

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

## First Responder Deflection Mentoring Initiative Site Visit

### Application Form

This form is an application for a community (represented typically by teams of three persons) interested in starting or enhancing a deflection program to visit a mentor site. Please save a copy of this form, complete it, and upload it with any corresponding supporting documents through the First Responder Deflection Mentee Document Uploader at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/f622dd8fb8ce418692652b006b62541d>.

For questions or tailored assistance, please send an email to [COSSAP@iir.com](mailto:COSSAP@iir.com).

#### Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant First Responder Deflection Program (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Program Information

How did you learn about COSSAP's Technical Assistance (TA) and Mentoring Initiative Site Visit Program?



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## Program Information (continued)

**Question 1:** Do first responder agencies (e.g., law enforcement, fire department, emergency medical services) in your community have one or more deflection or pre-arrest diversion programs for individuals with substance use disorders (SUDs)?

**Question 2:** Please identify the lead agency/agencies for your community's first responder deflection program. Select all that apply.

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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                    |

**Question 3:** Which best describes the types of encounters between your program's first responders and people with SUDs? Select all 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 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.

**Question 4:** Is your first responder deflection program based on a specific brand or model(s)?

Select all that apply.

Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets  
(CAHOOTS)

Mobile Crisis Response

Civil Citation (Police)

Quick Response Team (QRT)

Community Paramedics

Safe Stations (Fire)

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion/Let Everyone  
Advance With Dignity (LEAD)

**Question 5:** What year did your program begin offering services?

**Question 6:** What is the average number of individuals served by your program annually?

**Question 7:** What types of agencies/providers are partners in your first responder deflection program?

Select all that apply.

Police department

Community-based behavioral health provider

Sheriff's department

Peer organization

Fire services

Family and advocacy organization

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) department

Faith-based organization

Combined fire/EMS

Tribal agency

Local/county/state public or behavioral health  
agency

Public/private hospital

Other (e.g., community/advocacy agency)

**Question 8:** If your program has a website, please provide the URL.

**Question 9:** Which of the following best describes your community? Select one.

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|--------|-------------------------|
| 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?

**Question 10:** What type of first responder deflection pathway are you interested in learning about?

Select all that apply.

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**Question 11:** What first responder deflection program components, practices, or activities are you hoping to learn more about through the mentoring initiative?

**Question 12:** What do you hope to accomplish by participating in the COSSAP mentoring initiative?

Visit the COSSAP Resource Center at [www.cossapresources.org](http://www.cossapresources.org).

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