

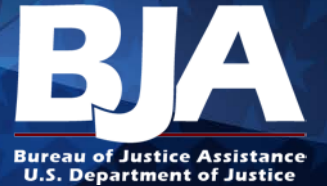
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**Opioid Abuse**

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# United We Stand

Responding to America's Opioid Crisis



Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Office for Victims of Crime:  
**Serving Our Nation's Youngest Victims of the Epidemic**

**2020 COAP National Forum**

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National Stakeholder Partnership (NSP)**

# **Serving Our Nation's Youngest Victims of the Epidemic**

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# Agenda

- Overview of the BJA/OVC collaborative initiative
  - *OVC's FYs 2018 & 2019 Enhancing Community Responses to the Opioid Crisis: Serving Our Youngest Crime Victims*
  - *FY 2018 BJA's Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program (COAP)*
- BJA/OVC National Stakeholder Partnership (NSP) Board
  - Overview
  - NSP Members' Roundtable: Sharing Areas of Expertise, Resources, and Guidance to Support Practitioners in the Field
- Participant Engagement: Q&A Session

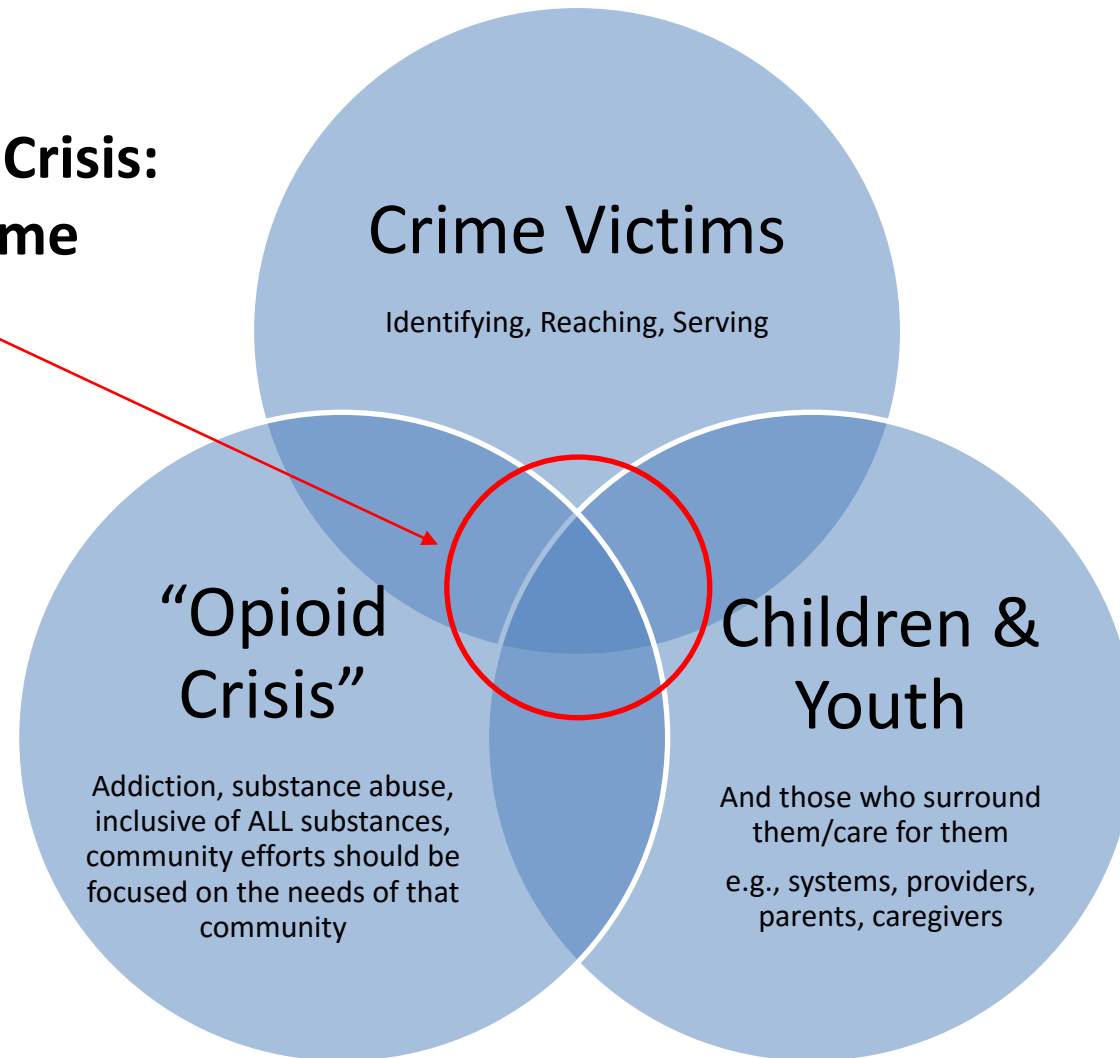
# OVC's Enhancing Community Responses to the Opioid Crisis: Serving Our Youngest Crime Victims



- Purpose Area 1: Direct Services
- Purpose Area 2: TTA
- Definitions:
  - Although the opioid epidemic is the current substance abuse crisis facing Americans, OVC recognizes that drug trends change and individuals who use illegal drugs (or misuse legal drugs) often use or migrate to multiple other substances. Therefore, it is OVC's intent to create a program that, first and foremost, provides for the needs of young victims of crime affected by substance abuse, regardless of the type of substance in question
  - For this solicitation and program, the term “children and youth” refers to newborns through teens (up to age 18)
  - Children and youth may be victims of a range of crimes, including, but not limited to, child abuse, criminal neglect, assault, sexual abuse/assault, theft, exploitation, endangering the welfare of a child, human trafficking, and kidnapping. A crime does not have to be reported to authorities for a child or youth to be eligible to receive services provided through this solicitation and program

# OVC

## Enhancing Community Responses to the Opioid Crisis: Serving Our Youngest Crime Victims Program



Venn Diagram  
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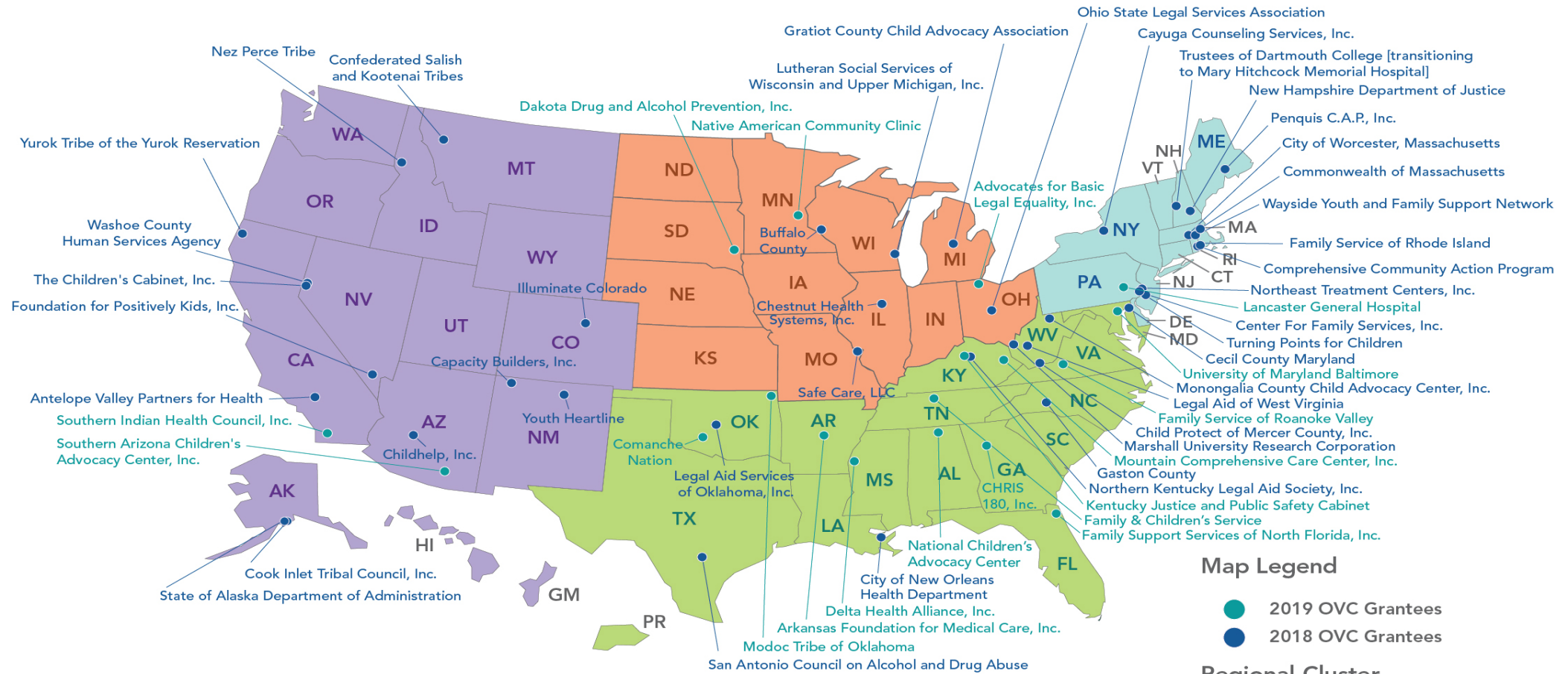


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## FY 18 & 19 Grant Awardees – 59 grantees – 36 states



### FY 2018 and 2019 OVC Grantees





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# Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program

# COAP Program FY 2018

- Over **168** grants were awarded in FY 2018 across six categories
  - Category 1: First Responder Partnerships
  - Category 2: Technology-Assisted Treatment Projects
  - Category 3: System-Level Diversion Projects
  - Category 4: Statewide Planning, Coordination, and Implementation Projects
  - Category 5: Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Implementation and Enhancement Projects
  - Category 6: Public Safety, Behavioral Health, and Public Health Information Sharing Partnerships
- **9** awards were funded from other solicitations that align with the focus of COAP
- **9** projects were co-funded with the OVC





# BJA COAP/OVC Projects

- Butler County (Ohio) Quick Response Team (QRT) Expansion Project
- Columbus (Ohio) Department of Public Safety's Rapid Response Emergency Addiction and Crisis Team (RREACT)
- Hocking County (Ohio) Overdose Partnership Endeavor (HOPE)
- Warren County (Ohio) Child Assessment and Response Evaluation Program
- Hamilton County (Tennessee) Police & Community Overdose Response Team (PCORT)
- Sullivan County (Tennessee) Overdose Response Team (SCORT)
- Manchester Police Department (New Hampshire) Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team (ACERT) Enhancement Project
- Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin COAP Project
- Rhode Island State Police Heroin-Opioid Prevention Effort (HOPE) Initiative

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# National Stakeholder Partnership

# Overview of BJA/OVC NSP

Consists of representatives of nationally recognized organizations with expertise in crime victim and opioid, substance use-related services

- Justice Research and Statistics Association
- National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children
- National Center for State Courts
- National Children's Advocacy Center
- National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
- National Court Appointed Special Advocates
- The Police, Treatment and Community Collaborative

# Overview of BJA/OVC NSP Board

- NSP focus:
  - Children and youth victimization related to the opioid crisis (and broader substance use), with an emphasis on multidisciplinary collaborations, research, and promotion of training and education
- Members:
  - Lend their expertise to inform the planning, development, and implementation of the OVC and BJA COAP initiatives designed to respond to, treat, and support those impacted by the opioid epidemic, specifically young victims
  - Participate in an informative, national conversation regarding children and youth victimization and best-practice models that focus on innovative, multidisciplinary collaborations with the goal of mitigating the traumatization of those impacted by the opioid crisis and/or substance use

# National Stakeholder Partnership Members and Organizations



*“The National Voice of and Knowledge Leader for the Field of Deflection and Pre-Arrest Diversion”*

[www.ptaccollaborative.org](http://www.ptaccollaborative.org)

**PTACC Mission**: To strategically enhance the quantity and quality of community behavioral health, housing, and social service options through engagement in deflection and pre-arrest diversion

**PTACC Purpose** : To provide [vision](#), [leadership](#), [education](#), and [advocacy](#) to facilitate the practice of deflection and pre-arrest diversion across the United States

### **Deflection: Interrupting the Inter-Generational Cycle of Addiction By Intervening Early Our Children**

- **Every Encounter an Opportunity** – Turning 44MM annual police encounters into opportunities as part of an “early warning” workforce to watch out for and protect our youngest victims
- **Deflection allows for early ID and intervention** – For the safety of our children, the wellbeing of families, and interrupting the inter-generational nature of addiction and related issues (trauma, normed, crime)
- **Addiction is Not Just About An Individual But a Family** – Moving from focusing on the person suffering from addiction (How we tend to do it) to also include the children in the home (How we need to do it)



# National CASA Association

- 94,000 volunteers providing best-interest advocacy through the court and community for 274,000 children who have been victimized
- In local communities and on the individual state level, collaboration with:
  - Mental health, with an emphasis on substance abuse
  - Substance abuse treatment providers
  - Child welfare
  - Judges
  - Attorneys
  - Law enforcement
- At the local, state, and national levels—data collection on substance abuse
- Training and education through:
  - Advocacy in Action Resource Guide
  - National conference workshops
  - Continuing education for volunteers and program staff
- Targeted funding opportunities





Justice Research and Statistics Association  
Urban Institute  
National Center for Victims of Crime

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### Information:

- Library (Free librarian help!)
- Research spotlight
- Monthly webinars
- Podcast interviews
- Evidence syntheses

### Assistance:

- Free TA on data use, evaluation, research
- Searchable directory of researchers
- Tools for evaluation, partnering with researchers, protecting victims in research, and more

[Victimresearch.org](https://victimresearch.org)

# National Children's Advocacy Center Services: Chris Newlin, Executive Director

## History:

- 1985 - Became Non-Governmental organization (NGO)
  - *First Children's Advocacy Center in the world*
- 1992 – Renamed National Children's Advocacy Center
- 1993 – Integrated Child Abuse Prevention Programs
- 2003 – Moved into NCAC Campus
  - *Co-location with MDT (police, prosecutors, CPS)*
- 2020 – NCAC Campus with 65 staff members

## Local and National Presence:

- Operates the CAC for Madison County providing specialized, multidisciplinary, investigative and intervention services
  - *Forensic interviews, victim advocacy, medical evaluations, multiple evidence-based mental health services*
- Provide therapy services and medical exams for young children (ages 2-7) who have been prenatally substance exposed, exposed to trauma or have been placed in foster/adoptive homes due to a substance abusing parent
- Serves as a model for the 1,000+ Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) in the United States and 33+ countries throughout the world
- Host to the annual International Symposium on Child Abuse with more than 1600+ attendees from the U.S., territories and foreign countries
- Houses the NCAC Training Center providing training to thousands of people each year (*more than 175,000 since 1985*)
- Operates NCAC Child Abuse Library Online (CALiO)

# National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (National DEC)



- National non-profit
- Training, TA Center, & Resource Center
- Work at federal, state, local and tribal levels to assist in different ways
- Tribal and Non-Tribal Communities
- Work with every state and have numerous local/tribal alliances
- Resource center with thousands of pieces of information
- National Conference for all disciplines
- Podcasts, webinars, monthly eupdates, social media
- History: DEC efforts have evolved over 20 years

## Where are we now?

- Shift to community driven, child focused
- Focus on collaborative efforts at the community level; bringing ALL disciplines together to:
  - ❖ Identify children at the earliest point
  - ❖ Provide intervention and support
  - ❖ Provide targeted services
- DEC Roadmap & Toolkit: to guide communities/Tribes in building multidisciplinary groups as a foundation
  - Guide them through stages: awareness, implementation, & institutionalization

# National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)

Helping juvenile and family court professionals make evidence-based decisions related to substance use/abuse through national TTA projects

- The OVC Linking Systems of Care TTA project that focuses on young victims of crime
- The OJJDP Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Communities of Practice TTA project that focuses on substance users involved in juvenile justice
- The OJJDP Child Abuse Training for Judicial and Court Personnel that focuses on child abuse victims



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

[WWW.NCJFCJ.ORG](http://WWW.NCJFCJ.ORG)

# National Center for State Courts (NCSC)



- NCSC serves as primary staff to the National Judicial Opioid Task Force (NJOTF), created in August 2018 to address the issues the courts are facing as a result of the opioid epidemic.
- NJOTF is developing tools and policy recommendations in areas related to children and families including MAT for adolescents, MAT for pregnant women and parents in the child welfare system, trauma, prenatal substance exposure, and the role of the court along the child welfare and SUD prevention continuum, among others. Available through the Opioid Resource Center for Courts website. [www.ncsc.org/opioidresources](http://www.ncsc.org/opioidresources)
- NJOTF tools include comprehensive sets of best practices, policy recommendations, benchcards, research, statistics, podcasts, webinars, and other educational and training materials
- NCSC is also working with several pilot sites on efforts to improve outcomes for children and families impacted by the opioid epidemic, including a medical-legal partnership serving pregnant women with OUD, a pre-petition child protection court intervention, and developing and piloting a conceptual framework similar to SIM but adapted for parents with SUD/OUD and the child protection system



# Questions

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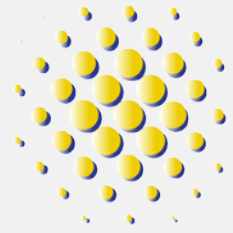
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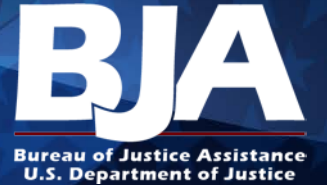
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