



APPA RECEIVES \$150,000 3-YEAR PSN GRANT AWARD

On September 18, 2015 the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA), in partnership with the Community Corrections Institute (CCI), received notice that its proposal under the *Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) National Training and Technical Assistance Program FY 2015 Competitive Grant Announcement* was accepted and awarded for a three-year project period from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2018. PSN is a national level anti-gun and gang initiative. Since 2001, over \$2 billion has been committed by the federal government to support the initiative including the hire of new federal and state prosecutors, support investigators, provide training and technical assistance, promote community outreach and support other local gun and gang reduction initiatives. Since 2004, APPA and CCI have produced numerous PSN-related trainings, technical assistance, workshops, periodicals, reports and publications. Specifically, APPA and CCI have provided training/technical assistance (T/TA) to more than 3,600 community corrections officers in conjunction with the PSN initiative.

Under this new award, APPA and CCI are committed to the continual provision of T/TA based on the needs and request of United States Attorney Office (USAO) districts and probation/parole agencies. Needs may include assistance with improving community-based corrections programs, electronic supervision, inter-agency information sharing and collaboration with law enforcement. In this project APPA will also specialize in several key areas of concern as it relates to gang-affiliated probationers/parolees. Enhanced supervision and information sharing partnerships with law enforcement represent a distinct opportunity to improve supervision and surveillance of said individuals, while also improving the safety for those officers. Further, law enforcement can be more proactive when they are knowledgeable of these high-risk individuals under supervision. In addition, APPA and CCI will provide guidance on gang-member identification, risk assessment, supervision and reentry/ reintegration needs through a variety of publications.

Since 2013 APPA has continued to publish special topics in the *PSN Update* of its quarterly journal *Perspectives*, and this project will allow this column to continue for an additional three years. Finally, APPA will continue to engage its

GOAL: TO SUPPORT THE INVOLVEMENT OF PROBATION AND PAROLE IN PSN

OBJECTIVE 1:

DEVELOPMENT/ DISSEMINATION OF GUIDING MATERIALS TO THE FIELD

Task 1: Publish 2nd edition of PSN Model Protocols²

Task 2: Publication(s) concerning Police-Probation/ Parole Partnerships

Task 3: Publication(s) concerning Gang-affiliation Identification and Risk

Task 4: Continuation of PSN Update in Perspectives³

OBJECTIVE 2:

PROVISION OF TRAINING/ TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (T/TA)

Task 1: Provide Onsite Training/ Technical Assistance (T/TA)⁴

Task 2: Conduct intensive sessions and workshops at APPA's bi-annual institutes

Task 3: Conduct PSN workgroup meetings at APPA's bi-annual institutes

OBJECTIVE 3:

MARKETING OF PSN OPPORTUNITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Task 1: Maintain and update APPA and CCI's PSN-dedicated websites⁵

Task 2: Maintain and update the PSN project page on the APPA homepage⁶

membership through APPA's bi-annual training institutes and encourage greater involvement of probation/ parole agencies in the PSN initiative. The objectives of the award are provided below.

APPA members with an interest in PSN and planning to attend the upcoming 2016 Winter Training Institute in Atlanta⁷ are encouraged to participate in the PSN workgroup tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 2 from 2:00-3:00 pm ET.⁸ These meetings are designed to engage the membership in the PSN project, gather input for publications, and assist with PSN T/TA provision.

ENDNOTES

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² See DeMichele, M., & Matz, A. K. (2012). APPA's C.A.R.E. model: A framework for collaboration, analysis, reentry, and evaluation: A response to street gang violence (1st ed.). Lexington, KY: Council of State Governments, American Probation and Parole Association. Retrieved from https://www.appa-net.org/psn/docs/PSN_CARE_Model.pdf

³ Prior PSN Updates can be retrieved at https://www.appa-net.org/psn/psn_update.html

⁴ Agencies interested in receiving training or technical assistance support must submit a request through their USAO to BJA using the PSN Request Form (https://www.bja.gov/Programs/PSN/psn_ta_request_frm.pdf). A list of PSN T/TA Providers is also available (https://www.bja.gov/Programs/PSN/PSN_TTA_manual.pdf).

⁵ See APPA's PSN-dedicated website at <https://www.appa-net.org/psn/> and CCI's PSN webpage at <http://www.communitycorrections.org/resources-psn/>

⁶ See https://www.appa-net.org/eweb/Dynamicpage.aspx?webcode=IV_ProjectDetail&wps_key=9f97fbbd-9113-4e99-bb5b-104eb55ad227

⁷ See the following website for more information about APPA's 2016 Winter Training Institute http://www.appa-net.org/institutes/2016_Atlanta/Attend/

⁸ Please check the APPA souvenir program once you arrive as dates and times may change. Questions about this meeting can be sent to Adam Matz by phone at (859) 244-8058 or by email at amatz@csg.org.

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