

A SOLUTION-FOCUSED, COMMUNITY APPROACH TO DRUGS AND CRIME



Public safety is a priority, and public dollars are tight.

As your jurisdiction grapples with performing the essential functions of public safety, people with drug problems pour through your criminal justice system. This costly revolving door of drug use and crime drains resources and strains communities. Citizens and elected officials expect results. You need solutions that promote public safety and save money, and that can be put into place on a timely basis.

The Justice Leaders Systems Change Initiative (JLSCI) helps jurisdictions create and implement practical, collaborative responses to substance use and addiction. By convening local teams of judges, probation leaders, and community partners, JLSCI avoids a one-size-fits-all approach. It helps you improve outcomes by bringing science and research to decision-making, informed by your local community context.

JLSCI has been a recognized model of systems change for four straight years in the United States National Drug Control Strategy.

A practical path to immediate and long-term solutions.

JLSCI focuses on solutions to break drug-crime cycles in your community. A combination of training and systems change, JLSCI brings together national and local criminal justice leaders, addiction scientists, and treatment experts to create practical strategies that match the resources and needs of your jurisdiction. JLSCI covers topics such as:

- Understanding the true nature of addiction
- Leaders matter, community matters
- Knowing how treatment works
- Leveraging the power of systems
- Using screening and assessment
- Applying Risk-Need to decision making
- Quantifying the value of a new approach
- Strategy + right action = positive outcomes

JLSCI helps you achieve a more just justice system.

“As a result of JLSCI our team has a firm foundation for implementing a system that is well grounded on the RNR [Risk-Needs-Responsivity] principles. We are currently selecting several screens to serve as the Lafayette Risk Needs Screening instrument.”

THE HONORABLE JULES D. EDWARDS III, DISTRICT
COURT JUDGE, LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

“JLSCI provided us with the tools and incentive to bring the justice leaders in our jurisdiction to the table to examine how we deal with drug-addicted offenders. We are now examining the reallocation of our resources for treatment to see what options we have for pre-sentence treatment of defendants to study the reduction of incarceration and recidivism.”

THE HONORABLE GARY B. RANDALL, DISTRICT
COURT JUDGE, DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

“[We are] educating law enforcement agencies that an emphasis on ‘treatment’ programs still includes use of accountability measures.”

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