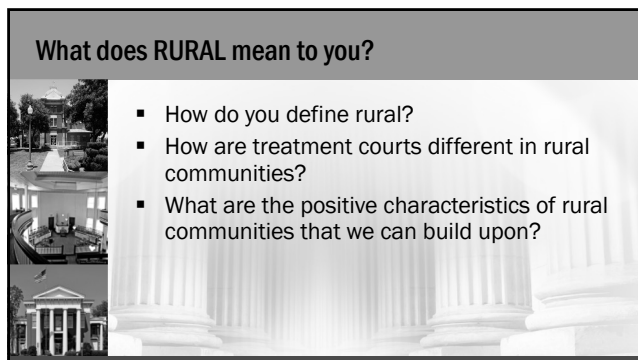


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**Rural Justice Collaborative
Overview**




Rural communities face unique challenges that impact their ability to deliver fair and equitable justice. Despite these challenges, rural communities rely on their many STRENGTHS to address the needs of their residents.

The Rural Justice Collaborative aims to **RAISE AWARENESS** of rural justice systems, **PROMOTE COLLABORATION** across sectors and **ADVANCE INNOVATION** in rural justice systems.

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**RURAL JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE
Overview**





Advisory Council Established

- 10 Judges
- 9 Justice System Partners


Developed Online Resource Center

- National clearinghouse of promising and innovative rural justice practices







RJC DIGEST
Trends, news and information on rural justice and the state courts.



RJC PODCAST
Informational discussions featuring RJC innovation sites and other speakers.



RJC INNOVATION SITES
Successful rural justice programs serving as model community models.



RJC PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA
RJC publishes an annual magazine and an online clearinghouse of rural justice stories.

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**2023 Priority
Advance Innovation**

Promote innovation, solutions, and progress in rural justice systems.

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COLLABORATIVE**

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RURAL JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE
Advance Innovation



*We will showcase the strengths of rural communities and highlight the cross-sector collaboration that is a hallmark of rural justice systems through identification of rural justice programs or initiatives that were **developed in rural communities or adapted for rural communities.***

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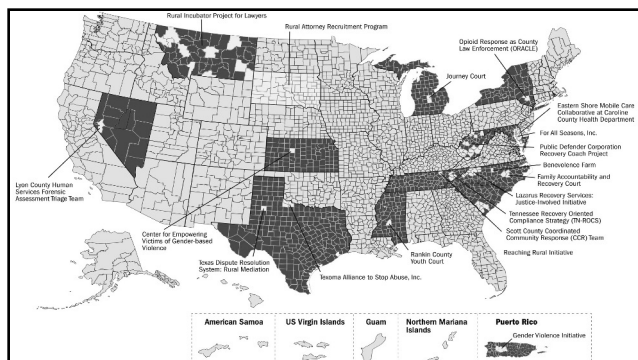
ADVANCE INNOVATION

Innovation Sites:

- 19 Innovation Sites.
- 6 will be awarded November 2023.
- Develop peer-to-peer exchanges between rural communities.
- Host lunch and learn opportunities featuring select innovation sites.
- Produce webinars and/or podcasts featuring the RJC Innovation Sites or select speakers.

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Advance Innovation

Rural Justice Innovations Publication

- Release of a publication highlighting the first 19 innovation sites.

<https://www.smu.edu/~media/Site/Law/Deason-Center/Publications/STAR-Justice/Rural-Justice-Innovations.pdf>

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ADVANCE INNOVATION

Peer to Peer Exchange

- Sheriff Scott Hable, Renville, Minnesota
- 9 Visiting Sheriff and Jail Administrators
- Site Visit February 16-17, 2023
- Solutions for jail in rural communities
- Partnership with Small and Rural Law Enforcement Executive Association

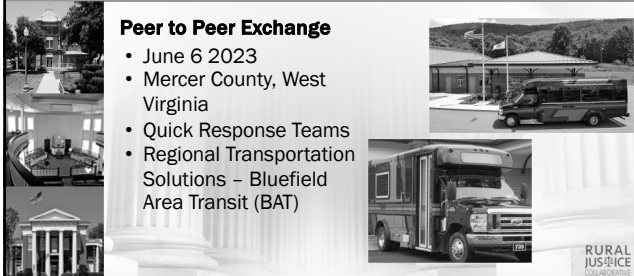
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ADVANCE INNOVATION


Peer to Peer Exchange

- June 6 2023
- Mercer County, West Virginia
- Quick Response Teams
- Regional Transportation Solutions – Bluefield Area Transit (BAT)



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2023 Priority Raise Awareness

Advance the exchange of ideas and information between rural justice practitioners and increase the understanding of the unique needs of rural justice systems.

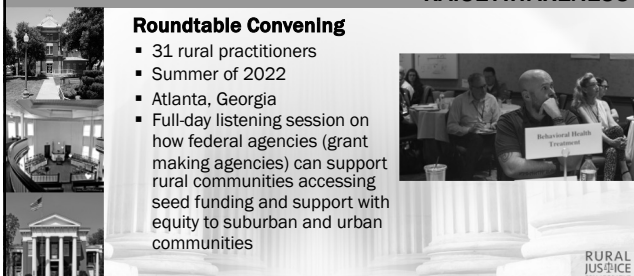
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RAISE AWARENESS

Roundtable Convening

- 31 rural practitioners
- Summer of 2022
- Atlanta, Georgia
- Full-day listening session on how federal agencies (grant making agencies) can support rural communities accessing seed funding and support with equity to suburban and urban communities



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RAISE AWARENESS

Rural Technical Assistance Provider Convening

- 15 rural-focused organizations
- March 2023
- Providing or supporting technical assistance in rural communities
- Seeking opportunities to improve services to rural practitioners.




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RAISE AWARENESS

Rural Technical Assistance Provider Convening





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RAISE AWARENESS

Recent Presentations

- National Association of Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers (August 22-23, 2023) – Boston, MA
 - Judge Mowrer and Judge Ruoff – Doing More with Less: Five Ways Rural Courts Are Closing the Rural Justice Gap
 - Judge Mowrer – Public Libraries as Partners in Access to Justice



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RAISE AWARENESS

- Build relationships with five other technical assistance providers to encourage the exchange of information
- Develop and implement technical assistance exchanges between rural communities seeking justice system solutions
- Monthly Rural Justice Collaborative Digest publication

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**2023 Priority
Promote Collaboration**

Support cross-sector collaboration and understanding among and between rural justice practitioners and other stakeholders and partners, including public health and behavioral health.

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PROMOTE COLLABORATION

Reaching Rural Initiative
SUD-focused solutions for rural communities

- 67** Fellows
- 81** Communities
- 15** States
- 7** RJC AC Members/Staff

2024 Solicitation is under development

REACHING RURAL
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PROMOTE COLLABORATION

THE INSTITUTE FOR COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE

COLLABORATIVE RESPONSES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
Virtual Conference

COLLABORATIVE RESPONSES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

MONDAY 10.02.23 TUESDAY 10.03.23 8:30 am - 5:00 pm CST

ICC's mission is to work alongside rural communities to improve their collaborative, systemic response to domestic violence.

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PROMOTE COLLABORATION

Project 1: Rural Judicial, Jail, and County Connections

Deliverable: A written document exploring the complexity of meeting the behavioral health needs of incarcerated individuals in small and rural jurisdictions and potential solutions to these challenges. The target audience for this document is sheriffs, jail administrators, judges, prosecutors, correctional health care providers, and county executives.

A working group that consists of jail administrators and/or sheriffs, correctional health care providers, judges, prosecutors, county commissioners, and behavioral health/public health providers will guide the development of the content of the written document.

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PROMOTE COLLABORATION

Project 2: Lessons from the Field - What Drives Rural Innovation and Sustains Successful Justice Partnerships

Deliverable: A multi-media exploration of what the RJC has learned about what distinguishes rural communities that unite and thrive across systems. This project will capture the common elements that define these communities and the conditions that support innovation in rural justice systems.

The work will be informed by RJC members with additional support from innovative justice systems with strong collaborative partnerships from all over the country.

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WHAT IS NEXT?

Bureau of Justice Assistance's
Courtroom Design, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program

Reaching Rural: Advancing Collaborative Solutions
Empowering rural justice professionals to support the needs of rural communities

Initiative Overview and Applications

Introduction
The Justice System is experiencing an epidemic of drug use and addiction. While the impact of this crisis is being felt nationwide, rural areas are disproportionately impacted. In 2022, the Justice System received 1.5 million more cases than in 2021, with a significant increase in drug-related cases. This crisis is compounded by the fact that rural areas often lack the resources and services needed to address these issues effectively. The Justice System is seeking to address these challenges by supporting rural justice professionals and their communities. The goal is to improve the quality of the justice system and reduce the impact of drug use and addiction in rural areas.

About the Opportunity
The Reaching Rural Initiative is a three-year program designed to support rural justice professionals and their communities. The program is focused on providing technical assistance, training, and capacity building. The program is designed to be flexible and responsive to the needs of rural communities. The program is open to all rural justice professionals, including judges, court administrators, and law enforcement. The program is also open to rural justice organizations and community-based organizations. The program is designed to be a long-term partnership between the Justice System and rural communities.

Announce Innovation Sites

- Participate in 2024, *Reaching Rural Initiative* sponsored by BJA and CDC
- Judicial, Jail, and County Connections deliverable
- Lessons Learned What Drives Rural Innovation and Sustains Justice Partnerships deliverables
- Monthly RJC Digest
- RJC Podcasts - Innovation Sites

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