

## **Byrne SCIP Subaward Summary:**

### **Bureau of Justice Assistance Approved Subawards as of 9/11/24.**

Many State Administering Agencies (SAAs) are still navigating their Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP) advisory boards and are working toward determining areas of need for the funds. This document outlines approved subawards as of 9/11/24. State program plans and subawards are submitted to and approved by BJA. This document will be updated regularly to contain additional information and ideas. All included examples have been approved for distribution by each state.

### **States included in this analysis, as of September 11, 2024:**

**IA, MO, MT, NH, NC, AZ, KS, OH, PA, SC, MI, WI, CA, UT, CT, OK and WA.**

### **Addressing Behavioral Health in Schools**

- Integrating additional Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs) in schools, and as part of a mobile crisis diversion program.
- Training School Resource Officers (SROs) to better understand drug and gang violence, youth mental health issues, social media dangers and identifying youth in crisis.
- Implementation of immediate firearm detection programming (example: [Zero Eyes](#)) in schools.
- Supporting mental wellness workers across early childhood centers, schools and the broader community.

### **Community-Based Programming**

- Efforts to increase youth mentoring as well as youth supervision and time spent engaging in prosocial and positive activities:
  - Expanding after-school programming to include older youth (12–15-year-olds, for example) and offering robust STEM and workforce development programming.
  - Expanding current after-school programming to include stronger mental health and wellness/social learning programs for at-risk youth.

- Contracting with community-based organizations to focus on youth mentoring, mitigating disruptions to education and violence response coordination.
- The creation of a Rapid Care Coordination and Treatment (RCCT) team, which will connect people at high risk of initial or ongoing criminal justice system involvement with mental health and/or substance misuse services and mitigate barriers to accessing treatment, such as long wait times.
- Expanding the capacity of existing mobile crisis teams by funding additional staff and/or equipment, such as a van, to allow for 24/7 support in more areas and/or expanding support to rural areas.
- Support for a Crisis Now 2.0 behavioral health emergency system consisting of a high-tech call center, a 24/7/365 mobile response unit and a crisis reception/sobering center.
- Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) team expansion:
  - Deliver training to treatment teams to improve intervention skills and hire a benefits specialist.
- Conduct Juvenile Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) project.
- Provide an Overdose Response Team targeted toward veterans, with trained and certified veteran supporters who outreach and provide resources such as treatment and recovery options, housing and employment opportunities.
- Enhancing training and access to a toolkit on utilizing community high risk team and lethality assessments to address intimate partner violence (IPV) and mitigate the risk posed by the convergence of IPV and gun violence.
- Expanding existing suicide prevention efforts to include a public health approach.
- The implementation of community-led violence intervention programming that uses a public health approach.
- Implementing a Peers Making Peace program, an evidence-based training series that teaches nonviolent conflict resolution and active listening skills to adolescents.
- Expand existing services the National Association on Mental Illness (NAMI) provides by hiring additional staff dedicated to Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training and peer support programming with the goal of significantly increasing the number of active, trained family panel speakers and support groups available in the area.

### **Assessment and Evaluation Support**

- Support a statewide crisis system landscape assessment that will include planning and information gathering, data collection and synthesis, and action planning.
- Evaluation to assess the relationships between statutes that a) prohibit individuals convicted of a felony from possessing firearms and b) require enhanced penalties for crimes involving weapons on future incidents of firearm-related offenses per county per year.
- Research that seeks to understand the relationship between involuntary job loss, firearm offenses and suicide by firearm.
- Qualitative research to better understand the blockers and promoters of secure home firearm storage. Ultimately, this data will be used to inform a messaging campaign designed to encourage secure home storage, thereby helping to reduce firearm injury and death.
- Evaluation of a 988 hotline to ascertain how it can help prevent gun violence, including suicides and homicides, and understand new ways for 988 to intervene with the goal of reducing suicidal and homicidal attempts by firearm.
- A two-year implementation, process and outcome evaluation of two mental health courts.
- A mixed methods process and outcome evaluation of two different Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT) within the state to better understand how the MCRTs operate.

### **Court Programming and Support**

- Expanding treatment court programming capacity:
  - By including individuals with violent offenses.
  - By providing emergency/transitional housing for victims of domestic violence entering the treatment court.
  - By adding additional case management staff who facilitate Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), provide wraparound services and/or develop curricula focused on domestic violence, gun violence and substance misuse.
  - By significantly expanding an existing domestic violence court through the addition of clinicians, multiple court-based staff and additional officer support.

- Implementing an evidence-based screening tool to evaluate defendants' risk of committing violent crimes and/or firearm-related crimes.
- Establishing a statewide treatment court coordinator position, responsible for overseeing the planning, implementation and risk analysis for all treatment courts serving folks with co-occurring mental health and substance misuse disorders in the state.
- Data collection and evaluation related to treatment court activities.
- Ongoing training for treatment court staff regarding specialty court best and/or promising practices.
- Replacing an older outdated communication system with a more updated state-of-the-art system to enhance communication and data tracking capabilities.
- Hiring support staff associated with treatment courts such as probation officers, Parole Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) client care coordinators, vocational specialists and other staff.
- Fund vouchers for low-cost hotel stays for mental health court clients in need of housing.
- Updating court cases to allow law enforcement, prosecutors and public defenders to look up a defendant in a particular case and see whether they have been court ordered to turn over any firearms and/or if they have any restrictions prohibiting them from owning firearms.
- Enhance an existing case management system for probation officers, which will allow officers to view and share detailed profiles of individuals, including past violent crimes and compliance statuses, in real-time, which will improve communication and operations during critical interventions.
- Providing transportation to and from court through bus tokens.
- Increase the number of assessments conducted while an individual is incarcerated, provide trauma and financial literacy intervention, and increase compliance for self-help meetings.
- Creation of a specialty court reimbursement plan, which will allow legal counsel to submit a fee application for their comprehensive services to a specialty court, which will improve legal support among drug court participants.
- Staffing for a new domestic violence docket within a juvenile court.

### **Creation of New Behavioral Health-Focused Positions**

- Creation of a behavioral health liaison position to act across agencies and community behavioral health providers to facilitate collaboration, communication, and more timely responses between criminal justice and behavioral health systems. This role will also improve access to treatment and reduce incarceration time.

### **Firearm Safety and Firearm Violence-Adjacent Activities in the Community**

- Statewide campaigns promoting safe firearm storage practices and/or general firearm safety.
- Offering free safe storage devices for firearms such as lock boxes, vaults and gun locks.
- Evaluation of safe storage campaign effectiveness.
- Supporting Welcome and Resources Notification (WARN), a program designed to deter people from committing gun crimes through education on the consequences of firearm-related crimes.
- Supporting the development of a resiliency center. Resiliency centers offer a range of crisis intervention services and support mechanisms and are the nationally recognized Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) model for assisting victims and their families in the aftermath of mass violence events, including mass shootings and other large-scale emergencies.
- Establish a partnership between a county health department and a community-based organization to employ Gun Violence Prevention Navigators to educate the members of the public regarding gun violence, firearm safe storage, and information and resources related to Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs).
- Employing individuals designated as Peacekeepers and Neighborhood Change Agents to conduct street outreach, conflict mediations, social media responses and responses to gun violence.
- Having local firearm retailers display mental health awareness and suicide prevention materials to the public.
- The creation of an accessible online platform for information about the state's protection order and firearm relinquishment laws.
- Increasing capacity within a multidisciplinary and inter-jurisdictional entity involving the prosecuting attorney's office, the city attorney's office, the city police department,

and the sheriff's office to collaboratively manage ERPOs and Orders to Surrender and Prohibit Weapons (OTSWs).

### **Support for Law Enforcement**

- Virtual reality training simulator for police officers to train in a controlled environment for an array of difficult scenarios including de-escalation, intervention techniques for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis, cooperative/uncooperative subjects and shoot/don't shoot situations.
- Implementing and/or expanding current CIT programs and associated training.
- Providing CIT to better support officers, first responders and dispatch personnel as they respond to crises that arise on the job.
- Establish a community resource professional role dedicated to developing programs related to gun-related violence prevention, especially related to identification and training around suicide and substance misuse risk factors.
- Implementing and expanding co-responder models: Co-responders have behavioral health training, as well as crisis intervention and de-escalation training, and are deployed at the same time as law enforcement.
  - Establishing officers as part of a crisis intervention team that focuses on interpersonal gun violence.
- Establishing a multidisciplinary High-Risk Team (HRT) to engage all domestic violence calls and investigations.
- Expanding an existing Civilian Community Relations Program, providing access to mental health and behavioral health support services.
- Supporting comprehensive statewide training, model policies and technical assistance for law enforcement and prosecutors on ERPOs.
- Expanding a camera program whereby cameras are strategically placed throughout a city, allowing for a more agile response to group disputes through rapid identification of local disputing groups, which will allow officials to bring community service agencies, mental health and youth development services to those involved in gun or violent crime.
- Using AI-enabled software to monitor public source social media and open-source online forums in real time for material that has been flagged for indicators of violence, vandalism and social unrest.

- Implement a Violent Risk Assessment Model (V-RAM) and management tool to address threats; train team members to assess and manage individuals who present as a danger to those or others.
- Expand secure storage capacity and implement new technologies to store and track relinquished guns, enabling law enforcement to efficiently monitor and manage firearms.
- Expand an existing partnership between a behavioral wellness center and the local police department, encouraging officer wellness through peer-to-peer crisis response, creating a strong relationship of trust between trained counselors and officers, and ensuring that evidence informed educational resources on mental illness and substance misuse are easily and confidentially accessible to officers.

### **Investing in Programming for Prosecuting Attorney Offices**

- Increased domestic violence training for victim advocates and for local law enforcement.
- Providing education, training and materials on topics including brain development, juvenile mental health interventions, school safety responses and threat assessments.
- Undertaking community outreach and education programs regarding safe firearm storage practices through the funding of billboards, social media, radio and community outreach campaigns to educate the public regarding safe storage of firearms for violence and suicide prevention.
- Collaborating with a local women's center to develop a community coordinated response to address threats posed by access to firearms. The response includes a community-based legal advocate to coordinate efforts between the prosecuting attorney's office and the women's center.
- Providing trainings to better understand ERPOs, especially as they relate to IPV-related situations.
- Partnering with a community health organization to deploy Community Health Workers to provide linkages to services to students and families at risk of firearm violence.
- Purchase software for investigation and tracking of relinquished firearms and prohibited persons.

- Hiring staff to enhance the capacity of the district attorney's office to conduct records checks, enforce restraining orders, store/track relinquished firearms and assist with court hearings for individuals wrongfully denied firearm purchases.
- Providing support to an existing diversion initiative designed to address the needs of justice-involved individuals who have experienced psychosis and require treatment. Funds would support a designated paralegal within the district attorney's office to facilitate the legal components of the program.

### **Investing in Programming for Public Defender Offices**

- Implement holistic public defense representation within public defender offices by implementing risk-needs assessments, connecting clients to services that mitigate their risk of violence and increasing access to effective interventions.
- Support a rapidly expanding diversion program by adding a designated public defender to ensure stability and continuity among program clients.

### **Supporting Jail-Based Programming**

- Expanding jail navigator programs with existing mental health clinicians by adding a case manager to the team to better support and work with individuals as they prepare to be released from jail.
- Expanding jail navigator programs by adding a peer specialist and focusing on individuals identified as high-risk for violent behavior and behavioral health disorders.
- CIT training for jail staff.

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