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## Grantee Spotlight: Supporting Shared Assessment Center Outcomes and Measures – National Assessment Center Association (NAC)



The Assessment Center Outcome and Reporting Network (ACORN) initiative was established to create a more consistent performance and outcome measures for Assessment Centers (AC) nationwide. The [National Assessment Center Association](#) (NAC) in collaboration with the [National Center for Juvenile Justice](#) (NCJJ) and Dr. Jeff Kretschmar, worked to support a cohort of six ACs (listed below) to assess data capacities and capabilities to identify opportunities to align AC performance and outcomes to the AC Framework. The development of more consistent performance and outcome measures allows us to assess AC impact on prevention, diversion, and early intervention and is a necessary step prior to broad scale... [Read more](#)

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## In the News

### The Rural Justice Collaborative Digest for October 2024

Funded by the [State Justice Institute](#), the [National Center for State Courts](#), in partnership with [Rulo Strategies LLC](#), launched the [Rural Justice Collaborative](#) (RJC) to showcase the strengths of rural communities and highlight the cross-sector collaboration that is a hallmark of rural justice systems. These strengths include strong professional networks, deep ties to the communities they serve, resiliency, and ingenuity. The Rural Justice Collaborative is guided by and an advisory council of rural practitioners representing the judiciary, public safety, behavioral health, public health, child welfare, victim services and

other stakeholder-focused justice systems. The advisory council guides the initiative and has focused initial efforts on advancing innovation, promoting collaboration... [Read more](#)

## Cross-Sector Collaboration to Address Substance Use Disorder in Dayton, Ohio

Funded by the [State Justice Institute](#), the [Institute for Intergovernmental Research](#) (IIR) led a site visit to Dayton, Ohio where three teams of justice practitioners, treatment providers, and representatives from the court and child-welfare systems from across the country experienced Dayton's cross-sector collaboration approach to addressing substance use disorder (SUD) in their community. This site visit came out of the report [Cross-Sector Collaboration Between Law Enforcement, Courts, Child Welfare, and Schools to Address the Impact of Substance Use](#) published in 2023 by SJI along with the [Bureau of Justice Assistance's](#) (BJA) [Comprehensive Opioid Stimulant and Substance Use Program](#) (COSSUP), that highlighted "eight key ingredients" to successful cross-sector collaboration across law enforcement, child welfare, courts, and schools. These eight keys were based on information gathered through a questionnaire and interviews... [Read more](#)

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## Announcements



October is [#NationalSubstanceUsePreventionMonth](#).

The [State Justice Institute](#) is proud to support **National**

**Substance Use Prevention Month**, funding and cross-collaborating in a significant amount of substance use, mental health and behavioral health projects. To learn further in depth about these programs and projects funded by SJI, please click [here](#).



October is [#DomesticViolenceAwarenessMonth](#). SJI is

joining our federal partner agencies in raising awareness of domestic violence (DV) throughout our nation. SJI promotes court-based solutions for the myriad of civil case types, such as domestic relations. SJI is committed to addressing domestic violence prevention, treatment and recovery for survivors. Read about these projects [here](#).



October is [#NationalCybersecurityAwarenessMonth](#).

Courts must also be prepared for cyberattacks on court systems, such as denial of service and ransomware attacks on court case management systems,



Upcoming Webinar! The [National Center for State Courts](#) will be

hosting: *Courts Navigating the Behavioral Health Continuum* on **October 24th, 2024, at 12:00PM EST**. Court Navigator Programs are gaining popularity in

websites, and other critical information technology infrastructure. SJI supports projects that assist courts in preparing for, and responding to, these attacks, and share lessons-learned to courts across the United States. Cybersecurity is everyone's responsibility. Stay secure, stay smart. Read about our cybersecurity projects [here](#).

jurisdictions across the country. These programs guide people through the legal process and are crucial in establishing connections to community-based behavioral health, social, and human services. Join this webinar to learn more about three jurisdictions using court navigators to assist court users. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

If you are interested in sharing court related news or announcements in the SJI newsletter, please send all content to [contact@sj.gov](mailto:contact@sj.gov) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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The next deadline to submit a grant application to SJI is **Nov 1, 2024**.

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