



Collaborating to Improve Justice System Outcomes

The mission of the American University Justice Programs Office (AU-JPO) is to apply research and evaluation to promote best practices in policy development and justice administration at all levels of government.

To carry out this mission, AU-JPO actively engages local, state, federal, tribal and international policymakers, criminal justice stakeholders, and communities through training, technical assistance, information dissemination and research.

AU-JPO is part of the American University School of Public Affairs, which is home to leading scholars in public policy, public administration, criminology, law and society, organizational development, political science, and other complex fields.

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Academic Research Independence Combined with Practitioner Expertise

AU-JPO provides research, technical assistance, training, program evaluation and capacity building services to jurisdictions, organizations and government agencies throughout the United States and internationally. Our projects address justice system issues related to policy, program effectiveness, communications and operations.

Improving Outcomes for Individuals and their Communities.

All the projects at AU-JPO focus on improving both fairness and efficacy in justice responses.

With a core professional staff, a large cadre of senior practitioner experts, and the resources and integrity of a research university, AU-JPO is uniquely positioned to provide the high quality research, evaluation, technical assistance, training and analysis needed to ensure the systems we rely on for justice are fair, effective and driven by data.

Leveraging Resources to Best Serve Our Clients

AU-JPO maintains a portfolio of multi-year projects, as well as smaller, short-term engagements, where our expertise can be of significant benefit. Recognizing the value of collaboration, AU-JPO often partners with other organizations in order to provide the most comprehensive services to our clients.

2016 Selected Projects

Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court Technical Assistance Project.

Provide onsite and remote technical assistance to all Bureau of Justice Assistance Grantees and, upon request, to other jurisdictions. This includes site visits, conference calls, analytical reports, webinars and other internet-based resources.

Right to Counsel National Initiative.

Coordinate Bureau of Justice Assistance-sponsored national campaign to inform and engage policymakers, criminal justice stakeholders and the community on the importance of meaningfully carrying out the Sixth Amendment Right to Counsel.



National Initiative: Reaching State Criminal Justice Policymakers.

Provide state policymakers information on data-driven strategies, conduct focus groups on key issues and enhance the capacity of State Administrative Agencies.

Review of Magistrate Court Process in Nashville, Tennessee.

Identify and improve the efficiency of the various processes by which criminal and noncriminal matters come before magistrates.

Areas of Expertise

- Improving system responses to illegal drug use
- Evaluating programs and justice systems
- Incorporating evidence-based practices into various areas of the justice system
- Combining practitioner knowledge and academic scholarship to find solutions to challenging, interdisciplinary issues

Contact Us

We are happy to discuss how AU-JPO might be able to assist you and your community.



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