughout the program.

### In-Custody Model/Program Tracks

BOT-LA participants needs will vary based on risk/needs assessment, but all participants receive the core services:

**Cognitive  
Behavioral  
Training**

**Education**  
High  
School Diploma  
Community  
College  
Career Technical  
Education/  
Academic

**Life Skills/  
Value Added  
Services**

**Employment  
Readiness**

**Out-of-Custody Reentry Plan**

**Program Evaluation**

# Comparing Groups

## In-Custody Data

- Demographic information
- Criminal history
- COMPAS risk/need classification
- Substance abuse issues – TCU's DSV
- TABE scores
- TCU's CEST scales
- TCU's CTS scales

## Post-Release Data

- Recidivism
  - Rearrest
  - Reconviction

# **BOT-LA Program Partners**

**LA Sheriff's Department**

**California Department of  
Justice**

**LA Probation Department**

**Five Keys Charter School**

**College of the Canyons**

**LA Mission College**

**Social Security Administration**

**Shields For Families**

**Friends Outside LA**

**LA Department of Health  
Services**

**LA Department of Public  
Social Services**

**LA Department of Child  
Support Services**

**CA Department of Child  
Support Services**

**LA Department of Children  
& Family Services**

# Back nTrack

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