

# Project Safe Neighborhood: SAAs Role in Coordination, Leveraging Resources, and Encouraging Innovation

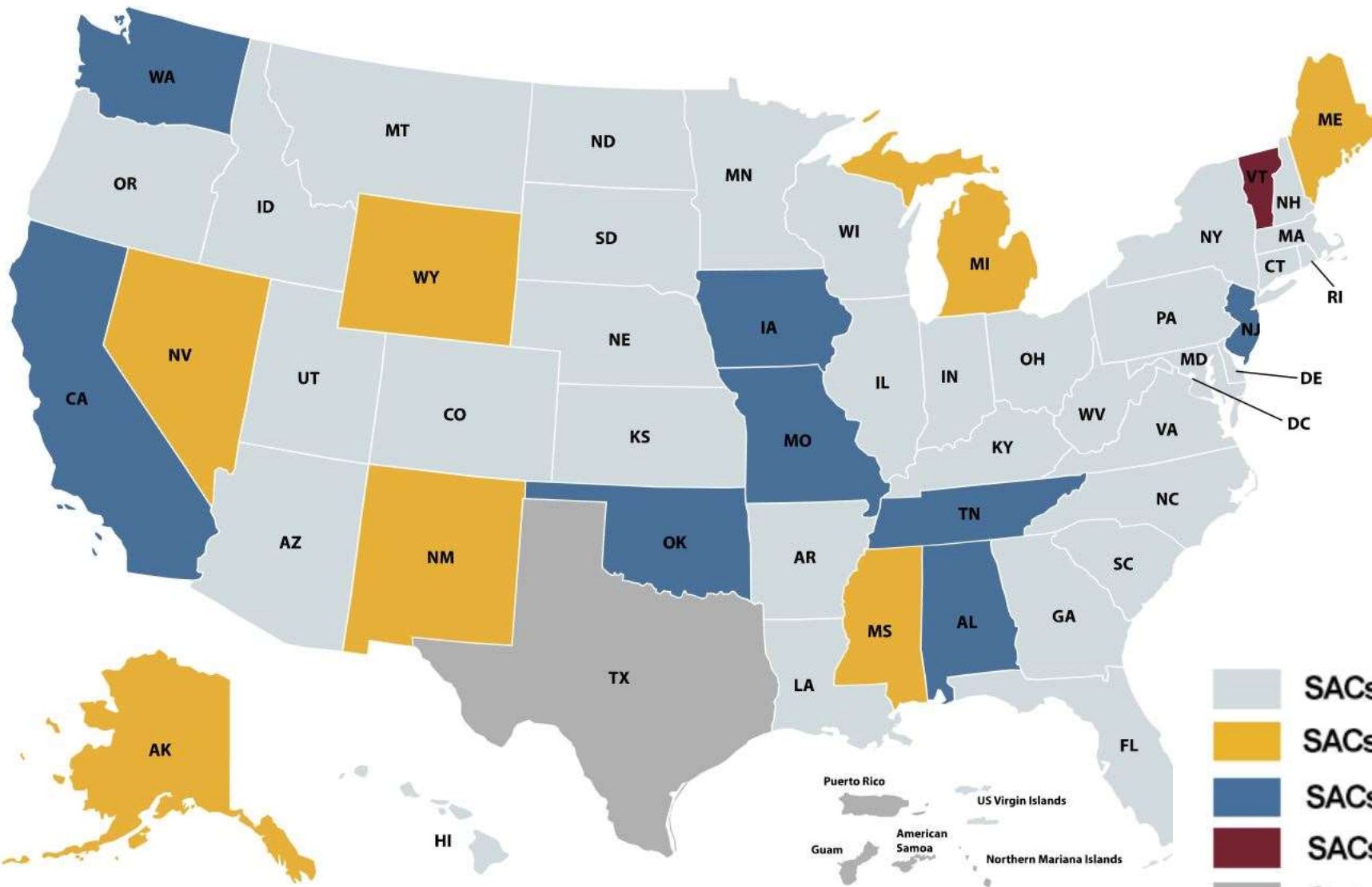







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# MOVING CRIMINAL JUSTICE FORWARD THROUGH RESEARCH, POLICY AND PRACTICE



-  SACs located in a State Administering Agency (SAA)
-  SACs located in a university
-  SACs located in a other type of state agency
-  SACs located in a not-for-profit agency
-  States or territories without a SAC

# Purpose and Goal Project Safe Neighborhoods

## Purpose

(PSN) is designed to create and foster safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in violent crime.

## Goal

The goal of the program is to combat violent crime and make their communities safer through a comprehensive approach to public safety that marries targeted law enforcement efforts with community engagement, prevention, and reentry efforts .

1997-Developed by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia in coordination with the Office of the Attorney General, Richmond Commonwealth Attorney's Office and the Richmond Police Department, Project Exile was formally initiated in Richmond, Virginia.

1999- The Virginia General Assembly passed legislation (§18.2-308.1, §18.2-308.2, and §18.2-308.4 of the *Code of Virginia*) to impose mandatory minimum sentences for selected firearm related crimes.

2000-The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) awarded Virginia Exile grant funds to six localities to provide additional resources for the prosecution of these cases. The Office of the Attorney General ran three of the localities.

2001-Through support from President George W. Bush. the program expands upon strategies used in Boston's Operation Ceasefire, and in Richmond, Virginia's Project Exile.

2003-2006-The Office of the Attorney General runs a Project Exile grant using intervention and prevention strategies developed for Project Safe Neighborhoods.

2008-2013-Project Safe Neighborhood Prosecutors are placed in Alexandria, Richmond, and Norfolk.

2014-2018 The Office of the Attorney General accepts an award from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to reduce gun, gang, and violent crime through collaborative prosecution, the communication of a deterrent message, and partnership with community leaders in Norfolk and Richmond, Virginia.



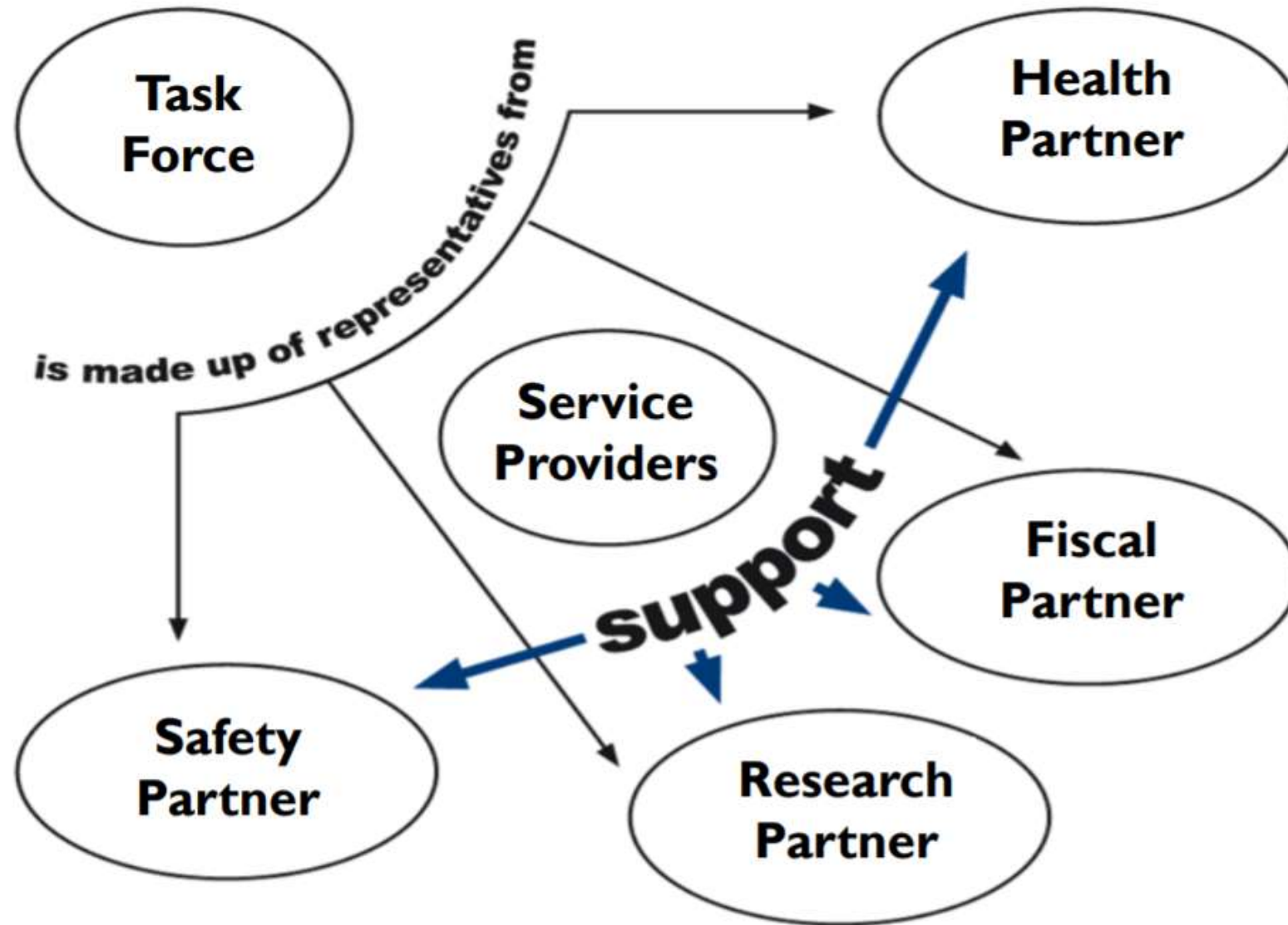
Working together to stop violent crime  
and make communities safer.

# Objectives

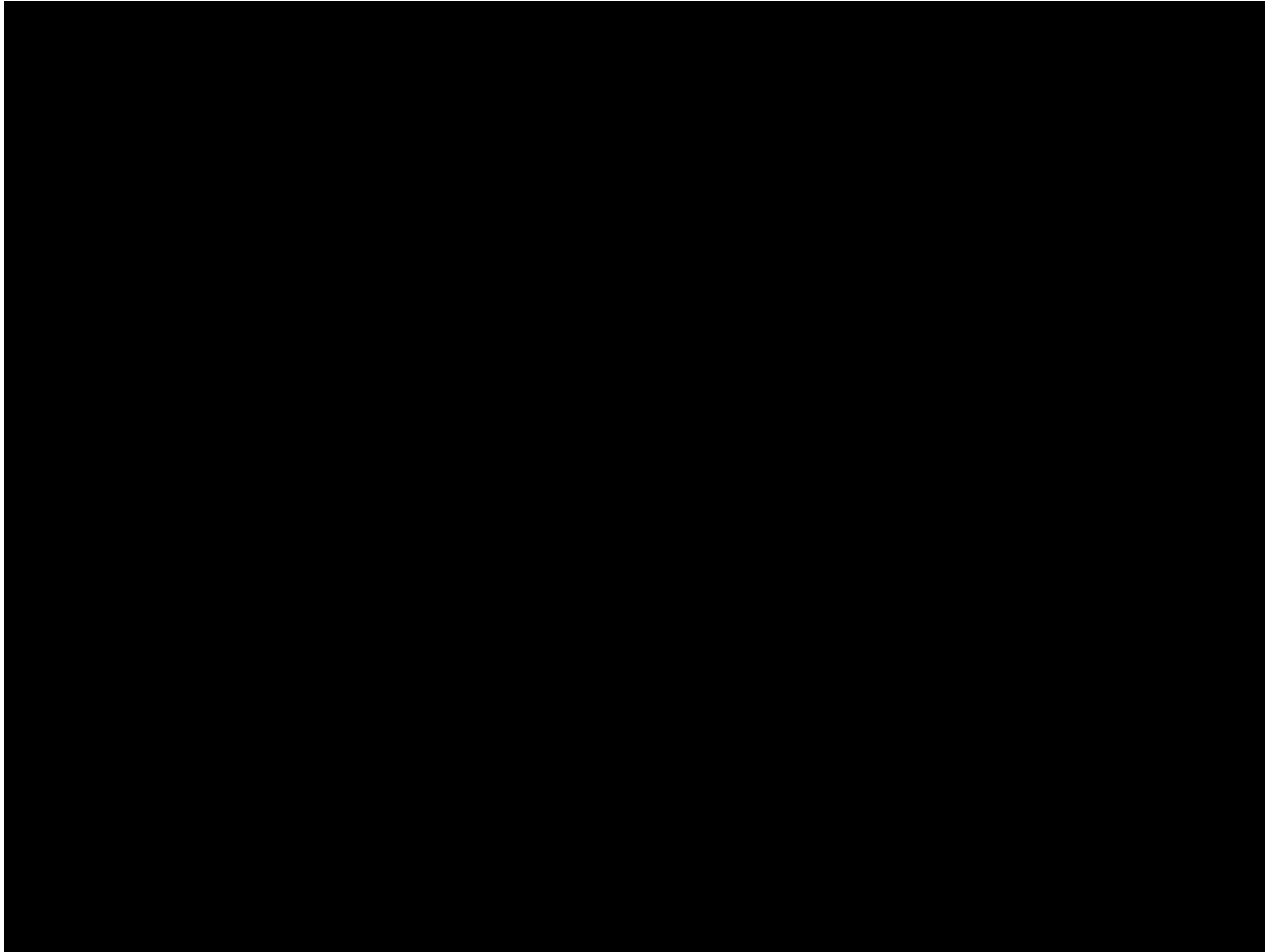
- Implement effective programs and strategies that enable PSN task forces to prevent, respond to, and reduce violent crime.
- Effectively use intelligence and data to identify high crime areas and prolific violent offenders.
- Foster effective collaboration with affected communities.
- Create and maintain ongoing coordination among federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officials.

# Deliverables

- The completion of a Grant Action Plan (GAP). The GAP, is produced by the fiscal agent in collaboration with the PSN Coordinator and PSN Task Force at the outset of each award. Award recipients will have up to 6 months to develop the team's PSN GAP. An awardee's PSN project implementation and access to all award funding are contingent upon BJA's approval of its GAP and sub-award authorization.
- Periodic reports (including the PSN semi-annual report), presentations, and briefings for the PSN team and community members (success stories encouraged).
- A final report of the program's implementation and outcomes, submitted to BJA at the conclusion of the project.







# Changes for the PSN 2019 Grant

	FY 2018 Solicitation	FY 2019 Solicitation
<b>Budget</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certified fiscal agents submitted allocations based on formula amounts available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certified fiscal agents should submit their application for one dollar (\$1) as a placeholder until formula amounts are finalized.</li> </ul>
<b>Allocations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certified fiscal agent is allowed to retain 10% in administrative funds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certified fiscal agent is allowed to retain up to 10% in administrative funds</li> <li>• 30% of PSN funding be used to support “gang task forces in regions experiencing a significant or increased presence of criminal or transnational organizations engaging in high levels of violent crime, firearms offenses, human trafficking, and drug trafficking.”</li> </ul>
<b>Certification of Compliance with 8 U.S.C § 1373</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certification of Compliance with 8 U.S.C § 1373 form required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special Condition in Award, no form required.</li> </ul>

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Area	FY 2018 Solicitation	FY 2019 Solicitation
<b>Sub-Award Competition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BJA approval required for Summary of Competition and Sub-Awardees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No competition required for sub-recipients; however, Applicant Disclosure of Proposed Sub-recipients is required</li> </ul>
<b>PSN National Conference</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandatory attendance at the PSN National Conference (held in December 2018 in Kansas City, MO)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Award recipients must reserve funds in their budget for the purpose of supporting three nonfederal members of the PSN Task Force's participation in the mandatory 2020 PSN National Conference in Texas, April 2020</li> </ul>

# Applicant Disclosure of Sub-recipients

All sub-recipients must receive authorization from BJA. Attach a list of proposed sub-recipients of grant funding that includes: (if applicable)

- 1)The name (of proposed sub-recipient)
- 2)Organizational affiliation
- 3)Location of the proposed sub-recipient entity.

# Resources



# Training and Technical Assistance

- The PSN Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Team is Michigan State University (MSU), the CNA Institute for Public Research (CNA), and the National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC)
- The Regional TTA support teams are a DOJ Champion, Training and Technical Assistance Liaison, and an Analyst:  
<https://psntta.org/regional-tta-teams/>
- The DOJ TTA folks are EOUSA (Seth Adam Meinero) for US Attorneys and BJA (Kate McNamee and Steve Fender) for Fiscal Agents and SAAs

# Innovation

Delaware: Focused Deterrence and Gun Violence Initiative

Tennessee: Operation Gun Done

Virginia: Gang Taskforce, Social Network Analysis (Operation Riptide), Community Based Crime Reduction and Social Media Campaign).

# Crime drivers initiative

- To begin, looked at examples from other cities (esp. Atlanta PSN)
- PSN prosecutor, researcher, others determined initial criteria
  - Iterated through adjustments to criteria for final formula
- Created first list in May 2015; updated every 6 months through August 2019
- Used arrest data only
  - From 2007-2015-16-17-18 (Added new data on at each new list)
- Over time, added arrests from 4 neighboring cities
  - Matched arrestees across all cities
  - Created individual and regional lists



# Final criteria

Who is on list?	Top 150 arrestees	
Initial dataset	All arrestees in between Jan 1, 2008 and Aug 22, 2018	
Focusing arrestee list	Only include those with 2+ violent arrests since Jan 1, 2008	
Assigning point totals	Crimes assigned scores based on severity (ex: rape/murder=70, threats=10)	
Adjusting point totals with other criteria	Top charge	Only counted <b>top charge</b> (highest points) for each arrest event, except for homicide, where all charges are counted even if 2+ charged in one arrest
	Time since arrest	Points <b>decrease</b> with increasing time from end of study period (8/22/2016)
	Young arrestees, 14-35 yrs.	10% <b>increase</b> in points
	Older arrestees, 50+ years	50% <b>decrease</b> in points
	Weapons-involved	30% <b>increase</b> in points
	Gang-involved	30% <b>increase</b> in points
NOT included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether/what prosecutor charged arrestee with</li> <li>• Prior pleas/convictions/sentencing information</li> <li>• Prior incarceration information (e.g. arrestee could have been in custody for part of the study period, reducing “time at risk for arrest”)</li> <li>• Witness or victim information</li> </ul>	



CRIME	PTS
Homicide	70
Sexual Assault	70
Aggravated Battery	50
Carjacking	50
Kidnapping	50
Robbery	50
Weapons-Discharge	50
Burglary	40
Aggravated Assault	30
Gangs	30
Weapons-Possession	30
Other (DV, Drugs, Etc.)	10

# Crime Drivers initiative results

Unique individuals	316
Average list appearances (of 6)	2.8
Average age	27
Average # in custody, per list	100
# in custody, all 6 lists	29
# in custody every list of appearance	165 (52%)

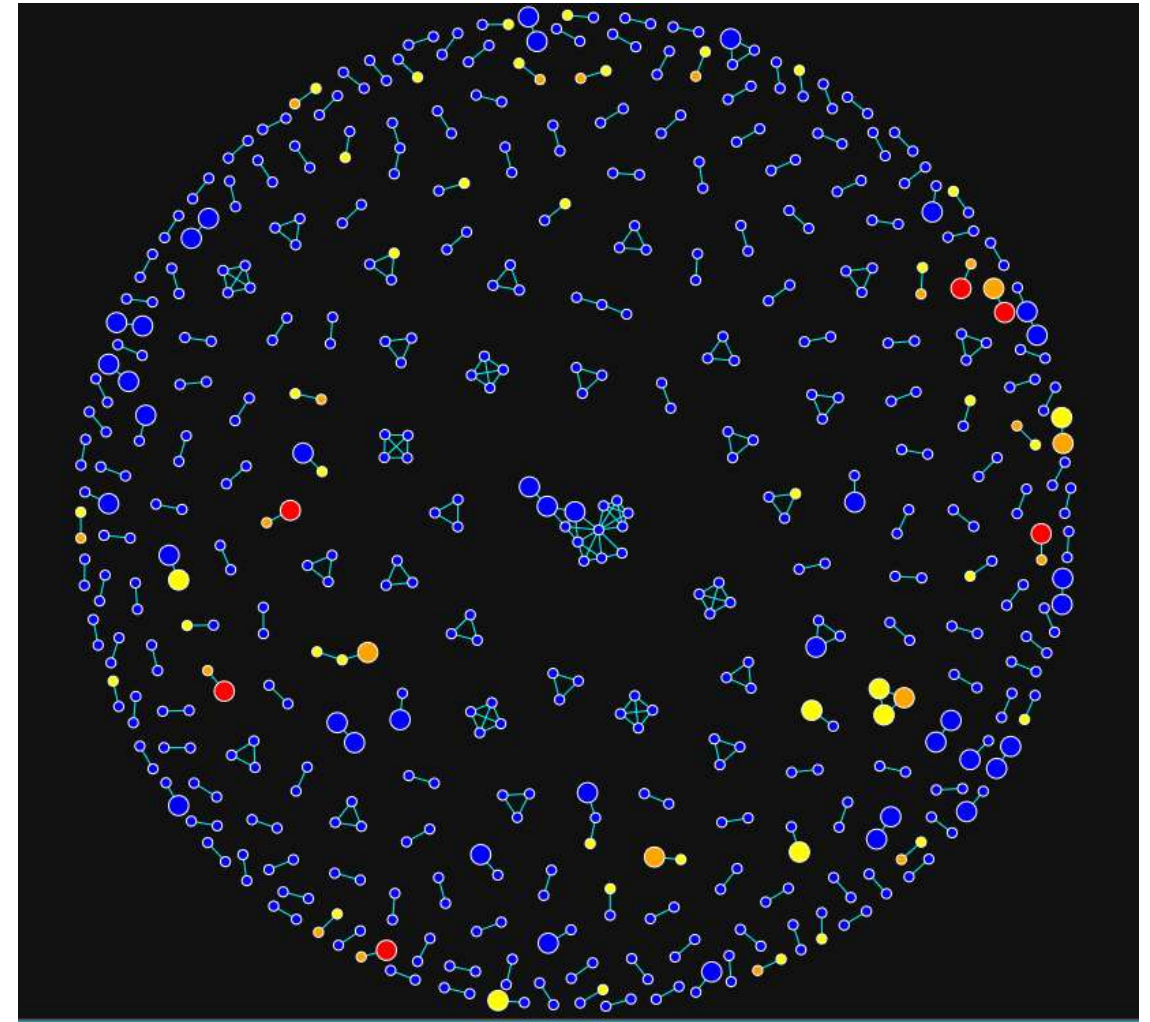
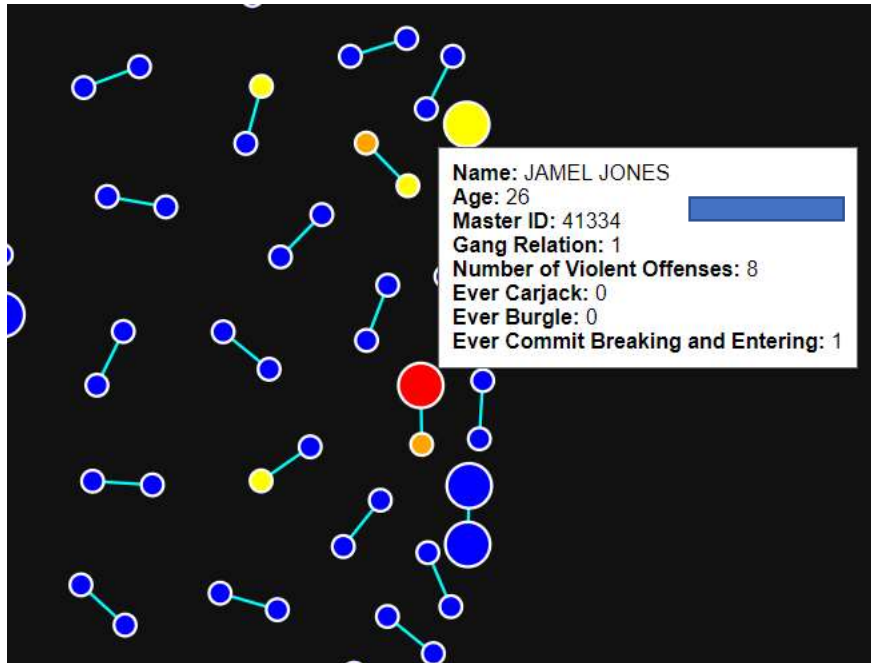
- **Lots of repetition across lists**
- **Lots of churn in and out of custody**
- **May help to start first list with no one in custody (2/3 in custody at first list)**
- **But 2/3 of individuals who first appeared while NOT in custody ended up in custody at some point, usually within 6 months-one year**

List appearances before "failure"	N=34*
1 list	13
2 lists	14
3 lists	5
5 lists	2
<b>Average</b>	<b>1.9</b>

\*Not in custody at first appearance on list

# Social network analysis

- Used co-arrest data and geo-coding to create interactive sociogram



# A Case Study:

## Respect Richmond

### Reducing Victims of Gun Violence



**SOCIAL MEDIA**

# TIPLINE

Know something? Say something!

**CALL METRO  
RICHMOND  
CRIME  
STOPPERS:  
804-780-1000**

**SUBMIT A  
CRIME TIP  
ONLINE**  
Leave a Tip

**DOWNLOAD THE  
APP**  
Android App  
iPhone App

Message & data rates may  
apply. See website for more  
details.

**CONTACT  
GUN250**  
Know someone  
with an illegal gun?  
Submit a Tip

# RESULTS

## All Five Courts Combined:

- Homicide- **50% decrease**
- Robbery with a firearm- **41% decrease**
- Robbery Victims Shot- **100% decrease**
- Aggravated Assault- **31% decrease**
- Aggravated Assault w/ firearm- **34% decrease**
- Aggravated Assault Victims shot- **57% decrease**
- Total Violent crimes- **30% decrease**









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