

National Initiative for Building Community TRUST & JUSTICE

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What is the National Initiative?

The National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice (National Initiative) is a multi-faceted approach to rebuilding community trust in the justice system. Designed to strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve, the National Initiative focuses on providing communities and law enforcement agencies with assistance in the following three areas:

Key Concepts

- **Procedural Justice.** Law enforcement interactions with the public influence crime rates, and shape their views of the police and willingness to obey the law.
- **Implicit Bias.** Largely subconscious psychological processes can impact authorities' actions and potentially lead to racially disparate outcomes, even where racism is not present.
- **Racial Reconciliation.** Candid conversation between communities of color and law enforcement allow them to address historic tensions, grievances and misconceptions between them to establish understanding and reset relationships.

If your community is seeking technical assistance on implementing these key concepts, contact the OJP Diagnostic Center.



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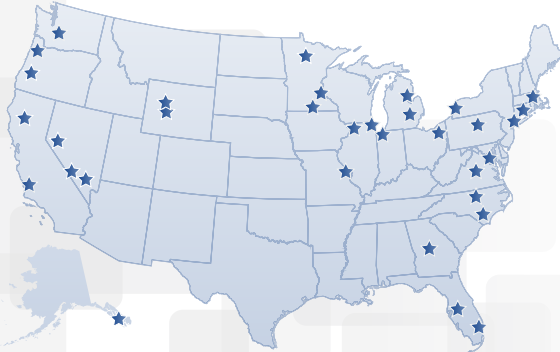


What is the Diagnostic Center?

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP) launched the Diagnostic Center in spring 2012 to serve as a technical assistance resource for state, local and tribal policymakers seeking to implement data-driven strategies to combat crime and improve public safety in their communities. The defining characteristic of the Diagnostic Center is its approach to helping state and local leaders use local data to apply what works in justice reform in their communities. This process ensures limited local resources are invested wisely, federal assets are leveraged where they are needed most and communities reap better public safety outcomes.

In addition to our work with the National Initiative, the Diagnostic Center provides technical assistance to communities nationwide in the following focus areas:

- Corrections
- Courts and Justice Systems
- Law Enforcement
- Drugs and Substance Abuse
- Crime Prevention
- Tribal Justice
- Victim Advocacy
- Youth Advocacy



REQUESTING ASSISTANCE

In addition to our work with the National Initiative, the Diagnostic Center provides technical assistance to communities nationwide. Is your community experiencing persistent criminal justice, juvenile justice and/or victims services issues? Contact the Diagnostic Center to discuss how our technical assistance services can help to address your community's needs.

The Diagnostic Center also accepts referrals from other DOJ components, industry experts and OJP partners and providers. If a community that you work with would benefit from Diagnostic Center support, please reach out to us with a referral today!



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Why the Diagnostic Center?

Our Approach. The Diagnostic Center provides communities with justice solutions using a three-phased process – Diagnose, Implement and Assess – to identify the factors contributing to the community concern and map them to evidence-based programs and practices that have demonstrated success resolving the public safety issue.

Coordinated Response. The Diagnostic Center identifies and coordinates resources across OJP, DOJ and the justice community to maximize the technical assistance provided to each community.

Capacity-Building. The Diagnostic Center works with states, cities, counties and tribal communities to build communities capacity to act independently and use data to make future decisions about justice solutions.



Since our work with the Diagnostic Center, I have noticed that people are more comfortable in really looking at what our challenges are and having someone help with those challenges. They have become more confident in our ability to really solve the problems that are really confronting our community.

– City of Gary, Indiana Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson

