

SEARCH NATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Providing no-cost, expert technical assistance to address the information management needs of local and state criminal justice agencies through advanced information and identification technologies.

TECHNOLOGY POSES SOME TOUGH QUESTIONS

Has your agency or jurisdiction implemented the information and identification technology necessary to stay current in the 21st century justice system?

Does your agency or jurisdiction need help planning for and implementing integrated justice information systems?

Do you find yourself with more questions than answers when it comes to integration and automation?

If so, find out how the SEARCH National Technical Assistance Program can help you.



SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, is a nonprofit membership organization, created by and for the states, which is dedicated to improving the criminal justice system through better information management and the effective application of information and identification technology. SEARCH headquarters are in Sacramento, California.

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HOW SEARCH CAN HELP

The SEARCH National Technical Assistance Program offers no-cost, expert technical assistance to develop, operate, improve, and integrate justice information and identification systems. SEARCH provides assistance to all disciplines of local and state justice agencies, including law enforcement, prosecutor, public defender, jails, courts, corrections, probation and parole, and associated agencies.

SEARCH can help you:

- ✓ Improve justice agency information management and decisionmaking by using the latest information and identification technologies
- ✓ Improve information integration and data sharing between agencies, and among local, state, and federal agencies
- ✓ Ensure that you adopt technology that meets national and industry standards
- ✓ Develop comprehensive plans for justice information management that meets the needs and requirements of U.S. Department of Justice grant programs and federal reporting requirements
- ✓ Learn about network security and receive assistance in developing security policies and procedures
- ✓ Incorporate best practices for IT strategic planning and implementation
- ✓ Learn from the collective experiences of other justice agencies and jurisdictions that are automating and integrating their information systems

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CAN INCLUDE:

- Effective governance structures development
- Needs analysis and assessment
- Systems evaluation
- Meeting facilitation
- Strategic planning
- Operational requirements development
- Standards development (XML, information exchange, functional, performance, etc.)
- Documenting information exchanges/business processes
- Infrastructure assessment and development
- Technical documentation review
- Acquisition document development
- IT procurement planning and review
- Legal, policy and technical research
- Statistical analysis
- Security assessments
- Technology and planning workshops

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OFFERED

In-house Technical Assistance

For in-house technical assistance, the professional staff of SEARCH works with agencies to provide research, analysis, information, references and resources about automation, integration, and information system planning. These projects often include in-depth research by SEARCH staff, and reviews of agency automation/integration planning materials, needs assessments, data modeling, requests for proposals or other acquisition documents. This type of assistance is usually conducted via telephone, email, and regular mail.

Onsite Technical Assistance

Onsite assistance provides requesting agencies and jurisdictions consultation on automating, upgrading, and integrating individual agency, county, and state justice information management applications, and facilitates reporting to state and federal programs.

Onsite assistance helps agencies to effectively plan, design, develop, procure, and implement automated information systems. Each technical assistance project is unique; its scope and content are developed during consultations with agency representatives.

This type of assistance includes one or more 2- to 3-day visits by SEARCH staff, and preparation of a formal technical assistance report that outlines specific recommendations to improve technology implementation and integration within your agency or jurisdiction.

PROGRAM FOCUS

A primary focus of SEARCH technical assistance is assisting state and local jurisdictions integrate their justice agency information systems.

When agencies or jurisdictions are ready to bridge the gap between current information technologies and what will be needed in the future to continue to effectively pursue the administration of justice, the SEARCH Technical Assistance Program can help.

SEARCH technical assistance often involves working with law enforcement to plan for and implement mobile computing, computer-aided dispatch, fingerprint identification and records management system technologies. We also help prosecutors, public defenders, and courts to implement case management information systems. Additionally, SEARCH technical assistance provides guidance to jails, corrections, probation, and parole agencies as they implement offender-tracking programs.

HOW TO APPLY

Agencies interested in receiving onsite technical assistance must complete a [Technical Assistance Request Form](#). After we receive your completed form, we will contact you to discuss your technical assistance needs in further detail.

For more information, or to request a [Technical Assistance Request Form](#), contact SEARCH at (916) 392-2550 or email TA@search.org.

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