Why the OJP Diagnostic Center?

• Policy makers need technical assistance to identify, assess and implement data-driven strategies to combat crime and improve public safety at the state, tribal and local level.

• OJP needs to be strategic in leveraging investments in technical assistance.
  – Multiple TA programs and funding streams with OJP and DOJ
  – Few resources for broad scope, systems-change assistance
  – Request requiring resources from multiple DOJ components to respond effectively
  – Leveraging the investment by building capacity in communities
The Diagnostic Center supports communities facing complex challenges that require system change across multiple crime topics.
2014 Engagements

Crime Topics Addressed by Request*

*Active requests only. One request may cover multiple crime topics.
The Diagnostic Center follows a three-phase process

The Diagnostic Center consistently applies its three-phased process for providing assistance to communities – **Diagnose**, **Implement** and **Assess** – to identify the true contributing factors to crime, and to map them to strategies and solutions that have demonstrated success in reducing crime.

**DIAGNOSE**
- Diagnostic Center convenes community stakeholders and subject matter experts to:
  - define problem and desired outcomes
  - identify sources of data that illuminate strengths and challenges in the community

**IMPLEMENT**
- Diagnostic Center helps the community:
  - examine the evidence base
  - identify and implement data-driven programs

**ASSESS**
- Diagnostic Center helps the community adopt data collection strategies to measure the effectiveness of the programs put in place during the engagement.
The Diagnostic Center develops products tailored to each community and that help to advance knowledge of *what works*

- Diagnostic Center leverages local data to diagnose factors contributing to a community’s public safety issues and then maps those factors to strategies and solutions that have demonstrated success in reducing crime.
- Diagnostic Center develops products that can be leveraged by communities to help inform their approach and decision-making and to advance knowledge of *what works* in the criminal justice, juvenile justice and victim services fields.
Diagnostic Center Technical Assistance Benefits

• **Effective use of resources**
  
  ✓ The Diagnostic Center brings together resources and expertise from across the DOJ and OJP to meet the needs of state, local and tribal governments.

• **Customized assistance for each community**
  
  ✓ The Diagnostic Center collects and analyzes data to identify the factors contributing to the public safety issue and map those factors to strategies and solutions that have demonstrated success in reducing crime.

• **Recommendations that are smart on crime**
  
  ✓ The Diagnostic Center supports communities across the country in the implementation of data-driven strategies to address criminal justice, juvenile justice and victim services issues.

  ✓ The Diagnostic Center helps state and local leaders apply what works in criminal justice in their own communities.
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