

Community Profile: Background Interview Questions

Instructions: The following information is requested to assist the OJP Diagnostic Center in understanding the criminal justice issue of concern to your community. The Diagnostic Center will also use this information as it considers your application for training and technical assistance. Responses to these questions can be provided via email at contact@OJPDiagnosticsCenter.org.

OJP Diagnostic Center Confidentiality Policy: The OJP Diagnostic Center considers all information provided to the Center by the requesting state, local or tribal community or organization to be confidential in nature, including any materials, interview responses and recommendations made in connection with the assistance provided through the Center. Information provided to OJP is presented in an aggregated, non-attributed form, and will not be discussed or disclosed to anyone not authorized to be privy to such information without the consent of the state, local or tribal requesting executive, subject to applicable laws.

Primary and Secondary Contact Information for Community

1. Requesting Executive (name, title):
Requesting Executive (phone):
Requesting Executive (email):
Requesting Executive Contact Time Preferences:
If applicable, Executive Assistant (name, phone, email):

2. Secondary Point of Contact (name, title):
Secondary POC (phone):
Secondary POC (email):
Secondary POC Contact Time Preferences:

Background on Community's Issue of Concern

- 3a. Which area best describes your primary issue of concern (*multiple answers can be selected*)?
 - a. Corrections
 - b. Courts
 - c. Crime Prevention
 - d. Drugs
 - e. Justice Systems
 - f. Juvenile Justice
 - g. Law Enforcement
 - h. Victims of Crime
 - i. Other: Please Describe _____

- 3b. More specifically, which area best describes the type of crime that your community is encountering (*multiple answers can be selected*)?
 - a. Drug Crime (e.g., drug-related crime, manufacturing, possession, trafficking)
 - b. Gangs, Hate Crimes, or Organized Crime
 - c. Property Crime (e.g., arson, burglary, cybercrime, fraud, theft, white collar crime)
 - d. Public Order Offenses (e.g., alcohol-related, antitrust, prostitution)
 - e. Trafficking in Persons
 - f. Violent Crime (e.g., assault, carjacking, gun violence, homicide, domestic violence)
 - g. Other: _____

4. Please describe the criminal justice or public safety issue selected above in questions 3a-b.
5. Please describe the scope of the issue. How long has it been a problem for the community? Is it increasing? (If quantitative data is available, please refer us to a source.)
6. To your best understanding, what is causing the problem (e.g., shortage of law enforcement officers, lack of after school programs)?

Previous Strategies or Interventions Already Undertaken

7. What strategies or programs, if any, has the community taken to mitigate the problem?
8. What challenges did the community experience in implementing these strategies or programs? What was the result?
9. Has any strategy you've employed been particularly well received, or poorly received, by the community (e.g., target audiences, general population)?
10. If applicable, what data has been collected or analyzed on the issue? Are there local academic institutions or government agencies that may have data on the issue?

Relevant Stakeholders and Vision for Success

11. Who are the key stakeholders in your community who have already, or should, play a role in implementing strategies or programs to address the issue (e.g., faith-based, educational, criminal justice, youth organizations, state or local governmental agencies)?
12. What are your short-term goals (less than 180 days) for the Diagnostic Center to achieve?
13. What are your long-term goals (more than six months) for the Diagnostic Center to achieve?
14. What indicators do you believe would best demonstrate progress towards your goals?

Thank you for taking time to discuss with us the criminal justice issues that are of utmost importance to your community. OJP Diagnostic Center staff will contact you shortly to discuss in more detail the issue of concern to you and your community. In collaboration with you or your designated representative, the Diagnostic Center will recommend next steps for provision of training and technical assistance based on resources available through the U.S. Department of Justice.

For additional questions, contact the OJP Diagnostic Center via email at contact@OJPDiagnosticsCenter.org or via phone at 1-855-OJP-0411 (1-855-657-0411). To learn more about the Diagnostic Center or to access resources on implementing evidence-based programs, visit our website at www.OJPDiagnosticsCenter.org.

