

What is the SSP?

The SSP funds community corrections agencies to develop and implement effective and evidence-based probation and parole practices that address individuals' needs and improve supervision success rates. Improved success rates lead to greater community safety, fewer admissions and returns to prisons and jails, and increased taxpayer savings.

Up to \$750,000 for training, partnerships, technology, and other activities

How can the SSP help you?

The SSP provides grants and technical assistance to states, local governments, and federally recognized Indian tribes under national, competitive solicitations. BJA has awarded \$22 million to 36 jurisdictions since FY2012.

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Community Supervision Agency

Implement and test evidence-based or innovative strategies to build agency capacity.

- Align operations with the Risk, Needs, Responsivity framework and core correctional practices.
- Increase collaboration among criminal justice agencies and service providers.
- Test approaches to supervise specific groups (e.g., high risk/high needs and young adults).
- Enhance information technology and sharing to inform supervision and service delivery.

Researcher

SSP-awarded agencies work hand in hand with research partners to advance the field.

- Examine agency data to understand the nature and extent of supervision challenges.
- Translate research literature about possible solutions and monitor implementation fidelity.
- Evaluate the results of new strategies and tools tested, and disseminate results.

Service provider

Partner with supervision agencies to provide treatment, reentry services, and alternatives to incarceration.

- Train staff about the spectrum of needs and challenges faced by justice-involved clients.
- Use a coordinated case plan, with a referral process and feedback loop to the supervision agency.
- Assess and improve alignment with principles of effective intervention.

Policymaker

Emerging ideals and innovations lead policymakers to revisit old strategies, protocols, and procedures.

- Implement legislative reforms.
- Conduct a pilot project to obtain proof of concept before your state funds a full roll out.

SSP Success Stories

Connecticut Judicial Branch and Central Connecticut State University

Codeveloped scripts to provide officers with a practical approach to restructure clients' criminal thinking.

Reduced recidivism among medium and high risk probationers.

South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services

The multipart program trained staff, expanded use of assessment tools, and increased access to treatment in order to meet the requirements of the state's Omnibus Crime Reduction and Sentencing Reform Act.

Reduced probation revocations.