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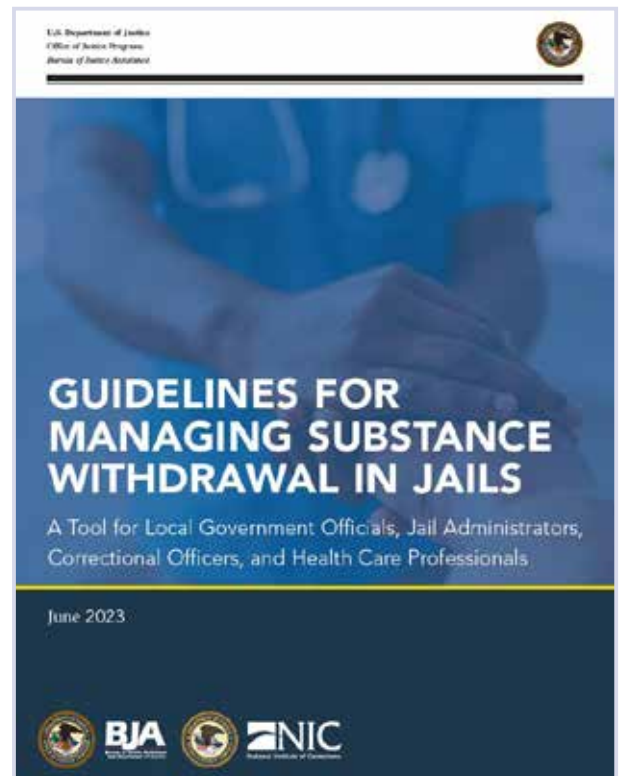
Training, Tools, and Technical Assistance for Implementing *Guidelines for Managing Substance Withdrawal in Jails*

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In June 2023, the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and National Institute of Corrections (NIC) released *Guidelines for Managing Substance Withdrawal in Jails: A Tool for Local Government Officials, Jail Administrators, Correctional Officers, and Health Care Professionals (Guidelines)*.

As noted in the [press release](#) announcing this groundbreaking document, DOJ is committed to "increasing access to evidence-based treatment for individuals with substance use disorders (SUDs) and those at risk for overdose, including individuals who are incarcerated or reentering their communities."

To that end, BJA's [Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program](#) (COSSUP) funding supported development of the *Guidelines*. Advocates for Human Potential, Inc., the [American Society of Addiction Medicine](#), and the [National Commission on Correctional Health Care](#) worked with an expert committee of clinicians and jail administrators to compile recommendations, grounded in evidence-based practice, for systematically identifying individuals who are at risk for substance withdrawal and determining the appropriate level of monitoring and medical care.



Recognizing that *Guidelines* implementation will require systems change, BJA is offering training and technical assistance (TTA). The [COSSUP Resource Center](#) supports jails' efforts to connect individuals to evidence-based

substance withdrawal and SUD services and facilitate continuity of care upon community reentry. This central hub allows users to:

- ◀ Learn more about the *Guidelines* from a [fact sheet](#), [frequently asked questions](#), and [videos](#) featuring corrections leaders and clinicians.
- ◀ Find relevant resources, such as:
 - A [Readiness for Implementation Toolkit](#), including:
 - An implementation readiness assessment
 - Checklists for jail administrators, health care professionals, and local government officials
 - A checklist for staff training
 - An assessment of correctional officers' training needs
 - [Screening for Substance Use Disorders](#)—An eLearning resource for jail staff aiming to help learners understand the basics of screening for SUD among individuals entering jail
 - [Screening for Substance Disorders in Jails](#)—A fact sheet summarizing frequently used screening instruments with descriptions of their purpose, method, administration, benefits, considerations, and cost/availability
 - ◀ [Request TTA](#) tailored to meet individual needs. Subject-matter experts are available to provide direct TTA to jails, either virtually or in person.

Visit the COSSUP Resource Center at www.cossup.org.

Questions?

Complete the [COSSUP TTA request form](#) to request assistance with *Guidelines* implementation.

About COSSUP

COSSUP has transitioned from the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP). This change in title for the program is indicative of efforts to reduce the stigma related to substance use and to support impacted people in their recovery journey.

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