

# Bureau of Justice Assistance's Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program 2020 COAP National Forum

**Call for Proposals: Due December 20**

**Event Date:** March 10–12, 2020

**Location:** Hyatt Regency Crystal City at Reagan National Airport in Arlington, Virginia (Washington, DC, area)

**Submission Deadline:** Friday, December 20, 2019

Applicants will be notified via email by the end of January 2020 regarding submission decisions.

## Please read before submitting a presentation proposal!

The Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program (COAP), supported by the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance, provides support to states, units of local government, and tribal governments to plan, develop, and implement comprehensive efforts to identify, respond to, treat, and support those impacted by the opioid epidemic. Learn more at [www.COAPResources.org](http://www.COAPResources.org).

Session presentations should be tailored to provide stakeholders with timely and relevant information for their particular fields. Submissions will be reviewed by the COAP Forum Committee, which represents multidisciplinary equities.

Please be prepared to submit the following:

- ◀ Session title
- ◀ Session description (up to 250 words)
- ◀ Three learning objectives
- ◀ Area of Focus (see descriptions, following)
- ◀ Speaker details to include profile information

The COAP Forum Committee will be accepting presentation proposals that accommodate and agree to the following

formats, [submission guidelines](#) (all applicants should review this linked document), and principles:

- ◀ Breakout sessions (75 minutes, including a question-and-answer segment). Please note: Your session may be combined with another applicant's if the content and time frame lend to the pairing. You will be advised of this recommendation during the notification process.
- ◀ Up to four breakout session presenters.
- ◀ Limit of two proposals per submitter.
- ◀ For budgeting purposes, please be advised:
  - Presenters agree to waive any honoraria.
  - Registration is complimentary. Unfortunately, COAP is **unable to provide reimbursement** for costs associated with participation in this event, including travel, per diem, and accommodations.
- ◀ Eligibility:
  - This is an open call: proposals are welcome from the field at-large as well as COAP grantees.
  - **Vendors and industry representatives may not be primary applicants.** The intent of the COAP Forum is to share promising and evidence-based strategies, tools, case studies, and projects that are turning the tide of America's opioid epidemic and can be replicated in whole or in part by other communities. Replication should not be dependent on proprietary solutions. Because partnerships with the private sector are critical to many efforts, industry representatives may be part of a team of panelists. However, they are asked to participate in the spirit of the event, and their contributions to sessions should focus on the capabilities and project support that a tool or service provides, not on advancing a brand or product.

◀ Overarching criteria for session evaluation are as follows:

- **Success and Innovation:** The session includes evidence-based data from research or demonstrated results OR the session showcases a highly innovative strategy with promising results.
- **Replicability:** The intent of the session is to provide details on how to implement a successful program for others to replicate.
- **Nonproprietary solutions.**

## Areas of Focus

The COAP Forum Committee is seeking proposals that correspond to the following Areas of Focus and associated strategies. (Please note that these categories are for the submission process only and do not correspond to actual tracks. Track definitions and the number of tracks will be determined during the planning process.)

1. **Promote Public Safety and Support Access to Treatment and Recovery Services in the Criminal Justice System**—Providing access to a comprehensive continuum of substance abuse treatment services for individuals with substance abuse and co-occurring disorders and strengthening public safety, public health, and behavioral health partnerships reduce recidivism and criminal justice costs.

### Associated strategies:

- Expand law enforcement diversion and first responder models that connect individuals to substance abuse treatment and recovery support services.
- Address, mitigate, and/or treat secondary or vicarious trauma that first responders are experiencing as a result of the epidemic.
- Employ the use of alternatives to incarceration programs for nonviolent drug offenders.
- Expand jail-based treatment and effective reentry programs.
- Expand peer support services and recovery housing.
- Increase access to naloxone.

2. **Strengthen the Collection and Sharing of Data Across Systems to Understand and Address the Impact of the Opioid Epidemic**—Public safety, public health, and behavioral health stakeholders need access to timely and accurate information about

the drug environment at the community level to prioritize outreach efforts, assess the impact of local strategies, and monitor the evolving nature of the drug environment.

### Associated strategies:

- Develop and disseminate research on opioid policies and interventions.
- Link data sets to identify trends and focus resources.
- Prioritize real-time data collection, analysis, and dissemination.

3. **Align and Maximize Resources Across Systems and Leverage Multidisciplinary Partnerships and Innovative Collaborations**—The force-multiplying power of partnerships, including with nontraditional partners such as philanthropic organizations, can broaden the reach of stand-alone efforts and leverage complementary resources.

### Associated strategies:

- Expand models of public health, behavioral health, and public safety information sharing and collaboration at the state and local levels.
- Support children and youth affected by the opioid epidemic.
- Build capacity in underserved regions impacted by the opioid epidemic, including tribal and rural areas.

4. **Prevent Opioid Misuse and Addiction**—A comprehensive approach to the opioid epidemic includes screening and assessing for opioid use disorder across the sequential intercept model and strengthening state prescription drug monitoring programs to facilitate appropriate prescribing and dispensing of controlled pharmaceuticals and identifying drug diversion.

### Associated strategies:

- Strengthen the nation's Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs.
- Expand public awareness about opioid abuse.
- Support prescriber education programs.
- Educate public safety and criminal justice stakeholders about substance abuse.
- Integrate standardized screening practices into the criminal justice system.

Questions? Contact Donna Jean Lindquist at [dlindquist@iir.com](mailto:dlindquist@iir.com).

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## Submission Deadline

All proposals are due by 5:00 p.m., ET, on Friday, December 20, 2019.

## Submission Process

Please submit your proposal by completing this form. **By using Adobe Acrobat Reader, you will be able to submit your proposal directly through a button on the form.** A free download for Adobe Acrobat Reader can be found [here](#). If using another PDF program, please complete the form and save your responses. Then, email a copy of the completed form, along with any required documents or attachments, to [COAP@iir.com](mailto:COAP@iir.com).

## Submission Guidelines

- ◀ Prior to submitting your proposal, review the complete set of submission guidelines here: [https://www.coapresources.org/Content/Documents/Events/2020\\_COAP\\_National\\_Forum\\_Submission\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://www.coapresources.org/Content/Documents/Events/2020_COAP_National_Forum_Submission_Guidelines.pdf).
- ◀ Applicants may propose up to two (2) breakout sessions; each proposal requires a separate submission.
- ◀ Each session may have up to four (4) presenters; please be sure to include all requested information for each presenter.
- ◀ Please be as complete and descriptive as possible. Also, please adhere to any requested formatting guidelines and use regular sentence structure and formatting (e.g., complete sentences, capital letters where necessary, no use of CAPS LOCK function). Following these instructions facilitates efficient submission review.

## Questions?

Please send an email to [dlindquist@iir.com](mailto:dlindquist@iir.com). We look forward to seeing you in March!

## Terms, Conditions, and Guidelines

I agree to have read, to understand, and to accept the processes, terms, conditions, and submission guidelines previously outlined and fully enumerated in [https://www.coapresources.org/Content/Documents/Events/2020\\_COAP\\_National\\_Forum\\_Submission\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://www.coapresources.org/Content/Documents/Events/2020_COAP_National_Forum_Submission_Guidelines.pdf)

Yes

No

## Presenter 1

First name

Last name

Credentials/appellations (if applicable; for example, J.D., Ph.D., LCSW)

Job title

Agency, organization, or department

Division (if applicable)

Phone number 1

Phone number 2 (if applicable)

Email address

Street address

City

State

ZIP code

Presenter biography (up to 150 words)

## Presenter 2

First name

Last name

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Presenter biography (up to 150 words)

### Presenter 3

First name Last name

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### Presenter 4

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Division (if applicable)

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Presenter biography (up to 150 words)

## Session Description

Session title (no abbreviations)

Session description:

- ◀ Up to 250 words.
- ◀ Please be aware that this description will be used for conference materials, pending acceptance.
- ◀ Text only, please; no images or tables.
- ◀ Included in the description, please outline how the presentation is based on established outcomes, a case study, evidence-based data, or a cutting-edge innovation.
- ◀ Also, please address the “what’s in it for me” factor (i.e., explain how your session is relevant for COAP Forum attendees).

Session description (up to 250 words):

Area of Focus:

Select one. To review descriptions and associated strategies per Area of Focus, click the titles. (Tip: The strategies are very helpful in determining an accurate selection.)

[Promote Public Safety and Support Access to Treatment and Recovery Services in the Criminal Justice System](#)

[Strengthen the Collection and Sharing of Data Across Systems to Understand and Address the Impact of the Opioid Epidemic](#)

[Align and Maximize Resources Across Systems and Leverage Multidisciplinary Partnerships and Innovative Collaborations](#)

[Prevent Opioid Misuse and Addiction](#)

Other (Explain)

## Learning Objectives

Submissions should include three (3) learning objectives.

- ◀ Learning objectives are statements that clearly describe what the learner will know or be able to do as a result of attending your session.
- ◀ Learning objectives should be observable and measurable.
- ◀ Learning objectives should (1) focus on the learner and (2) contain action verbs that describe measurable behaviors.
  - “Good” verbs: list, describe, apply, analyze, assess
  - “Bad” verbs: know, understand, appreciate

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Learning objective 1:

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Learning objective 2:

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Learning objective 3:

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