



BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE
MENTAL HEALTH COURT LEARNING SITES

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FORM

Background

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Mental Health Court (MHC) Learning Sites were chosen to act as a peer support network for groups interested in improving upon an existing—or planning a new—MHC. In this capacity, learning sites will host site visits and respond to telephone and email inquiries from the field

Available Technical Assistance

Technical assistance may include, but is not limited to:

- Visits to learning sites
- Telephone and e-mail consultations with learning site staff
- Dissemination of learning sites background materials and forms

Technical assistance can be facilitated by staff at the Council of State Governments¹ or by staff at each learning site.

Request Review

Applications for learning site visits and other inquiries are reviewed on a continuing basis. All requests for assistance will be acknowledged immediately, and a more formal response will be made within seven days of receipt.

I. Background Information

Request submission date:

Jurisdiction name and type (e.g., city, county, state, or multi-jurisdiction):

Contact Name:

Title:

Agency:

Address:

¹ CSG's Criminal Justice/Mental Health Consensus Project is the technical assistance provider for the Bureau of Justice Assistance Mental Health Courts Program and the Mental Health Court Learning Sites.

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Is your jurisdiction a grantee of the 2006 BJA Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program? If so, is this visit for the benefit of the grantee program?

II. Description of Request *(Please be as specific as possible. Our ability to refer you to an appropriate learning site and adequately respond to your request depends on the information you provide.)*

Issues to be Addressed – The specific issue or issues on which your jurisdiction would like learning site assistance, and some steps your jurisdiction has taken thus far to try to address those issues.

Type of Assistance Requested – Is your jurisdiction interested in:

- A site visit
- A telephone or email conversation with learning site representatives
- Reviewing materials developed by the learning sites
- Other

Target Audience – The target audience for the technical assistance (e.g., judges, attorneys, law enforcement personnel, mental health personnel, elected officials, etc.).

Timeframe – The timeframe within which you would like to have the technical assistance provided; please note any important, relevant upcoming dates for your jurisdiction or program. If you are requesting a site visit please refer to the calendar of available visit dates.

Program Description – A brief description of your planned or existing mental health court, court-based program, or other criminal justice/mental health initiative (e.g., how long has it been in the planning stages or in operation; what is the actual or planned target population; what key agencies are involved; etc.).

Jurisdiction Description – A brief description of your community context (e.g., size; urban/rural/suburban; special issues such as jail overcrowding, recent lawsuits, lack of services; etc.)

Please submit completed applications via email, fax, or U.S. mail to:
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