

Resources for Enhancing Sex Offender Management Strategies

What training and technical assistance does BJA offer in the area of Corrections to assist with sex offender management?

BJA provides training and technical assistance in the area of sex offender management through the Center for Sex Offender Management. The menu of training and technical assistance services include: 1) training for probation and parole officers and law enforcement on adult and juvenile supervision practices; 2) training supervision and treatment staff on the utility of various risk assessment instruments; 3) training jurisdictions on enhancing their victim-centered approaches to sex offender management; 4) describing best practices in notification and registration; and 5) detailing emerging issues in the civil commitment arena; 6) assessing the sex offender management practices in states and local jurisdictions and identifying potential gaps in their existing systems; and 7) providing ongoing training to a host of system stakeholders on the comprehensive approach to sex offender management.

Additionally, BJA has supported a number of initiatives that impact sex offender issues through targeted training and/or technical assistance. The following initiatives have been designed to assist jurisdictions with managing offenders who are reentering the community. Please see below for descriptions.

Individualized Sex Offender Management Training Program

This sex offender management training and technical assistance program is geared toward enhancing public safety by preventing further victimization through improved management of adult and juvenile sex offenders who are in the community. BJA also has funded several curricula around sex offender management to train jurisdictions on sexual assault, managing offenders in the community, and sex offender treatment for non-clinicians. Training with curricula will be developed to suit individual jurisdictions' needs.

Corrections Options Training and Technical Assistance

This training and technical assistance initiative provides states with access to experts, who will assist in: prison classification systems; population projections; parole and probation risk assessment; pre-release planning; alternatives to revocation; progressive sanctions; geo-mapping; performance measures; and staffing patterns.

Understanding and Implementing Effective Offender Supervision Practices and Programming

This training initiative consists of an on-line training resource intended for parole and probation officers interested in learning more about best-practices for managing special offender populations. Training topics include: domestic violence; methamphetamine use, trafficking, and manufacturing; staff sexual misconduct; and women offenders.

Basic Safety Workshop for Probation and Parole Officers

This course entails web-based curriculum for Parole and Probation Officers focused on maintaining practices that promote personal officer safety. (This is not meant to replace on-site safety training). Training may be completed at a pace and time chosen by the participant.

What other resources does BJA provide that can enhance sex offender management strategies?

The following resources are suggested to complement the corrections-related initiatives listed above. These training and technical assistance efforts focus on capacity building for crime prevention associations, cyber crime investigation, information technology, and intelligence analysis. These areas offer assistance regarding enhancement of current efforts in the jurisdiction(s). Organizations interested in recovering activity on computers involving sex offender cases are encouraged to explore the cyber crime investigation opportunities. Jurisdictions interested in exploring ways to monitor the location of offenders by requesting that sex offenders update registry information electronically and/or having the offender regularly check in with probation/parole, may find the information technology options also beneficial. Program descriptions are provided below.

Cyber Crime Investigation

Introduction to Internet Crime Investigations

BJA provides training that introduces law enforcement investigators to the ways criminal activity is being perpetrated across on-line computer networks and instructs them in techniques for working these cases on-line.

The Investigation of Computer Crime

This course teaches criminal justice investigator and support staff how to investigate high-technology theft and computer-related crime. It provides participants with an understanding of computer technology, its application to criminal endeavors, and the issues associated with investigating these cases.

Seizure and Examination of Microcomputers

This class teaches criminal justice investigators the basic concepts of computers and digital evidence recovery. The class teaches investigators, new to high technology crime, how to safely seize a computer system, make duplicate images of hard drives, recognize compresses and encrypted data, familiarization with forensic software, and the basics of digital evidence analysis.

Investigation of Online Child Exploitation, Level 1

This course is designed to provide law enforcement investigators and support staff with the skills necessary to conduct proactive Internet investigations involving child

exploitation, such as how to initiate criminal investigations, establish undercover accounts and identities, and engage offenders legally and effectively.

Investigation of Online Child Exploitation, Level II

Investigation of Online Child Exploitation, Level II expands upon the learning modules and fundamentals introduced in the Level I course, and includes a detailed study of the Internet using America Online (AOL) as an investigative tool. Topics include: peer-to-peer investigations; desktop surveillance and advanced investigative resources; virtual child pornography that includes video enhancing and morphing; Yahoo, chat and clubs; F-serves; downloading and configuring AIM, Trillium, FTP, CuteFTP, ICQ, and identifying other software programs; instant messaging as a tool and an investigative resource; and seeding information to newsgroups and IRC.

Advanced Internet Investigations

This intensive course is designed to improve law enforcement's ability to successfully investigate and prosecute sophisticated crimes carried out over the Internet. Topics include: the technical structure of the Internet; investigative methodology and tools; using audit logs as evidence; legal and privacy issues; strategies for proper case preparation and presentation; host operating systems and system security; monitoring activity on an Internet host system; tracking suspects over the Internet; and other issues affecting the recovery of evidence from the Internet.

Managing Criminal Justice Technologies in the 21st Century Seminar

This seminar helps criminal justice executives and senior level managers improve their capacity to deal with today's technology, while preparing for the challenges of the future. The educational goals addressed using adult learning techniques include understanding the fundamental applications of computer and computer-related technologies, delineating methods to avoid and overcome pitfalls and problems associated with these applications, and making appropriate decisions in the selection and purchase of computers and computer-based technologies for specific areas of the criminal justice system.

Project Management Course for Integrated Justice Information Systems

This course is designed specifically for individuals responsible for the planning, procurement, and management of programs involving the sharing or exchange of justice-related information, including data generated by courts, law enforcement, prosecution, probation, parole, corrections, and related social service agencies, either within a single jurisdiction or cross-jurisdictional. The course is designed for project managers, not technologists. It offers a comprehensive curriculum designed specifically to provide basic and advanced skills necessary to managing projects involving the complex implementation of justice system integration.

Basic Data Recovery and Analysis (BDRA) Program

In this computer-literate age, sophisticated criminals are using computers in their illegal activities. Advances in computer technology have provided criminals with a powerful tool. Reported incidents of high-technology theft and computer-related crime are increasing dramatically and successful investigations and prosecutions will be dependent

on investigators' computer skills. This class will introduce participants to the unique skills and methodologies necessary to assist in the investigation and prosecution of computer crime. This course includes hands-on instruction and discussion about such topics as evidence identification and extraction, hardware and software needed to do a seizure, how to recover erased files, high-tech legal issues, and more. This course will be beneficial for criminal investigators, prosecutors, or support staff technicians whose duties include the investigation and prosecution of high-technology crimes and the seizure of electronic evidence.

Information Technology

Information Sharing and Data Mining Course

This course teaches participants how to use technologies and software approaches to create information out of data. It covers topics such as the use of data warehouses, analytical software, and portal technology. It also contains presentations and demonstrations of actual systems in place that help make sense out of raw data and provide actionable intelligence.

Web Services and Service-Oriented Architectures Course

This course teaches participants how to apply advanced concepts such as the Global Justice XML Data Model to actual systems through the use of web services and the adoption of service-oriented architectures (SOA). It provides a basic introduction to the concepts of web services and SOA. The course also includes a demonstration of how to build a web service, and explains the role of other standards such as Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP), Web Services Description Language (WSDL), and Universal Description, Discovery, and Integration (UDDI) components. Lectures and exercises require some basic knowledge of information systems technology and some understanding of XML.

Crime Prevention

Capacity Building for State Crime Prevention Associations

This program is designed for Crime Prevention Associations who need assistance in improving their capacity to deliver services to members can obtain training and technical assistance through this program. Areas of assistance may include conducting a needs assessment, developing a strategy for increasing resources, improving membership, increasing organizational visibility, using media to increase public awareness, and improving their policies and programs.

Intelligence Analysis

Foundations of Intelligence Analysis Training (FIAT) Program

The FIAT Program is intended for law enforcement and regulatory personnel who have not received formal or basic intelligence analysis training. The training offers an introduction to the history of intelligence analysis, and teaches intelligence as a process

(including the principles of critical thinking, creative thinking, and inference development). It also introduces participants to crime pattern analysis, association analysis, flow analysis, indicator development, products of intelligence, and reports and presentations.