

BJA Programs

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Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

- OJP works to form partnerships among federal, state, and local government officials to:
 - control drug abuse and trafficking
 - reduce and prevent crime
 - rehabilitate neighborhoods
 - improve the administration of justice in America
 - meet the needs of crime victims
- OJP also addresses problems such as gang violence, prison crowding, juvenile crime, and white-collar crime.



OJP Structure

Five Bureaus

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- **Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)**
- **National Institute of Justice (NIJ)**
- **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)**
- **Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)**
- **Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)**

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OJP Structure

Two Programs Offices and Supporting Offices

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- **Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO)**
- **Office of the Police Corps and Law Enforcement Education (OPCLEE)**

One of Eight Support Offices

- **Office of the Controller (OC)**

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Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

- ✓ BJA provides funding, training, and technical assistance to state and local governments, Indian tribes, and public and private organizations to combat violent and drug-related crime and help improve the criminal justice system.



BJA Featured Initiatives

- GLOBAL Justice Information Sharing Advisory Committee
- Justice XML Data Reference Model
- Fusion Center Guidelines
- Regional Information Sharing System (RISS)
- State and Local Anti-terrorism Training (SLATT)



GLOBAL Justice Information Sharing Advisory Committee

- The Global Advisory Committee (GAC) is a select group of key officials from 32 leading local, state, tribal, federal, and other justice-related entities
- Created to promote broad-scale sharing of pertinent justice information that supports the public safety
- The GAC reports to the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and the U.S. Attorney General in an advisory capacity



Global's Collaborative Partnerships

- Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts
- American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators
- American Correctional Association
- American Probation and Parole Association
- Conference of State Court Administrators
- Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Advisory Policy Board
- CJIS Federal Advisory Board
- Dept. of Homeland Security
- Major Cities Chiefs' Association
- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Executive Office for the United States Attorneys
- International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
- IACP – Division of State and Provincial Police
- IACP – Indian Country Law Enforcement Section
- FBI - CJIS Division
- INTERPOL



Global's Collaborative Partnerships (continued)

- National Association for Court Management
- National Association of Attorneys General
- National Association of State Chief Information Officers
- National Center for State Courts
- National Conference of State Legislatures
- National Congress of American Indians
- National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
- National Criminal Justice Association
- National District Attorneys Association
- U.S. Department of Justice - Justice Management Division
- National Law Enforcement Telecommunication System
- National Legal Aid and Defender Association
- National Sheriffs' Association
- SEARCH, Inc.
- National Governors Association
- U.S. Department of the Treasury



Global Working Groups & Upcoming Global Products

Security

- *Applying Security Practices to Justice Information Sharing*

Intelligence

- *Development of the National Criminal Intelligence Information Sharing Plan*

Infrastructure & Standards

- Service Oriented Architecture

Privacy/Information Quality

- Policy Level White Paper



Justice XML Data Reference Model

- ✓ By offering a national framework and reference model for technology implementation, the Justice XML Data Dictionary facilitates information sharing.



XML: Benefits

- XML specifications do not dictate how the data is stored in sending or receiving systems
- Specifications are broad enough to accommodate jurisdictional differences
- Specifications are designed to be shared between states and federal justice agencies



Fusion Center Guidelines

- A fusion center is an effective and efficient mechanism to exchange information and intelligence, maximize resources, streamline operations, and improve the ability to fight crime and terrorism by merging data from a variety of sources.
- Fusion Centers are a conduit for implementing portions of the National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan (NCISP)
- The role of a fusion center is to compile, blend, analyze, and disseminate criminal intelligence and other information to support efforts to anticipate, identify, prevent, and/or monitor criminal activity



Fusion Center Guidelines Law Enforcement Intelligence - Completed

- Fusion is the overarching process of managing the flow of information and intelligence across levels and sectors of government.
- Under the GLOBAL initiative the development for guidelines for fusion centers has been separated into three phases – law enforcement intelligence, public safety, and private sector



Regional Information Sharing System (RISS)

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Program is composed of six regional centers that share intelligence and coordinate efforts against criminal networks that operate in many locations across jurisdictional lines.



Regional Information Sharing System (RISS)

- The Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) Program is an innovative law enforcement program that receives BJA funding to support regional law enforcement efforts to combat terrorist activity, illegal drug trafficking, organized criminal activity, criminal gangs, violent crime, and other regional criminal priorities and to promote officer safety. On national-scope issues, the six regional centers initiate joint, cross-center efforts, coordinating and cooperating as one body.



Contact RISS

If you are interested in becoming a member agency of a RISS, please contact your in-region RISS center:

Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network®

MAGLOCLN

Phone: (215) 504-4910
info@magloclen.riss.net

Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center®

MOCIC

Phone: (417) 883-4383
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New England State Police Information Network®

NESPIN

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Contact RISS

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RMIN

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Regional Organized Crime Information Center®

ROCIC

Phone: (615) 871-0013
info@rocic.riss.net

Western States Information Network®

WSIN

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State and Local Anti-terrorism Training (SLATT)

- BJA in collaboration with the FBI and through funding to the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) provides specialized training for law enforcement personnel in combating terrorism and extremist criminal activity.
- SLATT focuses on the prevention of terrorism in the United States by providing the tools necessary for state and local law enforcement officers to understand, detect, deter, and investigate acts of terrorism in the United States by both international and domestic, or homegrown terrorists.

For more information on training opportunities contact IIR:
Internet: <http://www.iir.com/slatt/training.htm>

Telephone: (850) 385-0600



Selected BJA Funding Efforts

(FY 2006 program funding is yet to be determined and is dependent on approval of the pending federal budget).

➤ Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

➤ For Current OJP Funding Opportunities:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm>

➤ BJA Human Trafficking Task Forces



Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

JAG replaced the Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) programs with a single funding mechanism that will simplify the administration process for grantees. This is a formula grant based upon violent crime rates.



Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

How JAG Differs From Byrne and LLEBG:

- **Awards are distributed up front** instead of on a reimbursement basis, giving recipients immediate control over their funds.
- **Direct recipients can earn interest on their awards**, generating additional funding for future justice projects.
- **Projects can be funded beyond a 4-year period**, allowing successful initiatives to receive funding to continue and expand their efforts.
- **Fewer fiscal and programmatic reports are required**, saving state administering agencies and local programs valuable staff time and resources.
- **Mandatory set-asides are eliminated**, encouraging states and communities to spend justice funds where they are most needed.



Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

JAG Purpose Areas:

- Law enforcement programs.
- Prosecution and court programs.
- Prevention and education programs.
- Corrections and community corrections programs.
- Drug treatment programs.
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.



Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking is believed:

- To yield \$9 billion in illicit profits each year worldwide
- The second most profitable endeavor of organized crime
- The fastest growing criminal activity of organized crime
- To enslave more than 15,000 victims/year in the U. S.



What is Human Trafficking

- Human Trafficking involves the exploitation of persons for commercial sex or forced labor
- Victims may be illegal immigrant, legal immigrants, or U.S. citizens – most are women and children
- Human Trafficking often involves crossing an international border but does not require movement of a victim
- Traffickers control their victims through force, fraud, or coercion



BJA Human Trafficking Efforts

OJP sponsored a *National Human Trafficking Conference* in July 2004, since then BJA has:

- Developed through the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) a law enforcement train-the-trainers curriculum
- Collaborated with the Office of Community Oriented Policing (COPS) to have that training delivered in Regional Community Policing Institutes
- Worked closed with OJP, OVC, US DOJ's Office of Civil Rights, and other federal agencies to create and fund through two solicitations 32 victim centered task forces, which are collaborative efforts among non-governmental victims services agencies, law enforcement at all levels, and U. S. Attorneys Offices.



Resources *(accompanying this presentation):*

Human Trafficking in the U. S. CDROM
Fusion Center CDROM
XML CDROM

SLATT Internet: <http://www.iir.com/slatt/training.htm>

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IIR Also Manages Technical Assistance for RISS

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