



Center for Justice Research and Innovation

CNA's **Center for Justice Research and Innovation (JRI)** transforms research into real-world strategies and programs that justice system agencies and organizations across the country can implement. We specialize in research, training and technical assistance (TTA), and organizational innovation and transformation. Using rigorous research methodologies grounded in our deep experience in field operations and TTA, we help agencies reduce violent crime, incorporate emerging technologies, and promote the safety and wellness of justice system stakeholders.

Areas of Practice



Research, analysis, and evaluation

JRI specializes in translating academic research into practice in the field. We conduct action-oriented research and evaluations that help justice leaders understand what works and enact positive change in their organizations and communities. To ensure we offer scientifically valid, peer-reviewed findings to our clients, we use rigorous methodological approaches grounded in real-world field operations experience. By offering evidence-based research findings, sophisticated analysis, and robust technical knowledge, we encourage our nation's criminal justice leaders to approach problems with effective solutions.



Training and technical assistance

JRI works directly with criminal justice agencies to develop and deliver customized, evidence-based TTA that improves performance and maximizes effectiveness. Our experienced team of analysts, practitioners, and subject matter experts provides operational support for a wide range of TTA programs, including targeted initiatives for individual agencies and complex national TTA efforts that promote broad sharing of best practices. Our areas of expertise include violent crime reduction, data-driven solutions, emerging technologies, recruitment and retention, and crime analysis. We deliver TTA in many formats, including the following:

- Curriculum development
- Topical assessments
- Policies and procedures reviews
- Facilitation and training
- Capacity assessments
- Conferences and workshops
- Distance learning
- Onsite assistance
- Researcher-practitioner partnerships
- Strategic planning
- Online tools
- Field-based assistance



Organizational innovation in policing

CNA's subject matter experts conduct comprehensive agency reviews that deliver actionable, transparent, unbiased, and credible recommendations. We work directly with justice agency leaders and line officers to help police organizations achieve practical, sustainable results that meet the needs of their communities. JRI has worked with law enforcement agencies on many organizational

innovation and transformation projects, including comprehensive analyses of traffic stops, field contacts, use of force incidents, deadly force investigations, and staffing assignments and workload. We use these analyses to help law enforcement agencies improve training, investigations, community engagement, internal and external accountability mechanisms, and analytics and technology.

Selected Core Service Areas



Our Impact

For nearly 30 years, CNA has worked with more than 650 justice agencies across the country, including law enforcement, corrections, prosecutors, juvenile justice, and victim services. Many of our operational, technological, and management assessments have resulted in actionable solutions and improvements in public safety policy and practice. Recognizing the experience and dedication of public servants and leaders in the justice system, we draw on local expertise and our broad network of analysts and research and practitioner experts. Our research and operations support has helped law enforcement agencies improve their use of force policies, community interactions, investigations and case management, facility management, and many other aspects of justice system operations and administration. We have also helped agencies improve policies, practices, and capacity in such areas as analytics, strategic planning, critical incident preparedness, emerging technologies, safety and wellness, collaboration, and community engagement. To learn more about JRI, visit our website at <https://www.cna.org/justice>.

About CNA

CNA is a not-for-profit analytical organization dedicated to the safety and security of the nation. With nearly 700 scientists, analysts, and professional staff across the world, CNA's mission is to provide data-driven, innovative solutions to our nation's toughest problems. It operates the Center for Naval Analyses—the Department of the Navy's federally funded research and development center (FFRDC)—as well as the Institute for Public Research. The Center for Naval Analyses provides objective analytics to inform the decision-making by military leaders and ultimately improve the lethality and effectiveness of the joint force. The Institute for Public Research leverages data analytics and innovative methods to support federal, state, and local government officials as they work to advance national and homeland security.

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