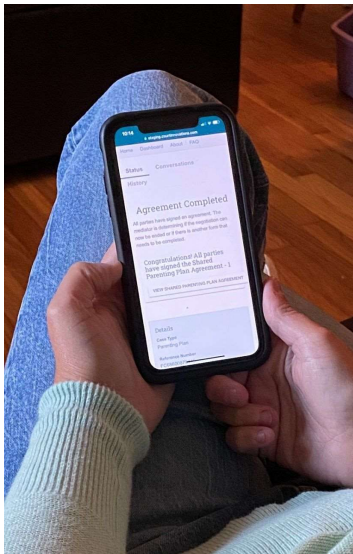




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Grantee Spotlight: Supreme Court of Ohio – Ohio ODR Pilot Program



The emergence of COVID-19 has had widespread effects throughout the court system and quarantine orders slowed operations. The Supreme Court of Ohio anticipated an influx of evictions and foreclosure filings in Ohio's trial courts, as well as a backlog of civil cases. Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor directed the Office of Court Services to convene stakeholders to analyze projected caseloads, create strategies for backlogs, and modernize court operations through technology. The [Evictions Report and Recommendations](#) and [Foreclosures and Civil Justice Report](#) were developed, both recommending the use of online dispute resolution (ODR). Subsequently, through a grant from the [State Justice Institute](#), ODR was expanded in Ohio... [Read more](#)

In the News

Court Voices Project: New Report

With support from [State Justice Institute](#), [LaGratta Consulting, LLC](#), in collaboration with [Rulo Strategies, LLC](#) and the [Center for Behavioral Health and Justice at the Wayne State University School of Social Work](#) is assisting twelve pilot criminal courts by collecting and analyzing court user and court staff feedback to assess the value of COVID-19 pandemic-response practices. Through coordination and lesson-mining of these pilot sites, and the creation of web-based practitioner tools, the project is offering guidance to state courts on how court users and staff have experienced new practices, bringing valuable insights into court leaders' decision-making process. This new [publication](#) documents user feedback in the pilot sites.

Master Jury Lists Report

The master jury list is the first step in the complex process of assembling a pool of prospective jurors. To ensure that the process is efficient and that the resulting jury pool reflects the demographic composition of the community, the master jury list should be broadly inclusive of the adult population, geographically and demographically representative, and contain accurate address records. With funding from SJI, the [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC) [Center for Jury Studies](#) examined juror source lists and master jury lists in three states. The [final report](#) highlights the implications of using poor quality juror source lists and failing to identify duplicate records during process of merging multiple lists, which resulted in substantially over-inclusive source lists and master jury lists in all three states... [Read more](#)

New Resource on Diminished Decision-Making Capacity and Elder Justice

The U.S. Department of Justice, Elder Justice Initiative (EJI) has announced a new suite of resources addressing issues involving diminished decision-making capacity and its impact on elder justice. These resources have a particular focus on elder justice cases that reach civil and criminal courts, but they are useful for all elder justice professionals and extend beyond the court setting... [Read More](#)

National Guidelines for Post-Conviction Risk Needs Assessment

DOJ, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has announced a [new resource](#) for policymakers, practitioners, researchers, and agency administrators to help them make better decisions that support people's success following a conviction. Developed by BJA and The [Council of State Governments Justice Center](#) as a project of the Public Safety Risk Assessment Clearinghouse, the [guidelines](#) promote fairness, accuracy, and transparency.

Announcements



Announcing the Launch of the Reaching Rural Initiative! On behalf of [The United States](#)

[Department of Justice](#), [OJP Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA); the [Centers For Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC); the [State Justice Institute](#) (SJI); the [National Association of Counties](#) and the [Institute for Intergovernmental Research](#), we are excited to share with you a new initiative, Reaching Rural: Advancing Collaborative Solutions. BJA, CDC, and SJI are

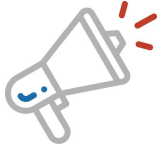


Rural Peer Exchange Site Visit Opportunity: Justice Partnerships to Address Substance

Use. The Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR), a training and technical assistance (TTA) provider for the Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) [Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program \(COSSAP\)](#), is pleased to announce a peer exchange opportunity for rural communities on **October 19–20, 2022** (with

supporting this initiative as part of an ongoing interagency partnership to strengthen public safety and public health... [Read more](#)

additional travel days required depending on your home location). Up to six rural communities will be selected to receive travel scholarships through SJJ to participate... [Read more](#)



Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) has awarded \$12 million to 33 projects addressing substance use disorder in Appalachia. The Investments Supporting Partnerships In Recovery Ecosystems (INSPIRE) Initiative [addresses the substance use disorder crisis](#) across Appalachia by creating or expanding a recovery ecosystem that will lead to workforce entry or re-entry. These INSPIRE awardees will support... [Read more](#)



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