



## LISTEN

Improving our ability to understand and respond to crime and justice challenges begins with listening to the field. NIJ regularly engages with criminal and juvenile justice researchers and professionals to gather information on what knowledge, tools, and resources are necessary to reduce crime and advance justice.



## LEARN

We invest in research across scientific disciplines — including the social and behavioral sciences, physical sciences, engineering, and technology — to provide evidence-based knowledge that will strengthen the justice system.

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## NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE AHEAD OF ITS TIME

*It is the purpose of this subchapter to establish a National Institute of Justice, which shall provide for and encourage research and demonstration efforts for the purpose of —*

- (1) *improving Federal, State, and local criminal justice systems and related aspects of the civil justice system;*
- (2) *preventing and reducing crimes;*
- (3) *insuring citizen access to appropriate dispute-resolution forums; and*
- (4) *identifying programs of proven effectiveness, programs having a record of proven success, or programs which offer a high probability of improving the functioning of the criminal justice system.*

— OMNIBUS CRIME CONTROL AND SAFE STREETS ACT OF 1968  
(34 U.S.C. § 10121)

## WHO WE ARE

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is the research, development, and evaluation agency of the U.S. Department of Justice. Our mission is to improve the knowledge and understanding of crime and justice issues through science.

To accomplish this mission, we **listen** to the needs of the field; **learn** ways to meet those needs; and **inform** the field of what we learned.

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## INFORM

NIJ's scientific investments inform the national conversation on issues of criminal and juvenile justice and public safety. The results of NIJ-funded research give policymakers and practitioners the best available evidence to make decisions, and the research builds knowledge that advances both science and practice.



