

# Second Chance Act Technology-Based Career Training Program for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles

## Orientation (Fiscal Year 2015)

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# Bureau of Justice Assistance

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- ▶ **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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- Engages members of all three branches of state government
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# National Reentry Resource Center

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- ▶ Authorized by the passage of the Second Chance Act in April 2008 and launched by the Council of State Governments in October 2009
- ▶ NRRC staff have worked with nearly 600 SCA grantees, including 40 state corrections agencies.
- ▶ The NRRC provides individualized, intensive, and targeted technical assistance training and distance learning to support SCA grantees.



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**Federal Interagency Reentry Council**

"Reentry provides a major opportunity to reduce recidivism, save taxpayer dollars, and make our communities safer." — Attorney General Eric Holder of the The Federal Interagency Reentry Council.

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# FY15 Grantees

AZ	Arizona Board of Regents (Arizona State University)
MI	Michigan Department of Corrections
NY	Oneida County, NY
TN	Franklin County, TN



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# Purpose of the Grant Program

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Increase post-release employability  
of the incarcerated population

Facilitate successful reentry

# Grant Program Updates

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## ▶ **Extended Award Period**

- FY2014 = 12 months
- FY2015 = 36 months

## ▶ **Increased Pre-release Period**

- FY2014 = 6-18 months prior to release
- FY2015 = 6-24 months prior to release

## ▶ **Post-release Services**

- FY2014 = Maximum 6 months
- FY2015 = Maximum 12 months

## ▶ **Internet Access**

- FY2015 allows for less restrictions regarding internet access

## ▶ **Updated Priority Considerations**

- Employability/job readiness assessments
- Partnerships with educational institutions

# Grant Program Expectations

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- ▶ Target Population
  - ▶ Moderate to high risk of reoffending
  - ▶ 6-24 months prior to release
  - ▶ Adults or juveniles convicted/adjudicated and currently incarcerated

# Grant Program Expectations

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- ▶ Partnership with training entity
- ▶ Reentry plans and case management
- ▶ Internet access, as appropriate

# Grant Program Expectations

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- ▶ **Data Collection**
  - ▶ Tracking outcomes
  - ▶ Setting targets
  - ▶ Baseline recidivism rate & tracking recidivism

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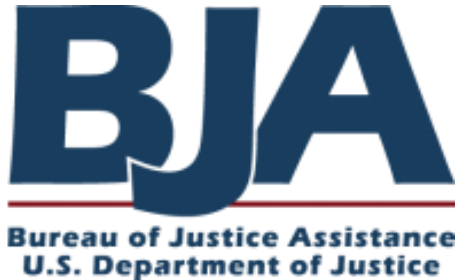
**Grantee Support**

**Questions and Answers**

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# Grantee Support

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- Funder
- State Policy Advisor
- Grant management (budget and scope adjustments)



- Contracted through BJA
- Performance measurement tool



- Contracted through BJA
- Training and technical assistance
- Programmatic support





# Grantee Support

Grantee	NRRC TA Provider	BJA State Policy Advisor
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Michigan Dept. of Corrections		Michael Bottner michael.bottner@usdoj.gov
Oneida County, NY		Ania Dorzanska ania.dorzanska@usdoj.gov

# Technical Assistance

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

# Technical Assistance

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Ongoing support responsive to the unique needs, strengths, and challenges of each grantee.

Monthly  
phone calls

Peer learning  
opportunities

Webinars

Expert  
trainings

Resource  
sharing

Site visits

# SCA Conference

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**December 16-18 | Washington D.C.**



**2015 SCA & JMHCP  
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December 14–18, 2015  
Marriott Wardman Park, Washington D.C.

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# Planning & Implementation Guide

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- ▶ Serves as a resource to help grantees:
  - ▶ Identify implementation goals and measurement objectives
  - ▶ Develop a comprehensive program that is oriented around evidence-based practices
  - ▶ Communicate progress with key stakeholders
  - ▶ Evaluate the program and think about sustainability
  - ▶ Develop a TA plan with NRRC Technical Assistance Lead
  - ▶ Comply with BJA's expectations for the grants

# Planning & Implementation Guide

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- ▶ The P&I Guide provides information about grant requirements and best-practices
- ▶ Each section of the Guide includes exercises for grantees to self-assess how program activities align with evidence-based practices and other recommendations as well as identify areas of success and challenges

# Planning & Implementation Guide

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## Section 1:

Getting Started &  
Setting Goals

## Section 2:

Defining or  
Refining Your Target  
Population

## Section 3:

Service Provision and  
Support

## Section 4:

Career Training and  
Employment  
Support

## Section 5:

Data Collection,  
Performance  
Measurement, and  
Reporting

## Section 6:

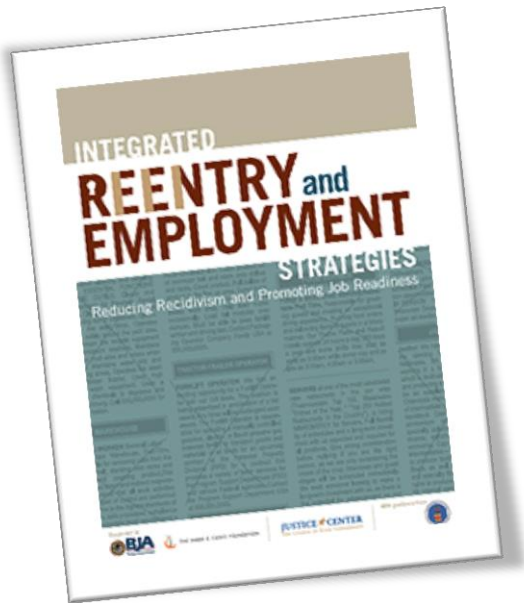
Sustainability

## Section 7:

Resources

# Planning & Implementation Guide

- ▶ **Appendix A:** The Resource-Allocation and Service-Matching Tool
  - ▶ Associated resource



## Integrated Reentry and Employment Strategies: Reducing Recidivism and Promoting Job Readiness

Report available at

<http://csgjusticecenter.org/reentry/the-reentry-and-employment-project/>



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## ▶ **Appendix B:** Programs Serving Juvenile Populations

### ▶ Associated resource



Report available at

<http://csgjusticecenter.org/youth/publications/juvenile-justice-white-paper/>

## Core Principles for Reducing Recidivism and Improving Other Outcomes for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System



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