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Bureau of Justice Assistance's
Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program
Rural Responses to the Opioid Epidemic Grant

Funding Announcement

SJI Partners with other Federal Agencies to Address the Opioid Epidemic in Rural Areas

The Rural Responses to the Opioid Epidemic Grant is designed to leverage the combined resources and expertise of the BJA, CDC, SJI, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and other federal partners to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with opioid overdoses among individuals who come in contact with law enforcement or are involved in the criminal justice system in high-risk rural communities and regions.

Applications should demonstrate an understanding of the dynamic nature of substance abuse. All proposed activities supported by this solicitation must exclusively target populations residing in rural communities or rural census tracts in urban or suburban counties.

Learn more about the Rural Responses to the Opioid Epidemic Grant and application process during the upcoming webinar, scheduled for June 26, 2019, at 2:30 p.m., ET. Register here: http://s.iir.com/Rural_Responses. Please submit questions in advance to COAP@iir.com no later than June 25, 2019. Emails should include the name and agency of the submitter, his or her email address, and the question(s).

The solicitation can be found at <http://s.iir.com/RRgrantform2019>. Applications are due on July 26, 2019.



NCJFCJ Launches National Resource Center for Military Families and the Courts

The NCJFCJ's [National Resource Center on Military-Connected Families and the Courts](#) is designed to be a resource for judicial officers and others working in courts with military-connected families in cases involving family violence, protection orders, divorce, child custody, child support, child abuse and neglect, and juvenile delinquency.

The NCJFCJ received funding for a grant from the [State Justice Institute](#) (SJI) to address issues for Military-Connected Families and the Courts through December 2019, and is expecting support and involvement from the [U.S. Department of Defense's Office on Military Community and Family Policy](#).

The primary focus for the resource center is on active duty military members and their families with cases in the juvenile and family court system. The state courts can also find a variety of points of services and information including:

1. [Register for upcoming trainings featuring military families](#)
View a list of upcoming NCJFCJ trainings featuring military families and many other topics.
2. [Request technical assistance](#)
Get answers to the question you have about how the courts are dealing with military families. If you would like to submit a technical assistance request, please email contactus@ncjfcj.org.
3. [Browse publications](#)
The NCJFCJ has an extensive library of mental health-related and veteran treatment court publications, guides, and summaries.

Resources regarding military veterans, National Guard, and Reserve members are not the focus of the center at this time, but may be included in the future. [Click here](#) to visit the Resource Center.



Nebraska Hosts National Summit on Pandemic Preparedness

Participants from the nation's state courts attended a [Summit on Pandemic Preparedness](#) at the [University of Nebraska Medical Center \(UNMC\)](#) May 22 – 24, 2019. The summit, hosted by Nebraska Chief Justice Michael Heavican, brought together chief justices and other court leaders, health officials, and members of the legislative and executive branches to discuss ways to address a pandemic outbreak.

Topics for the summit included legal issues that can emerge from a pandemic, such as quarantines. Small discussion groups were led through exercises designed to explore the problematic aspects of isolation and quarantine law, following presentations by the Center for Disease Control, medical researchers, and legal experts. Tours of the Nebraska Biocontainment Unit, National Quarantine Center, iExcel VizHub, and the Chihuly Sanctuary were included.

The goal of the summit is to ensure that all government agencies work together to effectively meet the needs of the public during a public health crisis. The [National Center for State Courts \(NCSC\)](#) is provided technical assistance, including experts in the field and the [State Justice Institute \(SJI\)](#) awarded grant funding for this critical summit.

- *Read/Listen* to NPR interview with Judge Leigh Ann Retelsdorf: [If a pandemic hits, Nebraska's courts plan to protect legal system.](#)
- *Read* the Omaha World Herald: [Doc quarantined in Omaha after Ebola exposure on experience, need to care for people facing disease.](#)
- *Read* Chief Justice Heavican's remarks: [Opening Remarks for the National Summit Omaha.](#)
- *Read* Court Order in Kaci Hickox case (Maine nurse who challenged Ebola quarantine): [Order of Charles LaVerdiere, Former Chief Judge of the Maine District Court: Maine HHS vs. Kaci Hickox.](#)



National Association *for* Court Management

NACM 2019 Annual Meeting

The [National Association for Court Management \(NACM\)](#) will hold its annual meeting July 21-25, 2019. The deadline to [register](#) for the not-to-be-missed event for court professionals is fast approaching on Friday, June 29, 2019. The meeting promises something for everyone regardless of stage in career or role within court management.

As with past years, select educational sessions will be livestreamed and archived. The [livestreaming schedule](#) and site is currently reviewable online, and allows you to integrate your calendar with reminders of upcoming events. Plenaries and workshops to be livestreamed include:

- Plenary Follow-Up: The “B” word for leaders: Balancing Strength and Style to Communicate Effectively;
- Update on the National Opioid Task Force;
- Mental Health: How Can Courts Respond?;
- Plenary on Cybersecurity and the Dark Web, led by Mark Lanterman and Plenary Follow Up: Son of a Breach: Don’t Be Another Fish in the Dark ‘Net.

Attendees and those who participate remotely can also access NACM’s Facebook Live Broadcasts, which will be impromptu sessions featuring NACM officers, members, and conference attendees. Be sure to like the [NACM Facebook page](#).

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