



The Department of Justice (DOJ) Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a nationwide initiative that brings together federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement officials, prosecutors, and community leaders to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in a community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them.

PSN is now supported by enhanced training and technical assistance (TTA) resources from leading national organizations—Michigan State University (MSU), the CNA Institute for Public Research (CNA), and the National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC). TTA assists PSN task forces, local and state law enforcement, criminal justice agencies, and communities with planning, implementing, and assessing their violence reduction PSN strategies.

**WAYS TO RECEIVE TTA**

- | On-site Training
- | Customized Assistance or Assessments
- | Virtual Learning or Consultation
- | Informational Resources
- | Peer-to-Peer Interactions
- | Website and Web Exchanges

TTA can be provided in a variety of different formats. PSN sites also have access to national training and networking opportunities.

## AVAILABLE PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PSN TTA PROVIDERS

### LEADERSHIP



- Understanding the role of law enforcement and prosecutors in a PSN initiative
- Coordinating and de-conflicting local and federal initiatives
- Developing strategic action plans, performance metrics, and proposal writing

### PARTNERSHIPS



- Developing a PSN task force, committees/ teams, and subcommittees based on PSN foundations and the five design features
- Building local, state, tribal, and federal PSN partnerships
- Understanding and enhancing your internal capacities (staffing, expertise, resources) for implementing collaborative PSN approaches
- Collaborating with police and prosecutors
- Finding and working with a research partner
- Developing a crime victim assistance program for victims of violent crime

### PREVENTION



- Establishing effective public messaging and community engagement campaigns
- Implementing crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) strategies

### ACCOUNTABILITY



- Gathering, analyzing, and reporting performance metrics
- Assessing and evaluating PSN efforts

### TARGETED AND PRIORITIZED ENFORCEMENT



- Analyzing violent crime problems and issues using analytic tools
- Implementing offender-based and focused deterrence strategies (e.g., developing, maintaining, and validating top offender lists; conducting offender notification meetings, custom notifications, and call-ins; collaborating with probation and parole; developing messaging strategies)
- Targeting place-based areas of violence
- Using the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) and Crime Gun Intelligence Centers (CGICs)
- Prioritizing, reviewing, and federalizing gun cases
- Training on Characteristics of an Armed Offender
- Establishing gun case review process/Gunstat
- Mitigating retaliatory violence and witness intimidation
- Developing responses to victims of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, homicide stalking, and human trafficking
- Assessing victim services provided
- Understanding victimization and trauma essentials and best practices
- Implementing trauma-informed enforcement responses to victims of crime

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### **MSU – Strategic Problem Solving and Site Coordination**

MSU's School of Criminal Justice conducts cutting-edge research to understand some of the most challenging problems posed by crime and emerging risks – firearms violence, cybercrime, environmental crime, product counterfeiting, terrorism, gender-based violence, and youth violence – and then engages with policy makers and practitioners to advance justice.

MSU will provide PSN sites TTA focused on strategic problem solving and site coordination. Essentially, this involves working with PSN teams to customize the PSN program to local needs. TTA examples include training or expert guidance on problem-solving approaches whereby PSN sites analyze the violent crime problem, identify the factors driving violence in target area(s), identify evidence-based and evidence-informed violence reduction strategies, and effectively implement those strategies. TTA may also include attending BJA's Violent Crime Reduction Workshop or Innovations Suite Researcher-Practitioner Fellows Academy.



### **CNA – Law Enforcement and Prosecution Strategies**

CNA applies research, analysis, and technical assistance to solve complex problems in the public and government sectors. Through methodologically sound scientific research grounded in field operations analysis and assistance—and through close connections with justice agency management and operations—CNA helps local, state, and federal organizations achieve practical results that save lives, promote justice, and improve trust and accountability in justice system operations.

CNA, in partnership with Major Cities Chiefs Association and the National District Attorneys Association, will provide specialized TTA to PSN sites around law enforcement and prosecution strategies in support of local PSN project goals.

TTA examples include hands on assistance with developing focused deterrence approaches and most chronic offender lists, facilitated meetings or relationship building sessions between law enforcement and prosecution stakeholders, in person or virtual training on developing, sustaining, and assessing collaborations, in person or virtual training on data and resources required for gun case reviews or Gunstat, and information resources and tips sheets on strengthening gun investigations or establishing community prevention programs.



### **NCVC – Victim Services Assistance**

NCVC is a nonprofit organization that advocates for victims' rights, trains professionals who work with victims, and serves as a trusted source of information on victims' issues. After more than 25 years, it remains the most comprehensive national resource committed to advancing victims' rights and helping victims of crime rebuild their lives.

PSN efforts have recently prioritized victims' and their families' needs and experiences, which is essential to reducing violent crime. NCVC leads this effort by serving as a voice for victims and providing task forces with victim services TTA. TTA examples include assessments of victim services provided by law enforcement and its PSN partners, subject matter expert guidance with developing crime victim assistance programs for victims of violent crime, and in-person or remote training on understanding vicarious trauma for law enforcement and first responders or understanding trauma resulting from sexual assault, provision of victim/witness protection TTA, domestic violence, stalking, and human trafficking.

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