



# JAILS AND JUSTICE SUPPORT CENTER

SAFER HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES THROUGH SAFER HEALTHIER JAILS.

## OUR WORK

The Jails and Justice Support Center (JJSC) assists jails in creating and sustaining safe, humane, and effective environments for their populations, including incarcerated individuals, staff, and visitors. The JJSC engages directly with jurisdictions in the delivery of training and technical assistance on the identified core topics. In addition to providing technical assistance and resources for jails, the JJSC also serves as a hub for other federally funded programs and resources. The JJSC can provide referrals to other programs such as the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Grant Program, the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulants and Other Substances Program (COSSUP), the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMCHP), and the National Institute of Corrections (NIC).



The Jails and Justice Support Center coordinates and facilitates direct delivery of innovative and industry leading services and support focusing on justice and correctional policy, operational practices, and professional development for America's jails.

## CORE TOPICS

- **Comprehensive and Universal Screening and Assessment** - Upon admitting individuals, jails must assess the overall health and well-being of a person in their care.
- **Medical and Behavioral Health Needs** - Jails have a responsibility to diagnose, monitor, and provide medical, mental, and behavioral health-related services to the people in their care.
- **Use of Force (Response to Subject Behavior)** - Jails are responsible for using force in constitutionally appropriate manners when there is a perceived threat to safety.
- **Human Capital** - Jails must address the challenges in the recruitment and retention of high-performing employees, while also prioritizing the well-being of staff.
- **Leadership & Culture** - Jail leaders must possess the tools to manage risk, shape culture, and respond to emerging problems while collaborating with external entities.
- **Operations** - Jail operations must ensure appropriate conditions of confinement, providing mandatory and essential care, custody, and control.
- **Programming** - Comprehensive and effective jail programs must focus on improving support, opportunities, and resources for incarcerated individuals.
- **Reentry** - Jails have a responsibility to help individuals in their care prepare for release to a free society.



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# KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

- **Provide Resources** - Provide the necessary resources and information to jail administrators, stakeholders, and communities, enabling them to implement efficient public safety strategies, policies, trainings, and programs that align with the requirements and ideals of the U.S. Constitution.
- **Provide Assistance** - Provide readily accessible and practical support to jail administrators aiming to evaluate their approaches, policies, trainings, and outcomes related to Constitutionally grounded perspectives on and approaches to issues of life, health, and safety.
- **Identify Core Competency Topics** - Identify core competency topics of jail administration, drawing from research, legal requirements, and established best practices.
- **Identify and Fill Gaps** - Identify gaps in resources, training, and services that the Department of Justice should address in its efforts to aid agencies managing jails. This approach will ensure that our resources are effectively focused on supporting the needs of 21st-century jails.
- **Provide Consultation** - Offer consultation, advice, and assistance to jails and partner organizations to enhance safe, humane, and effective environments for individuals employed by, residing in, and visiting correctional facilities.
- **Collaborate with Leaders in the Field** - Collaborate with thought leaders on matters of constitutionally sound jail operations, culture, and administration. This includes collaborating with jail leaders, civil rights advocacy organizations, reform specialists, community-based organizations, as well as national and international academic research institutions.
- **Leverage the missions of BJA and NIC** - Supplement existing services and initiatives offered by relevant components of OJP, BJA, and NIC. Notable examples of ongoing programs include the Prison Rape Elimination Act Grant Program, the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulants and Other Substances Program, the Second Chance Act programs, and the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program.

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## OUR TEAM

In 2022, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and National Institution of Corrections selected CNA's Center for Justice Research and Innovation to lead the development and delivery of the Jails and Justice Support Center. Partners in this effort include: The American Jail Association, the National Sheriffs' Association, the Major County Sheriffs of America, the National Association of Counties, and Rulo Strategies. These organizations serve jail administrators, sheriffs' offices, and local governments across the country and will use their combined talent and expertise to support the center's mission.

## OUR PARTNERS



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