



What is Justice Reinvestment?

Justice Reinvestment is a data-driven approach to reduce spending on corrections and reinvest identified savings in evidence-based strategies designed to increase public safety and hold offenders accountable. States and localities using the justice reinvestment approach collect and analyze data on drivers of criminal justice populations and costs, identify and implement changes that address costs and achieve better outcomes, and measure both the fiscal and public safety impacts of those changes.

The **Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI)** is supported by the [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA) in the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, in conjunction with [the Pew Center on the States](#). The purpose of JRI is to provide technical assistance and financial support to states, counties, cities, and tribal authorities that would like to engage in justice reinvestment as either a **Phase I** or **Phase II** site:

- **Phase I** sites will receive intensive, on-site technical assistance to start the justice reinvestment process, which involves engaging leaders and key stakeholders, conducting a comprehensive analysis of criminal justice data, and identifying strategies to reduce costs and increase public safety. BJA will issue a request for letters of interest in late 2010 and will invite potential sites to submit a full application in early 2011.
- **Phase II** sites will receive both targeted technical assistance and funding to support the implementation of justice reinvestment strategies. Sites that apply to be Phase II sites must have already completed all of the steps associated with Phase I (see JRI Site Selection Criteria document). Sites that are interested in being considered for Phase II selection should contact the Urban Institute. Beginning in late 2010, the Urban Institute will request formal Phase II proposals from sites that have completed Phase I work.

The following organizations will be working with BJA on JRI:

- [The Urban Institute's Justice Policy Center](#) will serve as the Oversight, Coordination, Outcome, and Assessment provider working with BJA, the Pew Center on the States, and the technical assistance providers to select JRI sites, set specific performance measures, track implementation, and assess the impact of JRI.
- [The Council of State Governments Justice Center](#) and the [Vera Institute of Justice](#) will provide technical assistance and support to states selected as JRI sites. The Pew Center on the States will also provide technical assistance and support to JRI states in coordination with the Council of State Governments Justice Center and Vera Institute of Justice.
- [The Center for Effective Public Policy](#) and [the Crime and Justice Institute at the Community Resources for Justice](#) will provide technical assistance and support to localities and tribes selected as JRI sites.

For more information on JRI, visit <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/JRI>, email justicereinvestment@urban.org or contact Rebecca Neusteter at the Urban Institute at 202-261-5668.