

Bureau of Justice Assistance's
Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program

First Responder Deflection Mentor Site Selection

Application Form

Submission Deadline

This form is for jurisdictions applying to be mentor sites. Please save a copy of this form, complete it, and upload it with any corresponding supporting documents through the First Responder Deflection Mentor Document Uploader at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/670d5880026543aaac0cfc0431bf6e9e>.

Applications for the BJA First Responder Deflection Mentor Program are due by 5:00 p.m., ET, on February 10, 2023.

Questions

All questions MUST be answered for your submission to be considered. Further details on the First Responder Deflection Mentoring Initiative and application process are available in the [Mentor Program FAQs](#). For questions not addressed by this document or for tailored assistance, please send an email to COSSAP@iir.com.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant agency

Name of applicant site

Name of applicant program

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PERSON SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION

First name

Last name

Job title

Phone number

Email address

Street address

City

State

Zip code



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GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Town

Parish

City

Tribal Community/Nation

County

Region

Is this a rural community? Yes No

What is the population size of the community/communities served by your jurisdiction?

PROGRAM INFORMATION

What deflection pathway below best describes your program? [Check all boxes that apply.]

Self-Referral: An individual voluntarily initiates contact with a first responder (law enforcement, fire services, or EMS) for a referral to treatment and services. If the contact is initiated with a law enforcement agency, the individual makes contact without fear of arrest.

Active Outreach: A first responder intentionally identifies or seeks out individuals with a substance use disorder (SUD) to refer the individuals to or engage them in treatment; outreach is often conducted by a team consisting of a clinician and/or a peer with lived experience.

Naloxone Plus: A first responder and program partner (often a clinician or peer with lived experience) conduct outreach specifically to individuals who have recently experienced an opioid overdose to engage them in and provide linkages to treatment.

First Responder and Officer Referral: As a preventative measure, during routine activities such as patrol or response to a service call, a first responder engages individuals and provides a referral to treatment or to a case manager. (Note: If law enforcement is the first responder, no charges are filed or arrests made.)

Officer Intervention (only applicable to law enforcement): During routine activities such as patrol or response to a service call during which charges otherwise would be filed, law enforcement officers provide a referral to treatment or to a case manager or issue a non-criminal citation to report to a program. Charges are held in abeyance until treatment and/or a social service plan is successfully completed.

Community Response: In response to a call for service, a team comprising community-based behavioral health professionals (e.g., crisis workers, clinicians, peer specialists, etc.), and/or other credible messengers—individuals with lived experience—sometimes in partnership with medical professionals, engages individuals to help de-escalate crises, mediate low-level conflicts, or address quality of life issues by providing a referral to treatment, services, or to a case manager.

Other

Who is the lead agency for the program?

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| Sheriff's department | Combined fire/EMS |
| Police department | Behavioral health agency |
| Emergency Medical Services (EMS) | Public health agency |
| Fire services | Other |

Year your program began offering services

Average number of individuals served by your program annually

Number of individuals referred in the program to date since program inception

Average number of treatment referrals made monthly

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Please provide a brief description of your community and the nature of the opioid epidemic.

Please describe your first responder deflection program, including the key components of the model. If you have a program brochure, please provide a copy with your submission.

Do you have a website about your program? Yes No

If yes, what is the URL for your website?

What agencies and local partners are represented in your first responder deflection program? What are their roles and responsibilities relative to the program?

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| Police | Peer organization |
| Sheriff | Family and advocacy organization |
| Fire/EMS | Faith-based organization |
| Local public health agency | Other (e.g., community agency) |
| Local behavioral health agency | |

How is your program funded? What amount is funded? Include the names of grants you have received.

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Philanthropic

Describe your program's sustainability plan.

PROGRAM OPERATIONS

Do you have a target population for your program? Yes No

If so, who is your target population and how did you determine the target population? Please include whether and how you used data to inform your decision making.

Do you have eligibility or exclusion criteria for individuals who are referred and connected to treatment through your partnership? Yes No

What treatment and recovery support services do you offer and/or connect to?

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|---|---|
| Substance use treatment | Housing |
| Mental health treatment | Transportation assistance |
| Behavioral therapy | Application assistance for benefit programs |
| Medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) | Support for children and families |
| Peer support and recovery coaching | Other (e.g., veteran, LGBTQ+ and gender specific) |

Please describe how individuals are referred and connected to treatment services in your program.

How many treatment providers are in your referral network?

Do you use screening and assessment tools as part of your operations? Yes No

If so, which tools do you use?

DATA

What performance, evaluation, and/or outcome data do you collect? How are the data collected?

Have you produced any reports or presentations about the outcomes of your program? Yes No

*If yes, please submit a copy of your latest report or presentation.

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Yes No

MENTOR SITE ACTIVITIES

What program components, practices, or activities have been particularly effective in your community that would benefit other communities as they plan, implement, or enhance their programs?

(For example: incorporating case management; addressing law enforcement and first responder buy-in; strength of stakeholder and partnership collaboration; robust data collection and program evaluation; strength of client outreach and engagement methods; strong community buy-in and engagement; unique partnerships [e.g., faith community, business community])

What activities could mentees observe and participate in when they visit?

(For example, post-overdose or community outreach or stakeholder meetings.)

Do you have a policies and procedures manual? Yes No

*If yes, please submit a copy of the current manual.

When was the manual last updated?

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Yes No

Does your program have memoranda of understanding, data and information sharing agreements, release-of-information forms, or other legal or program documents that can be used as model templates?

Yes No *If yes, please provide a copy with your application.

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Yes No

Why are you interested in being a First Responder Deflection mentor site? What are your primary goals for the mentorship?

What makes your organization exemplary?

What are the three key lessons learned that you consider important to share with mentees?

By checking the following boxes, you certify that if selected, your program agrees to the following:

Participate in mentor-site training

Participate in a minimum of two matches between February and December of 2023 (subject to applications for mentoring received); mentee matches are assigned in coordination with the mentor site and their availability

Host onsite visit(s) with assigned mentee sites

Complete post-mentoring evaluation

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