

**Smart Responses in Tough Times:
Achieving Better Outcomes for People with Mental Illnesses Involved in the Criminal Justice
System**

BJA National Technical Assistance and Training Event

July 15 -17, 2009

Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington D.C.

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DAY ONE (Evening Session)

4:00 – 4:45pm

Registration

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Opening Session

- Keynote speakers (confirmed):
 - **Peter Earley**, former journalist for *The Washington Post*, author of memoir entitled *Crazy: A Fathers Search Through America's Mental Health Madness* (2006)
 - **Judge Steven Leifman**, Special Advisor on Criminal Justice and Mental Health, Supreme Court of Florida
- Networking reception

DAY TWO

7:30 – 8:30

Registration, breakfast

8:30 – 9:30

Welcome and Introductions

- Goals of the event
- Introduction of Federal Agency partners
- Introduction of participating organization
- Speakers (confirmed)
 - **Jim Burch**, Acting Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice
 - **Kathryn Power**, Director, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
 - **Morris Thigpen**, Director, National Institute of Corrections
 - **Dr. Westley Clark**, Director, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
 - **Jeff Slowikowski**, Acting Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

9:30 – 10:15

Plenary #1: Why Are We Here?

- This plenary session will highlight the importance of collaboration among different agencies and systems, and the significance of addressing mental illness and the criminal justice system even in times of highly constrained budgets. State leaders will speak about how their criminal justice and mental health systems have collaborated, why they felt it was imperative to do so, and how their state has benefited.

10:15 – 11:00

Plenary #2: Who Do We Serve?

- This plenary session will focus on strategies for identifying an appropriate group of people to target for a collaborative criminal justice/mental health intervention. Presenters will discuss not only how to identify the right target population for a particular jurisdiction, but also why this is important, and how it can help to make each jurisdiction's programs more successful and sustainable.
- Plenary will be followed by breakout sessions (below) on topics related to the plenary discussion. Attendees will participate in discussions with experts, practitioners, grantees and federal agency representatives.

11:00 – 11:15

Break

11:15 – 12:30

Concurrent Roundtable/Panel Discussions: Target Populations

- Using Data to Identify a Target Population
- Screening and Assessment
- Working with Juveniles and Youth
- Working with Veterans
- Cultural Sensitivity in Diverse Communities
- Targeting Populations with Co-Occurring Disorders
- Targeting Programs Towards Criminogenic Risk and Functional Impairment
- Addressing Homeless Populations

12:30 – 1:45

Lunch

Directors Roundtable: Directors of state criminal justice and mental health agencies will discuss strategies for addressing the challenges to collaboration between systems.

1:45 – 2:15

Plenary #3: What Do We Do?

- This session will outline the strategies and goals of developing criminal justice/mental health initiatives according to the sequential intercept

model, from law enforcement interventions to court-based programs to corrections and community corrections programs.

- Plenary session will be followed by breakout sessions, which will be repeated twice, so that jurisdictions may learn about as many program options as possible. As before, these breakout sessions (below) will allow attendees to participate in discussions with experts, practitioners, grantees and federal agency representatives.

2:15 – 3:30

Concurrent Roundtable/Panel Discussions: Program Design Issues

- Program Design Elements and Evidence-Based Practices: Courts
- Program Design Elements and Evidence-Based Practices: Corrections
- Program Design Elements and Evidence-Based Practices: Law Enforcement
- Integrating Families, Consumers and Advocates into Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation
- Pre-Trial Diversion Standards
- Evidence-Based Interventions for Juveniles
- Addressing HIPAA and Information Sharing Challenges
- Understanding Evidence-Based Approaches to Trauma-Informed Care
- Integrating Employment Strategies into Criminal Justice Programs

3:30 – 3:45

Break

3:45 – 5:15

Concurrent Roundtable/Panel Discussions: Program Design Issues

Evening:

Evening Event

DAY THREE

8:15 – 9:-15

Breakfast with the Bureau of Justice Assistance:

In this session, attendees can ask BJA representatives questions about JMHCP grants, performance measures and the grant-making and receiving process. In addition, participants will learn about brand-new Justice Center resources aimed at helping jurisdictions to learn about, design and implement programs that address the needs of this population.

9:15 – 10:00	<p>Plenary #4: Measuring the Impact of New Programs and Understanding What the Data Says; Using Data to Ensure Program Sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This plenary session will highlight the importance of data collection and analysis for all initiatives, and discuss strategies for making the most out of limited data collection resources. The plenary will discuss the connection between data collection and sustainability, particularly in times of significant budget constraints. Panelists will discuss how good data can assist programs both in securing future funding and in demonstrating the importance of these programs to the general public. • Plenary will be followed by breakout sessions focused on understanding and using existing research on program effectiveness as well as strategies to improve data collection and secure funding to support sustainable programs. Attendees will be able to participate in discussions with experts, practitioners, grantees and federal agency representatives.
10:10 – 11:25	<p>Concurrent Roundtables/Panel Discussions: Documenting Impact and Ensuring Sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on Law Enforcement Strategies: What Do We Know and How to Use It • Research on Court-Based Strategies: Collecting and Using Data on Mental Health Courts and Other Court Programs. • Research on Community Corrections Strategies: What Do We Know and How to Use It • JMHCP data learning sites Roundtable • Strategies for Securing Funding for Sustainability • Working the Press: explaining data, presenting stories • Leveraging Support from County and State Funding Sources • Data Collection for Juvenile-focused Programs
11:30 – 12:15	<p>National Institute of Corrections: Current Criminal Justice and Mental Health Projects</p>
12:15 – 1:00	<p>Closing Remarks</p>
1:00 – 3:00	<p>2008 JMHCP Grantees meet with consultants and Justice Center staff (through lunch)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In this two-hour long session, 2008 grantees will meet in groups with Justice Center and BJA staff and consultants.

3:00 – 3:15

Closing remarks to grantees

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