

FY16 Promise Zone Benefits from Partnering Agencies

Agency: Department of Justice (DOJ)
Office of Justice Programs

Programs with PZ Benefits:
Diagnostic Center Technical Assistance

OJP Diagnostic Center

Website: <http://www.ojpdagnosticcenter.org>

Benefit Type: Technical Assistance

Eligible Communities: Urban , Rural, Tribal

Eligible applicants: State, local, and tribal governments who have the authority to make policy decisions and convene stakeholder groups to address public safety issues through a jurisdiction- or community-level intervention.

Funding Availability: Each Diagnostic Center strategic response will be tailored to meet a community's specific assets and needs; each will require effort, and sometimes financial commitment, to support meaningful and recognizable change. While the Diagnostic Center will provide some resources and financial support, additional local funding may be needed to sustain the response strategy over time..

Application Deadline: Referrals and requests for technical assistance are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year.

Benefits to Promise Zone: The Diagnostic Center assists communities and community leaders in implementing data-driven strategies to improve public safety and criminal justice outcomes.

Program Description: The OJP Diagnostic Center is a resource for community leaders seeking to implement data-driven interventions to address public safety, juvenile justice and criminal justice issues. The Diagnostic Center will provide assistance in identifying, assessing, and implementing evidence-based strategies to combat crime and improve public safety at the state, tribal, or local levels.

Background: The mission of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is to increase public safety and improve the fair administration of justice through leadership and programs nationwide. In order to advance that mission, OJP launched the Diagnostic Center in spring 2012.

The Diagnostic Center's defining characteristic is its diagnostic approach of first assembling and then analyzing data from the community. This methodical diagnostic approach includes identifying stakeholders, gauging the scope of community challenges, recognizing trends, establishing baselines, and determining which data points can be moved by implementation of data-driven strategies. The Diagnostic Center promotes the integration and translation of data on what works into enduring criminal justice and public safety solutions.

Technical Assistance Opportunities: To learn more about the Diagnostic Center, please email your comments or questions to contact@ojpdagnosticcenter.org or call 1-855-OJP-0411 (1-855-657-0411).