



JAILS AND JUSTICE SUPPORT CENTER

SAFER HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES THROUGH SAFER HEALTHIER JAILS.

OUR WORK

The Jails and Justice Support Center (JJSC) assists jails in operating safe, humane, and effective environments for their populations, including incarcerated individuals, staff, and visitors. We help jail leaders identify and address policies, procedures, and protocols to decrease the likelihood of a death in custody and/or respond to a death(s) in custody. At the Sheriff's or CEO's request, the JJSC delivers expert guidance on the identified core topic(s), those topics critical to preventing deaths in jail settings. The JJSC also serves as a single point of entry for other federally funded programs and resources.



The JJSC coordinates and facilitates direct delivery of services and support focusing on operations in America's jails.



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CORE TOPICS

- **Screening and Assessment** - Upon admitting individuals, jails must assess the overall health and well-being of a person in their care and provide or connect a person to needed treatment or services.
- **Medical and Behavioral Health Needs** - Jails have a responsibility to diagnose, monitor, and provide medical, mental, and behavioral health 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 of recruiting and retaining high-performing officers and employees and prioritize the health and well-being of staff.
- **Management** - Jail leaders must manage operational risks, guide organizational behavior, address emerging challenges, and collaborate with external partners.
- **Programming and Reentry** - Jails must balance internal behavioral programming with external reintegration coordination, building pathways that support individual growth, reduce recidivism, and advance public safety.

KEY JJSC SERVICES INCLUDE...

- **Providing Resources** – The JJSC provides key resources and information to sheriffs, directors, jail administrators, stakeholders, and communities, enabling them to prevent in-custody deaths or critical incidents, implement efficient public safety strategies, and align operations with the requirements and ideals of the U.S. Constitution.
- **Providing Assistance** - The JJSC provides readily accessible and practical support to sheriffs, directors, and jail administrators to strengthen safety and prevent deaths in custody by evaluating their agency's approaches and outcomes.
- **Identifying and Filling Gaps** - Identify gaps in resources, training, and services that the Department of Justice should address in its efforts to aid agencies managing jails. Our online resources provide a roadmap for 21st-century jails to evaluate current needs and unlock new opportunities for improvement.
- **Providing Consultation** - The JJSC offers tailored advice specific to the individual needs of jails and partner organizations to enhance safe, humane, and effective environments for individuals employed by, residing in, and visiting correctional facilities.
- **Fostering Collaboration among Leaders in the Field** – The JJSC leverages and collaborates with thought leaders on matters of jail health and safety, constitutionally sound jail operations, organizational behavior, jail administration, crisis response, and more.
- **Leveraging the missions of BJA and NIC** – Supplement existing services and initiatives offered by relevant components of OJP, BJA, and NIC.

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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.

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