



Apply Now: Invitation for Parole Boards Involved with Justice Reinvestment Initiatives (JRI) to Receive Technical Assistance

The [National Parole Resource Center](#) (NPRC) is a partnership of the Center for Effective Public Policy (CEPP) and the Association of Paroling Authorities International (APAI) that is supported from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The project is pleased to announce this *Invitation for Parole Boards impacted by Justice Reinvestment Initiatives (JRI) to Receive Technical Assistance*. During prior years, NPRC has provided technical assistance to specific parole boards on a variety of critical issues. Data analysis from some of the states that have participated in JRI efforts suggests that certain parole board policies or practices may merit further attention in order to aid a state in realizing its JRI objectives. NPRC will solicit interest from, select, and deliver assistance to five states in order to help them to enhance and improve their parole decision making processes or operations. The assistance could be delivered on topics including:

- The use of empirically based tools to assess individuals' risk and criminogenic needs;
- Guidelines that provide structure and consistency to parole decision making;
- Training on evidence-based practices, including engagement skills of board members;
- Building collaborative partnerships with corrections and community supervision agencies to more effectively facilitate offenders' safe transition to the community; and
- The development or use of effective and evidence-based violation response options.

The assistance will take the form of up to two, two-day, on-site visits to each selected state. The NPRC providers that will deliver the assistance have also served as site coordinators for JRI sites, and will bring the benefit of their experience on both the JRI and NPRC initiatives to this work. All costs associated with the delivery of the technical assistance will be borne by NPRC, except for the provision of meeting space and the time board members and staff might need to spend engaged with the technical assistance provider. If your board is interested in this technical assistance, please submit a letter, signed by the chair and all board members, indicating:

- A justification/preliminary problem statement that explains why assistance is desired and the impact that assistance would have on parole practice and preserving public safety (use data to illustrate to the degree possible);
- An agreement to interact with the technical assistance provider as might be required;
- A willingness to provide meeting space; and
- An overview of the current status of statewide JRI efforts, particularly those related to parole practice.

Boards that have applied for, or received, technical assistance from NPRC in the past are welcome to apply again for this technical assistance. The above letter should be submitted by January 31, 2018 to Leilah Gilligan, NPRC Project Manager, at lgilligan@cepp.com. It is anticipated that the technical assistance will be provided and completed by October, 2018. Any questions regarding this technical assistance announcement may be directed to Ms. Gilligan.