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.
