



Indiana Department of Correction awarded \$995,000 for the Bureau of Justice Innovations in Supervision (ISI) Initiative Grant

Purpose: With 4.5 million adults under community supervision in the United States, aligning with Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) is critical for any state trying to reduce recidivism. Indiana and the IDOC-Community Corrections (CC) Division have implemented, or partnered to implement, various measures to increase adherence to EBP when supervising individuals under community supervision in an effort to reduce recidivism.

The proposed project will further extend the CC Division's commitment to best practices by establishing a robust assessment process that allows the division to:

- ❖ Implement and validate an evidence-based agency assessment, the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute's (UCCI) Correctional Program Checklist-Community Supervision Agency (CPC-CSA) tool, as a systematic and sustainable method for IDOC to evaluate how well community corrections agencies (CCAs) adhere to EBP. This innovative tool will be used to promote the use of effective practices and continuous quality improvement amongst CCAs as each CCA will receive feedback and specific recommendations on how to increase their adherence to EBPs, and
- ❖ Ensure that the CC Division and CCAs share information and promote collaboration amongst criminal justice stakeholders.

Goals of the Project

- I. Planning & Implementation with the University of Cincinnati on strategy and communication of the CPC-CSA across Indiana.
- II. Build a larger pool of trained Correctional Program Checklist-Community Supervision Tool (CPC-CSA) assessors.
- III. In partnership with UCCI, conducting baseline assessments of 78 Community Corrections agencies who are funded, at least in part, by IDOC.
- IV. Validate effectiveness of the Correctional Program Checklist-Community Supervision Tool (CPC-CSA) in Indiana.
- V. Develop a post-project strategic sustainability plan.

78 Community
Corrections Agencies
(CCA) covering 89 of
the 92 counties

Design Elements: Funding supports a three year project and partnership with UCCI to expand training and certification of 8 IDOC and state level stakeholder staff as CPC-CSA assessors, expenses for conducting baseline assessments at all 78 CSAs identified for this project, evaluation and reporting, the development of the new strategic plan for continuous quality improvement in CSAs, and travel expenses for mandatory BJA meetings annually in Washington DC.

Project deliverables will include a written Action Plan and a Final Report that includes the results of the CPC-CSA assessments and validation study, as well as a sustainability plan outlining the assessment protocols that the IDOC-CC Division will adopt to monitor and enhance EBPs in CCAs.

For more information: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/innovations-supervision-initiative/overview>