

GRANTS @ a GLANCE

American Probation and Parole Association

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APPA currently has 14 active externally-funded grant projects either as the lead or sub-contractor. In addition, we have one pending project that will start this year. Projects primarily involve providing training and technical assistance to the community corrections field, while others involve conducting and/or advising on research and evaluation. Funding agencies include the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Arnold Ventures, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office on Violence against Women, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Maricopa County Office of Procurement Services (AZ), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, National Institute of Justice, and Wyoming Department of Corrections.

TRIBAL

For the past decade, APPA has been a leading training and technical assistance provider for [tribal community corrections agencies](#). Currently, APPA has four projects that fall under this category. APPA is the lead on these projects, and funding is provided by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The nature of these projects generally involves assisting American Indian tribes and Alaskan Native villages justice systems to develop and/or enhance the capacity of their community corrections personnel and programs. Key deliverables include training to tribal probation officers (both online and in-person), providing remote or onsite technical assistance on specific subject matter or laws, providing resources to personnel to attend training events, and developing written reports. The work APPA does on these projects usually involve collaboration with several partners, much of whom are specifically focused on tribal matters, including the University of North Dakota/Tribal Judicial Institute, National Judicial College/National Tribal Judicial Center, and American Indian Development Associates.

JUVENILE JUSTICE

APPA has two current projects that focus on juvenile justice matters. One involves assisting Westat with conducting an implementation and outcome evaluation of Kentucky's juvenile justice reform efforts. Funding is provided by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The other project involves the integration of developmental science in juvenile probation, funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

IMPAIRED DRIVING

APPA has two projects that receive funding from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration that focus on the [assessment and supervision of impaired-driving clients](#) in the community. This is an area APPA has been a leader in for the past several years. One project involves adapting and promoting the Impaired Driving Assessment, a risk assessment tool APPA co-developed with individual experts in the field. APPA just initiated a new project in which the underlying focus is to conduct further research on the assessment. And the second project involves the Probation Fellow, Mark Stodola, who travels the country providing training and technical assistance to community corrections agencies and local courts on evidence-based practices for the treatment and supervision of impaired-driving clients.

WORKFORCE & ORGANIZATION

As the leading professional membership organization for the community corrections field, it is important for APPA to be at the forefront of issues affecting the workforce and organizational culture. One project involves assisting RTI International, with support from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, with the [Annual Surveys of Probation and Parole](#), a data collection effort that acquires information about the number of probationers and parolees across the country and the agencies that supervise them. APPA serves as the research partner on a project with the Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts to evaluate the impact of the EPICS-II training program on supervision outcomes among adult probationers. Finally, APPA is involved with two projects—one with the Maricopa County Adult Probation Department and the other with the Wyoming Department of Corrections—that are workload study evaluations of probation officers.

SPECIALIZED POPULATIONS

APPA is involved with multiple projects that pertain to specialized populations and supervision practices in community corrections. One project involves assisting the University of Massachusetts at Lowell with a national study of the information-sharing functions of sex offender registration and notification systems, and it is funded by the National Institute of Justice. Since 2004, APPA and Community Corrections Institute (CCI) have provided training, technical assistance, and written publications, among other resources, to adult probation and parole agencies. APPA and CCI are continuing their partnership in this capacity with the provision of specialized training. And APPA is working with numerous partners to provide training to community corrections professionals on how to identify and supervise individuals under supervision who are victims of intimate partner violence. This project is being funded by the Office on Violence against Women.

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