



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY FUNDED FY2016 SITES:

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| 1. Baltimore, MD | 9. Fresno, CA |
| 2. Baton Rouge, LA | 10. Gary, East Chicago, South Bend, IN |
| 3. Bridgeport and New Haven, CT | 11. Greensboro, NC |
| 4. Brookhaven, GA | 12. Indianapolis, IN |
| 5. Columbia, SC | 13. Memphis, TN |
| 6. Denver, CO | 14. Milwaukee, WI |
| 7. Detroit, MI | 15. Northern District of Ohio |
| 8. Fort Worth, TX | 16. Omaha, NE |

The 16 recently awarded sites join a cadre of 58 sites successfully funded since competitive funding began in FY2012.

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RESEARCH PARTNER ORIENTATION COURSE (RPOC)

Since competitive funding for PSN began in FY2012, Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice (MSU), as a PSN Training and Technical Assistance provider has hosted four PSN Research Partner Orientation Courses (RPOC) for more than 120 people from 47 cities¹. The RPOC is a one to two day training attended by at a minimum the PSN Project Coordinator or primary point of contact and the Research Partner (RP). The training is an introduction for newly funded PSN sites on the PSN strategy and other data-driven and evidence-based strategies for violence prevention and control.

FY2016 PSN SITES:

***SAVE THE DATE FOR THE RPOC
APRIL 12-13, 2017, DENVER, CO***

SMART SUITE RESEARCHER PRACTITIONER FELLOWS ACADEMY

An extension of the RPOC is the comprehensive Smart Suite Researcher Practitioner Fellows Academy hosted by MSU twice a year. Fifteen PSN sites or RPs tied to PSN have attended a Fellows Academy. The Fellows Academy is open to all BJA Smart Suite programs with a RP, [For more information](#).

BJA continued its support for the Smart Suite Academy through a FY 2016 award under the Enhancing Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships: Smart Suite Training & Technical Assistance Program (2016-DP--BX-K001) program. MSU is collaborating with the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence (ACE) at George Mason University, and Justice Research and Statistics Association to continue to build a community

¹Fifty-eight cities have been funded from FY2012 – FY2015, however there are 11 cities that received multiple years of funding. Those 11 cities sent representatives to the RPOC for all years funded.



of practice around SMART Justice principles and practices. The next Academy will occur **February 7-10, 2017** in Denver with another Academy planned for July in East Lansing, MI.

The Academy is open to any Smart Suite program with a Research Partner. There is **no registration cost** for the Academy in thanks to BJA. Some Smart Suite programs have funds available to them through their award for travel related expenses. MSU has limited "scholarships" per Academy to cover travel expenses for sites without dedicated grant travel funds.

EXCHANGE CORNER

The Exchange Corner is designated space in the newsletter for a transfer of peer to peer highlights, suggestions, and successes. Have something to share on strategies, desired training or session topics, emerging issues? Please send all correspondence to: Heather Perez, perezh@msu.edu.

Oakland (FY15)

Oakland, CA has experienced decreases in homicides and non-fatal shootings since implementing a Ceasefire strategy in 2012. Even with changes in PSN primary agency personnel, the site has been able to maintain the strategy and stay the course for full implementation, institutionalization, and sustainability. Communication is the key element. Weekly shooting reviews are held as well as biweekly meetings with services and outreach providers. These meetings are complemented by every-other month performance tracking meetings convened by the Mayor and include numerous key partners all working on violence reduction efforts. The process is being documented by the PSN Research Partner so that the model may be transported to Salinas for replication.

Omaha (FY12 – FY16)

*Omaha PSN has made great strides engaging and actively interacting with Adult and Juvenile Probation and Parole. The Omaha Police Department (OPD), Douglas County Juvenile Probation Parole and Nebraska Center for Justice Research are actively participating in multi-partner, prevention, intervention, enforcement, and evaluation activities to strategically engage juveniles and the community as a whole. Police and Probation Officers work together to conduct probation checks and assist and encourage juvenile probationers to successfully complete their requirements but also hold them accountable. The partners recently received "Policing the Teen Brain" training in an effort to better understand how to handle interactions with teens. Incentives and activities for rewards, prevention, and positive engagement are a staple of Omaha's PSN strategy. The site takes great pride in their Police Athletics and Community Engagement, **PACE program**.*

Seattle (FY15)

The main objective of Seattle's PSN program is to reduce firearm crimes and gang violence in two targeted precincts. The project has a Strategic Action Plan (SAP) that specifically outlines strategies and activities aligned with the project's four objectives. In February 2016, four PSN team members, including the Research Partner, Ms. Michelle Maike, attended the Smart Suite Researcher Practitioner Fellows Academy in Washington, DC. At the Academy, the team attended sessions presented by Dr. Andrew Fox and Major Joe McHale on Social Network Analysis (SNA) and the application of SNA as a data-driven policing strategy. The team revised the SAP to include SNA and invited Dr. Fox and Major McHale out to conduct a training in March 2016 for the Seattle Police Department, Crime Analysts and other law enforcement stakeholders. In collaboration with the Research Partner, a follow up SNA training and group audit was conducted by Dr. Fox in May 2016. The connection with Dr. Fox has had wide reaching impacts. He and Ms. Maike collaborated with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in writing a DOJ, OJP, BJA, Police-Prosecution Partnership proposal that was successfully funded for FY2016. This proposal dovetails nicely with the current work being conducted by the PSN team and will allow similar strategies to be implemented and sustained county-wide. This effort will be co-led by Dr. Fox and Ms. Maike, thus ensuring a strong connection between the two project initiatives. An example of the PSN SAP template can be found [HERE](#).

WELCOME TO THE PSN TEAM

Tamaro White, Tamaro.White@ojp.usdoj.gov, is newly appointed to the PSN portfolio. Tamaro will be assisting with programing including budget approval.

PSN FY17 SOLICITATION

Due **MAY 17, 2017**

RESOURCES

Center for Research Partnerships and Program Evaluation (CRPPE) MSU has been working with BJA to build content for this website. Be sure to bookmark this site as it continues to add new resources.

How to Write a Criminal Justice Research Report

Police-Mental Health Collaboration Toolkit

Recovered Firearms App

Sustainability for Place-Based Crime Reduction Initiatives

Vicarious Trauma Toolkit

Violent Crime TTA Resources