



## ***Parole Boards Receive Technical Assistance Related to their Justice Reinvestment Initiatives (JRI)***

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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 by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). 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 suggested that certain parole board policies or practices may merit further attention in order to aid a state in realizing its JRI objectives. After a competitive application process, the NPRC is pleased to announce that it will be providing four parole boards impacted by Justice Reinvestment Initiatives (JRI) with technical assistance in 2018 in order to help them to enhance and improve their parole decision making processes or operations. The four participating states are:

- Idaho
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- Rhode Island

This assistance will be delivered on topics including, but not limited to:

- 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 and limited off-site assistance. 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. For more information about this initiative, please Leilah Gilligan, NPRC Project Manager, at [lgilligan@cepp.com](mailto:lgilligan@cepp.com).