We are a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that combines the power of a membership association, serving state officials in all three branches of government, with policy and research expertise to develop strategies that increase public safety and strengthen communities.

How We Work
• We bring people together.
• We drive the criminal justice field forward with original research.
• We build momentum for policy change.
• We provide expert assistance.

Our Goals
• Break the cycle of incarceration.
• Advance health, opportunity, and equity.
• Use data to improve safety and justice.
The CSG Justice Center assists state and local jurisdictions on a wide range of public safety topics.

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This presentation focuses on three projects.

Justice Reinvestment is a data-driven approach to improve public safety, reduce corrections and related criminal justice spending, and reinvest savings in strategies that can decrease crime and reduce recidivism. Justice Reinvestment focuses on adults in the criminal justice system.

Stepping Up is a national initiative calling on counties across the country to reduce the prevalence of people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance addictions being held in county jails.

Justice Counts is an unprecedented coalition of state and local leaders working to make criminal justice data more accessible and useful with common metrics implemented across all 50 states.
What is the Justice Reinvestment Initiative?

A data-driven approach to improve public safety, reduce corrections and related criminal justice spending, and reinvest savings in strategies that can decrease crime and reduce recidivism.

The Justice Reinvestment Initiative is funded principally by the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) with additional funding from The Pew Charitable Trusts.

Technical assistance for states participating in the Justice Reinvestment Initiative is provided by the CSG Justice Center and Community Resources for Justice’s Crime and Justice Institute.

https://csgjusticecenter.org/projects/justice-reinvestment/
The CSG Justice Center has worked in 33 states on a Justice Reinvestment process.

- Strengthening responses to supervision violations and the use of evidence-based practices
- Concentrating supervision resources on individuals at the highest risk to reoffend
- Identifying effective ways to use funding to improve community supervision
- Strengthening gender-responsive approaches to supervision
- Improving community services for people with complex behavioral health needs

States That Have Used a Justice Reinvestment Approach with Assistance from The Council of State Governments Justice Center*

- 26 PAST STATES
- 6 CURRENT STATES
- 1 LIMITED ENGAGEMENT

*40 states have pursued a Justice Reinvestment (JR) approach with technical assistance from the CSG Justice Center, The Pew Charitable Trusts, the Crime and Justice Institute, or the Vera Institute of Justice.

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JRI in Iowa examines the public safety effects of changes in supervision practices over the past two years.

**Practice Changes**
- Increased use of telehealth
- Increased use of technology
  - Virtual contacts with clients
  - Virtual programming
  - Virtual court hearings
- Decreased rates of drug testing
- Exhausing community resources before recommending revocation
- Expanding review of recommendations for revocation

**Project Goals**
- Quantify the impact on public safety of keeping clients in the community.
- Estimate the impact of reducing revocations on community supervision operations.
- Identify additional resources and recommendations to enhance officers’ ability to successfully supervise individuals in the community.

JRI in Minnesota reforms funding mechanisms and community corrections practices for its three supervision systems.

Minnesota Counties by Probation Delivery System and Judicial District, 2021

Judges in 7 of 10 judicial districts encounter two or three supervision systems.

JRI in Kansas has covered multiple topics including sentencing trends.

The grid cell for 8 sentences in FY2015 and 12 sentences in FY2019 could not be determined due to missing severity level or criminal history information.

Stepping Up is a national initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.

#StepUp4MentalHealth
www.StepUpTogether.org
Stepping Up promotes four key measures and policies that affect them.

1. **Bookings for Serious Mental Illness (SMI)**
   - LE-MH Collaborations
   - CIT training
   - Co-responders
   - Crisis diversion
   - Reduce policing of quality-of-life offenses

2. **Length of Stay**
   - Pretrial risk screening, release, supervision, and diversion
   - Improve process for competency proceedings

3. **Connections to Care**
   - Expand community treatment and housing
   - Leverage Medicaid and federal, state, and local resources

4. **Recidivism**
   - Apply Risk-Need-Responsivity and the Behavioral Health Framework
   - Ongoing program evaluation

https://stepuptogether.org/#/
Stepping Up enlists county leaders to join this national initiative.

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Five states—including Kansas and Ohio in the Midwest—have invested in statewide technical assistance with support from the CSG Justice Center.

https://stepuptogether.org/#/
Stepping Up is one example of how the CSG Justice Center sits at the intersection of justice and behavioral health.

### Recent Resources

| • Increase Housing Options for People Leaving Prisons and Jails | • Improving Case Processing and Outcomes for People with Behavioral Health Needs
| • The Action Points Framework: Four Key Steps to Expanding Housing Opportunities | • Interdisciplinary Curriculum—Developing a Mental Health Court
| • Building a Comprehensive and Coordinated Crisis System | • Taking the Call: A National Conference Exploring Innovative Community Responder Models
| | • Just and Well: Rethinking How States Approach Competency to Stand Trial
| | • Using Collaborative Case Processing to Help People with Behavioral Health Needs

[https://csgjusticecenter.org/#mental-health](https://csgjusticecenter.org/#mental-health)
Justice Counts aims to make criminal justice data more accessible and usable for decision-makers by...

- Scanning for existing data sources and gaps
- Developing consensus-driven metrics
- Building tools and resources for states and localities
- Providing technical assistance to help leaders take action!
Justice Counts is co-led by BJA and the CSG Justice Center and includes 21 national partners.
The Justice Counts Tier 1 Metrics cover key dynamics and policy goals across 7 sectors of the criminal justice system.

**Criminal Justice System Sectors:**
- Law Enforcement
- Prosecution
- Defense
- Courts & Pretrial Operations
- Jails
- Prisons
- Community Supervision

**Metrics Categories:**
- Capacity & Costs
- Population Movements
- Operations & Dynamics
- Public Safety
- Equity
- Fairness

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Justice Counts will provide technical assistance to help states adopt the metrics and display information via state- and national-level dashboards.

**Independent State/Agency Adoptions**
Leverage resources available on the Justice Counts website to assess readiness to share data, build interest, and begin reporting Justice Counts metrics.

**Founding States Program**
Receive short-term, intensive technical assistance to gain early access to the digital infrastructure and implement Justice Counts metrics across the criminal justice system.

**Implementation Grant Program**
Apply for grants and tailored support for agency recruitment and implementation, plus assistance in using the digital infrastructure.

https://justicecounts.csgjusticecenter.org
The CSG Justice Center has a lot going on in the Midwestern Legislative Conference states.

**Highlights**

- 83 projects and grantees
- 219 Stepping Up counties and 2 statewide technical assistance centers
- 8 current or former JR initiatives
- Victim compensation and restitution work in Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska
- Improving victim engagement with parole in Nebraska
- Probation workload study and Improving Outcomes for Youth in Michigan
- Wichita Police Department technical assistance