

2021 Criminal Justice Advisory Board Conference
The Changing Face of Criminal Justice
Virtual Conference
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Session Descriptions Day Three
Thursday, April 22, 2021

9:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

Building and Managing a Successful Reentry Coalition

This workshop provides tips and suggestions for starting a new coalition. Learn the pitfalls and how to overcome barriers for fledgling coalitions. This interactive workshop will provide attendees with the opportunity to problem-solve issues they are facing. The goal is for participants to leave the workshop with an action plan.

Once a coalition is established it is important to keep the momentum going. This requires a concerted effort to focus on tangible deliverables so that members are engaged and continue to support coalition efforts. Learn about the newly established minimum standards for a coalition and how you can use these to improve your efforts. Discussion time will be available for those with specific coalition questions or concerns to ask the facilitators and the audience for feedback. This workshop recognizes that participants can learn from each other and capitalize on the successes and learn from the failures of others. As we move toward a goal of having each county with a reentry coalition, this workshop will address coalition issues both with starting a new coalition and maintaining an established coalition.

Effective Strategies for Success: Utilizing the Stepping Up PA TA Center to Achieve Your Goals

During this session you will learn about the national Stepping Up initiative and the resources offered through the Stepping Up Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Center. Hear from several counties about their successes and approach to challenges; learn what data-driven strategies they are utilizing to achieve successes in reducing the number of people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders in local criminal justice systems.

Working together for Criminal Justice Solutions

This session provides an overview of County Criminal Justice Advisory Boards (CJABs), touching upon the unique and important roles that each of the panelists serves as members of their local CJAB.

Topics will include three core elements for collaborative success:

- The important roles that county leaders and key stakeholders play in criminal justice policy and decision making.
- How criminal justice planning can support systemwide strategies for improvement in your local communities and criminal justice system.
- Balancing long and short-term goals for public health and safety within the confines of county budget.