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RURAL AND SMALL DEPARTMENT VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION PROGRAM

This program funds small and rural agencies and/or prosecutors interested in implementing or improving their organization's capacity around one or more critical elements in the [Violent Crime Reductions Operations Guide](#) or the [Prosecutors' Guide to Reducing Violence and Building Safer Communities](#). These critical elements include community engagement, partnerships, technology, analytics and intelligence, training, tactics, resources, sustainability, and accountability.

Additional information can be found [here](#).

Grants.Gov deadline:	June 13, 2023
JustGrants deadline:	June 20, 2023
Period of performance:	36 months (3 years)
Anticipated award amount:	\$300,000

Eligible applicants:

- City or township governments
- County governments
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)



RURAL JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE

Rural communities face unique challenges that impact their ability to deliver fair and equitable justice. Despite these challenges, rural communities rely on their many strengths to address the needs of their residents.

The National Center for State Courts, in partnership with Rulo Strategies, launched the [Rural Justice Collaborative \(RJC\)](#) to showcase the strengths of rural communities and highlight the cross-sector collaboration that is a hallmark of rural justice systems.

The work under the RJC is supported by a cross-sector advisory council composed of rural judges along with additional stakeholders in the justice, child welfare, and behavioral health systems. The advisory council guides and identifies innovative programs and practices.

CONFERENCE

2023 SMALL AND RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION (SRLEEA) ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRAINING EVENT

Date: July 31 – August 2, 2023

Location: City of Petersburg, Virginia

Registration Fees: \$99.00 for General Registration, \$49.00 for small, rural, or tribal law enforcement personnel.

Lodging: Hotel room rates are \$98.00. For more information, visit the [SRLEEA Annual Conference Webpage](#)

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HIGHLIGHTING THE WORK OF RURAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS DURING NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

Public Health AmeriCorps and NACCHO are working to support local health departments by increasing placements of AmeriCorps members into local health settings. This [initiative](#) aims to provide streamlined capacity building to local health departments while creating a pipeline of qualified public health professionals from AmeriCorps membership to full-time positions. Local health departments interested in hosting an AmeriCorps member can complete this brief [form](#).

COMMUNITY-BASED PREVENTION SYSTEM LINKED TO REDUCED HANDGUN CARRYING AMONG YOUTH GROWING UP IN RURAL AREAS

Firearm injury is now the leading cause of death among U.S. children and adolescents. As its toll grows, researchers have focused on stopping violence in the moments before it happens. But new research led by the University of Washington (UW) suggests that interventions made earlier in young people's lives may reduce the chances of it happening. The study, [published April 6 in JAMA Network Open](#), found that UW's Communities That Care (CTC) prevention system reduced handgun carrying among adolescents growing up in rural areas.



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BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL CONTEXTS OF TIMELY AND ADEQUATE PRENATAL CARE UTILIZATION AMONG WOMEN WITH CRIMINAL LEGAL INVOLVEMENT AND OPIOID USE DISORDER

Pregnant women with criminal legal involvement and opioid use disorder living in non-urban regions may be at risk for complex biomedical, psychological, and social barriers to prenatal care and healthy pregnancy. Yet, limited research has explored prenatal care utilization patterns among this subpopulation. This [study](#) describes the biopsychosocial factors of pregnant women with a history of criminal legal involvement and opioid use disorder associated with timely prenatal care initiation and adequate prenatal care utilization.

PREVALENCE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AMONG TRAUMA PATIENTS IN RURAL WEST VIRGINIA

Studies have shown that traumatic injuries are often associated with substance abuse; however, the patterns of substance abuse and the associated trauma mechanism have not been fully understood. In this [study](#), researchers performed a cross-sectional retrospective analysis of adult trauma patients (motor vehicle, fall, assault, firearm suicide, brawl/rape, and machinery) hospitalized in two tertiary care hospitals in West Virginia between 2006 and 2016.

TELEHEALTH HELPS MORE PATIENTS WITH OPIOID USE DISORDER ACCESS BUPRENORPHINE TREATMENT

This [report](#) explores findings from a recent study showing that patients and providers benefitted from remote access to buprenorphine treatment. The study showed that allowing healthcare providers to prescribe buprenorphine—an FDA-approved medication for opioid use disorder (OUD)—remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic helped more patients start and stay in treatment without increasing overdose deaths.

WEBINAR

PREVENTING, MITIGATING, AND RESPONDING TO VIOLENCE IN THE RURAL HOSPITAL SETTING

This [webinar](#) by the [Center for Optimizing Rural Health \(CORH\)](#) explores workplace violence and strategies for preventing, mitigating, and responding to violence in rural hospital settings.

Participants will:

- Develop an understanding of what constitutes an effective and compliant workplace violence prevention program;
- Learn mindsets and skillsets for intervening with high-risk patient populations, including those in the throes of a substance use disorder, chronic alcohol use, and untreated mental illness; and
- Describe the elements of a healthcare worker's personal protection plan, critical when violence emerges in the healthcare workplace.

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WIDER ACCESS TO NARCAN HELPS RURAL COMMUNITIES FIGHT OVERDOSE DEATHS

The FDA recently made it easier for people to obtain a powerful overdose-reversing medicine. Narcan previously required a prescription but soon will be sold over the counter. Communities are already using it to fight overdose deaths. With support from the Pulitzer Center and in collaboration with the Global Health Reporting Center, William Brangham reports from New York for the PBS series [Rural RX](#) (Video length 9 minutes)

RESOURCE

SECOND CHANCE HIRING

One in four Americans currently possess a criminal record. Without second chance opportunities, many in this sizable talent pool are excluded from the workforce needlessly left on the sidelines as employers search for candidates who can fill skills gaps. Partnering with Stand Together and with a grant from the Stand Together Trust, the Manufacturing Institute is enabling the industry to grow the modern manufacturing workforce while closing the opportunity gap. Through webinars, case studies, research, and more, the Manufacturing Institute is helping manufacturers navigate second-chance hiring. Read more [here](#).

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