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## *Technical Assistance (TA) Opportunity to Improve Post-Conviction Risk and Needs Assessment*

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### **National Guidelines for Post-Conviction Risk and Needs Assessment**

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There are valid and growing concerns about accuracy, fairness, transparency, and communication in the use of risk and needs assessment—and criminal justice agencies have not been given the guidance they need to communicate the strengths and limitations of risk and needs assessment.

*[Advancing Fairness and Transparency: National Guidelines for Post-Conviction Risk and Needs Assessment](#)* provides criminal justice agencies with the clear, concrete guidance they need to prioritize accuracy, fairness, transparency, and effective communication in the use of risk and needs assessment.

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**Improve the *accuracy, fairness, and transparency* of your post-conviction assessments.**

Elevate your practices, enhance fairness, and lead in implementing cutting-edge strategies that benefit criminal justice agencies, individuals in the system, and your broader communities.

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Through this project, in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance—a component of the Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs, The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center will provide TA to sites for up to one year to help them improve the use of post-conviction risk and needs assessments. TA will be tailored specifically to participating sites based on needs and goals.

#### **Who can request TA?**

State, local, and Tribal jurisdictions interested in improving the use of post-conviction assessments.

#### **How can I request TA?**

To request TA, complete the [TA request form](#) available on the [Take Action](#) webpage.

## What TA services can be provided?

Sites will receive tailored TA services based on identified needs and goals, which could include the following, as applicable:

- Requests for resources
- Implementation progress tracking through the self-assessment tool
- Peer connections
- Attendance at stakeholder meetings
- Facilitation of TA consultations
- Peer learning community of practice meetings
- Monthly TA calls
- Assessment of quality and fidelity of assessment practices
- Site visits
- Focus groups, training, or meeting facilitation
- Assistance in strategy development
- Review and feedback of agency data related to assessments
- Policy and procedure review and feedback
- Tailored communications materials

### Examples of TA Needs

- Would you like resources about the use of risk and needs assessments?
- Would you like to adopt one or more of the guidelines?
- Would you like to develop communications documents for different audiences in your jurisdiction?
- Would you like to review the results of your self-assessment tool submission?

## How can I learn more?

[Access a suite of resources](#) that introduce the national guidelines, are tailored to different audiences, and allow jurisdictions to take the [self-assessment](#).



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