

# PSN TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

*Monthly Newsletter*



Thank you for following our monthly Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Bulletin. Beginning this issue, we have revitalized the format of this bulletin to enhance our information sharing efforts with you! We hope you enjoy this newsletter and these improvements.

The monthly bulletin highlights TTA and resources provided to PSN taskforces and local law enforcement agencies. TTA requests can be made online [here](#). If you have questions regarding TTA, please contact your regional TTA liaison or the TTA team at [psnttateam@psntta.org](mailto:psnttateam@psntta.org).

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## ASSESSMENT ON VICTIM SERVICES

*By: Valarie Schmitt and Hildy Saizow, PSN Victim Services TTA Team Members*

A key component of any violence reduction strategies to addressing violent crime is ensuring victims have access to timely, responsive, high-quality victim services. The goals and objectives of this assessment are to:

- Detail the current state of victim services in the PSN district
- Highlight strengths and opportunities for growth
- Identify critical victim service needs
- Provide actionable recommendations for the site to enhance capacity to effectively respond to victims of violent crime

The assessment may focus on a topic within victim services, such as domestic violence, or may offer general recommendations on improving the victim services capacity in your community.

[Click here](#) to learn more about this assessment.





## BJA OPPORTUNITY SPOTLIGHT: INNOVATIONS IN SUPERVISION

By: BJA

BJA and the Corrections and Community Engagement Technical Assistance Center (CCETAC) are sponsoring a Quick Chat Opportunity on *Innovations in Supervision: Adapting Operations to Keep Communities Safe*. Quick chats are 90-minute facilitated conversations with guest speakers and the participating audience on topics of relevance. The guest speakers respond to series of guiding questions posed by a facilitator and participants have an opportunity to listen and share their experiences and/or ask questions of the speakers. The objectives of this chat are to:

- How the pandemic has created challenges or opportunities for community supervision and novel ways of responding.
- Experiences with practices such as virtual supervision meetings, court hearings, or other client or team engagement during the pandemic.
- Lessons learned or new practices to consider continuing even after the pandemic subsides.

Guest speakers include:

- Honorable **Scott U. Schlegel**, 24th District Court Judge, Division "D", Gretna, LA
- **Bethany LaPierre**, Chief Probation Officer II, State of Connecticut Judicial Branch-Court Support
- **Brian Battista**, Chief Probation Officer II, State of Connecticut Judicial Branch-Court Support

The event will be held on **February 26, 2021, from 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. EST**. [Click here](#) to register for this event.

## WEBINARS ON GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### JustGrants Training Series

Series dates: February 11-  
March 22, 2021

[Registration link \(click\)](#)

**Funding Opportunities for  
Your Community in 2021: An  
Overview of What's Ahead**

**Recorded: January 14, 2021,**

[View recording \(click\)](#)

**The Funding Process: First  
Steps to Applying, How to  
Prepare Now, and Other  
Considerations**

**Recorded: January 21, 2021,**

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## TTA SPOTLIGHT: PROSECUTION ASSESSMENT

By: Ben Carlton, CNA PSN TTA Team

A local county prosecutor's office within a PSN district recently participated in a *Prosecution Assessment* offered by the PSN TTA program. The goals and objectives of this assessment are to:

- Assess capacity to prosecute violent crime using federal and state law.
- Identify strengths, gaps, and enhancements needed in violent crime prosecutions.
- Identify local and national resources to improve successful prosecution results.

The office's motivation for participating in the assessment was to ensure that it was implementing best practices as it relates to the prosecution of violent crime cases. Subject matter experts John Skinner and Beth McGarry conducted this assessment virtually and the prosecutor's office plans to use the findings and recommendations from the assessment report in its annual review process.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Prosecution Assessment, and reach out to the PSN TTA team if your office is interested in participating in an assessment.

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