Getting Help with Data

If you are not accustomed to working with data, interpreting statistics and using statistical programs can be challenging. However, you may have several sources of assistance to tap into.

- **Your own staff.** Many programs find that they have someone on staff who loves to work with Excel or other statistical programs and is enthusiastic about delving into data to see what they can reveal.

- **Stakeholders.** Your stakeholders may be willing to share data or advice about gathering and using data.

- **Public Health Department.** Public health departments are often happy to help members of the community make use of the data they are gathering. Don’t be afraid to reach out!

- **Local university.** Many universities have community work as part of their mandate. Contact the Office of Community Engagement to see if there are resources that can help you. You might also tap into graduate student interns to help collect and analyze data.

- **Victim researchers.** The Center for Victim Research maintains an online, searchable directory of researchers interested in victimization and victim services.
About the OVC-BJA National Stakeholder Partnership (NSP)

The content provided by this resource is made possible through participation in the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) National Stakeholder Partnership (NSP). This partnership, comprising seven national organizations, leverages expertise on child and youth impacted and victimized by the nation’s opioid and broader substance use crisis, with an emphasis on multidisciplinary collaborations, research, and promotion of training and education. Members of the NSP dedicate time and resources to inform the planning, development, and implementation of OVC and BJA initiatives designed to respond to, treat, and support those impacted by the opioid epidemic, specifically young victims. In addition, members participate in informative national conversations regarding children and youth impact and best-practice models that focus on innovative strategies and force-multiplying partnerships.

The overarching goals of this work are to advance awareness and knowledge to help mitigate the traumatization of children and youth and to advance dissemination of innovative practices throughout the field. NSP member organizations are:

- Police, Treatment and Community Collaborative
- National Court Appointed Special Advocates/Guardians ad Litem Association
- Justice Research and Statistics Associates
- National Children’s Advocacy Center
- National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children
- National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
- National Center for State Courts

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