

How to Apply for WA-PCJJ Technical Assistance

- Organizations wishing to request technical assistance and/or training funds from the WA-PCJJ should first carefully review the JJDP Act core requirements and WA-PCJJ identified priority areas listed in this brochure. The WA-PCJJ will consider all requests that support the core requirements of the JJDP Act and/or the identified WA-PCJJ priority areas.
- Contact the Office of Juvenile Justice staff (360-902-7526) to discuss your request.
- Complete a Technical Assistance Request form online at www.dshs.wa.gov/ojj
- Technical Assistance Request forms should be submitted to the WA-PCJJ at least 75 days prior to the desired training or technical assistance start date.

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WA-PCJJ

Technical Assistance and Training

Our Mission:

Promote partnerships and innovations that improve outcomes for juvenile offenders and their victims; build family and community capacity to prevent delinquency; and provide analysis and expertise to state and local policymakers.

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Technical Assistance and Training Available

The Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice (WA-PCJJ) considers technical assistance and training requests from around the state to assist communities in addressing specific issues regarding juvenile justice.

WA-PCJJ will consider Technical Assistance Request that address the Core Requirements of the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act and/or the WA-PCJJ identified priorities and focus areas.

Federal Core Requirements:

- **Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO)** - Remove non-offending youth (such as a dependent or neglected child) and status offenders (such as a runaway or truant) from locked facilities.
- **Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)** - Address juvenile delinquency prevention and system improvement efforts designed to reduce the disproportionate number of juvenile members of minority groups who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.
- **Jail Removal** - Eliminate the confinement of juveniles in adult jails and lockups.
- **Sight and Sound Separation** - Ensure complete sight and sound separation of juveniles from adult offenders in jails, lockups, and secure

WA-PCJJ Identified Priorities:

- **Restorative Justice** - A collaborative community-based approach to juvenile justice that holds juvenile offenders accountable to the people and communities they have harmed, enhances community safety and security, provides offender rehabilitation and reintegration, and respects the rights of victims in the process.
- **Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)** JDAI was established by the Annie E. Casey Foundation in 1992. The objectives of JDAI are to reduce the number of children unnecessarily or inappropriately detained; to minimize the number of youth who fail to appear in court or re-offend pending adjudication; to redirect public funds toward successful reform strategies; and to improve conditions of confinement. (For additional information regarding the JDAI initiative visit : <http://www.aecf.org/initiatives/jdai>)

WA-PCJJ Focus Areas:

- **Strengthening the Juvenile Justice System in Rural and Underserved Areas** - The WA-PCJJ recognizes the unique needs and challenges of juvenile justice systems in rural and underserved communities. The WA-PCJJ offers technical assistance to these communities for community collaboration, grant writing, program planning and capacity building, and to address individual needs of rural communities.
- **Gender Specific Services for Girls** - The increase in the percent of total arrest and in detention rates for girls poses challenges for a juvenile justice system designed primarily to meet the

of boys. Data from research findings and from national surveys point to the need for establishing gender-specific programming and “best practices” for meeting the needs of girls in the juvenile justice system. The WA-PCJJ is interested in increasing the capacity of the juvenile justice system and service providers to meet the needs and offer gender specific services for girls.

- **Mental Health Services** - Communities are challenged in meeting mental health needs of at-risk youth and juvenile offenders. Training, protocol among community agencies, and policy are examples of possible technical assistance.
- **Strengthening Evaluation Systems** - The WA-PCJJ has a commitment to evaluation and research-based or promising programs. Funded projects are required to have objective independent evaluations that utilize the outcome-based Logic Model. TA is available to assist with Logic Model development and other evaluation needs.

Other Juvenile Justice System Improvements:

In addition to requests that address the Core Requirements and identified priorities and focus areas, WA-PCJJ will consider TA requests that will result in juvenile justice system improvements locally or statewide.

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