For nearly 30 years, the CNA Institute for Public Research has applied research, analysis, and technical assistance to solve complex problems in the public and government sectors. We work with more than 450 agencies and organizations to analytically assess challenges and develop responses that promote public safety, reduce violence, prevent crime, address victim needs and services, and improve police and corrections operations. Through methodologically sound scientific research grounded in field operations analysis and assistance—and through our close connections with justice agency management and operations—we help local, state, and federal organizations achieve practical results that save lives, promote justice, and improve efficiency, trust, and accountability in justice system operations.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE LEADER

CNA works directly with law enforcement and other justice agencies to develop and implement customized, evidence-based training and technical assistance (TTA) that improves performance, and maximizes impact. Our diverse and experienced team of analysts, practitioners, and subject matter experts manage and support a wide range of TTA—from targeted assistance for individual agencies to complex national TTA initiatives that promote sharing of best practices broadly. We deliver TTA in many formats: curriculum development, facilitation and training, distance learning, conferences and workshops, publications, field-based assistance, peer learning, capacity assessments, on-site assistance by subject matter experts, program evaluation, online tools, and websites.
ANALYSIS-DRIVEN, OPERATIONALLY GROUNDED RESULTS

Our TTA approach delivers analysis-driven, operationally grounded assistance that guarantees advances and improvements in policies, procedures, and practices for justice agencies. We team practitioners, research subject matter experts, and analysts with agencies, to establish regular communications vehicles that facilitate productive working relationships. Our approach allows us to identify real issues and needs, provide helpful solutions, and produce lasting results. Our results-oriented TTA includes the following:

- **Assessment** of agency strengths, challenges, and opportunities for improvement and advancement. CNA has developed tailored assessment methodologies for law enforcement agency analytic capabilities, evidence-based policing, policy and program implementation, community engagement, officer safety and wellness, violence reduction, technology, victim services, and more.

- **Strategic planning** assistance to guide agencies in better understanding the range and depth of their needs, challenges, gaps, and strengths, and in effectively documenting desired outcomes, goals, strategies, actions, and timelines for their project or agency focus. CNA has worked with numerous stakeholders in strategic planning, including local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and community organizations and service providers.

- Sustainment of progress, enhanced capacities, and new or improved practices. This a very important goal of CNA’s TTA. We guide agencies in learning and developing sustainable practices over the course of our entire TTA engagements.

- Detailed, multifaceted evaluation methodologies to document and assess the quality, effectiveness, and impact of TTA at individual and organizational levels and identify strategies for improvement.

LOCALLY DRIVEN INNOVATION

We recognize the vast wealth of experience and strong dedication of public servants and leaders in the justice system. We craft solutions informed by local expertise and our broad network of analysts and research and practitioner experts. We facilitate peer-to-peer exchanges that solve problems efficiently and effectively. Our collaborative approach allows us to tailor TTA resources to the needs and strengths of local jurisdictions, and our emphasis on evidence-based evaluation ensures that TTA impacts can be clearly demonstrated and sustained.

OTHER CNA JUSTICE SKILLS AND SERVICES


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