
INNOVATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE STRATEGIES

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Policing

Where: Sussex County, New Jersey

Program: Sussex County Police Chiefs' Association

<http://sussexcountyacop.org/To%20the%20Residents%20and%20Business%20Owners%20of%20Sussex%20County.pdf>

The Sussex County Chiefs of Police wrote a letter to Sussex County's residents and business owners reminding them of their Association and their purpose. The Sussex County Police Chief's Association is an organization whose sole purpose is to improve policing. The Association's strategy to improve policing has been about developing positive relationships, utilizing technology, building community trust, and pursuing the highest ethical and professional standards. The Association has also been involved in reducing and combating drug addiction through the C.L.E.A.R. program- Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery. It has also helped significantly increase the number of personnel in every department that are certified as Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officers.

Reducing Substance Abuse

Where: Snohomish County, WA

Program: Family Drug Treatment Court

<https://crimesolutions.ojp.gov/programdetails?id=597>

This program is for parents who have substance abuse allegations and are involved in the Child Welfare system. Program eligibility includes participant information that is presented to the drug court team and the team approves admissions to the program. Parents then have to complete multiple services and programs before they can graduate from the program. The study found that parent participants were more likely to have their children returned, were more likely to experience a permanent plan outcome, and less likely to have their parental rights terminated. Consequently, these children spent less time in the child welfare system. The program looked at three outcomes: dependency status, length of dependency, and treatment completion.

Mental Health

Where: Gustine, California

Program: Gustine Mental Health and Programming in Schools

<https://legacyhealthendowment.org/news/gustine-awarded-600000-grant-for-youth-mental-health/>

The California Board of State and Community Corrections awarded the city of Gustine a grant of nearly \$600,000 to fund a program that offers school-based mental health services and provides community support to at-risk youth. This program will address and help reduce violence among at-risk youth. It will also include placements of a mental health professional in the local schools. The program will implement formal diversion and restorative justice practices while also establishing a 16-week education vocation program where police will serve as mentors. According to Gustine's Police Chief Ruben Chavez, the goal is not to punish youth but to help them learn from mistakes and discover strengths.
