



## ***Innovative Prosecution Solutions Learning Community Webinar: Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships February 19, 2020***

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## Goals of Researcher Practitioner Partnerships

- Describe goals and importance of researcher-practitioner partnerships
- Discuss examples of partnerships on the IPS project
- Summarize lessons learned about these partnerships from previous webinar
- Share with peers:
  - How is the partnership initiated and fostered?
  - What are the successes and challenges of the partnership?
  - How can the researchers and practitioners work to promote sustainability of the partnership?

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## IPS Research: A Variety of Topics and Partnerships

| Site  | Research Topic   | Researchers   | Practitioners                 |
|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Wayne County Prosecutor's Office (MI)                             | Non-Fatal Shootings and Reducing Opioid-Related Crimes           | Ed McGarrell<br>Julie Krupa                                   | Pat Muscat                    |
| Davidson County District Attorney's Office (TN)                   | Human Trafficking Victim Services                                | Lauren Allard   | Melanie Taylor<br>Bre Miller  |
| The Office of the Circuit Attorney for the City of St. Louis (MO) | Youthful Offender Diversion Program                              | Noelle Fearn<br>Scott Decker                                  | Chelesa Holden<br>Jamie Myers |
| Worcester County Middle District Attorney's Office (MA)           | Enhancing Investigation and Prosecution of Opioid-Related Crimes | Elizabeth Walsh<br>Jane Huang                                 | Karen Henry                   |
| East Baton Rouge District Attorney                                | Reducing Opioid-Related Overdoses and Deaths                     | Elizabeth Winchester<br>Tracey Rizzuto<br>Gabriele Richardson | Jon Daily                     |
| Cook County State's Attorney's Office                             | Reducing Gun Violence  | Max Kapustin  | Ethan Holland                 |

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## Lessons Learned from the Second Webinar

- Important to get buy-in from all the practitioners and key stakeholders from the beginning of the project
- Introducing new ideas or practices can create tension between researchers and practitioners
  - For example, law enforcement officers may be resistant because they simply do not have the resources to implement a new practice
- Challenging to measure IPS-supported interventions in an area where other crime reduction strategies are already being deployed
- Need for privacy and confidentiality can limit a research partner's access to relevant data

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## Lessons Learned from the Second Webinar

- Several themes related to sustainability:
  - Research findings that demonstrate improved outcomes on one project can lead to broader local and state-level support on other projects or helped to inform improvements to strategies
  - Necessary to spend resources above what is provided by a given grant to foster partnership
  - The ability of the researcher to assist practitioners with matters beyond the scope of the IPS project can build trust with the practitioners and create an ideal partnership for future funding opportunities that may have a different focus

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## Initiating and Fostering the Researcher-Practitioner Partnership

- What was the process by which the practitioners chose their IPS collaboration research partner?
- How do the practitioners and research partners address the need for cross-training or education of the legal or research evaluation processes?
- How can the practitioners and research partners ensure that they are on the same page in terms of the translation of findings?

| Site                  | Researcher | Practitioner   |
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| Montgomery County, TX | Ling Ren   | Tamara Holland |

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## Initiating and Fostering the Researcher-Practitioner Partnership (cont.)

- What are some of the competing needs or interests among criminal justice practitioners that have impacted the researcher-practitioner partnership?
- From the perspective of the practitioner, what are the strengths and limitations (if any) of working with a research partner to implement and evaluate some intervention?

| Site                 | Researcher   | Practitioner                       |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Chatham County       | Chad Posick <sup>GC65</sup>  | Kristin Fulford<br>Timothy Ruffini |
| East Baton Rouge, LA | <sup>DD36</sup> zabeth Winchester<br>Tracey Rizzuto<br>Gabriele Richardson | John Daily                         |

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## Successes and Challenges with Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships

- What are some examples of successes?
- What are some examples of knowledge gained about research or practice from your collaborator on this project?
- Based on previous partnerships, what have you found regarding obstacles that are insurmountable?
- What are some workable solutions for seemingly intractable problems?

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|---|---|-------------------------------|
| The Office of the Circuit Attorney for the City of St. Louis (MO) | Noelle Fearn <sup>DD27</sup><br><sup>SS40</sup> | Chelesa Holden<br>Jamie Myers |
| Cook County State's Attorney's Office                             | Max Kapustin <sup>CCC4</sup><br><sup>GC66</sup> | Ethan Holland                 |

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## Promoting Sustainability of the Program & Partnership

- How have the researchers and practitioners worked to ensure the sustainability of the program in the project and the partnership?
- How have the researchers and practitioners communicated findings from their partnership to policy makers and other professionals in the field?

| Site                                       | Researchers                                  | Practitioners                  |
|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Cook County State's Attorney's Office (IL) | DD44<br>GC63 University of Chicago Crime Lab | Ethan Holland<br>Nicole Kramer |
| Wayne County Prosecutor's Office (MI)      | Ed McGarrell<br>Julie Krupa                  | Pat Muscat                     |

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## Webinar Wrap-Up

- Discussion takeaways from the webinar will be distributed.
- Any topics or issues raised for further discussion will be researched.
- Webinar will be posted on the IPS webpage; link will be provided.
- Final questions or comments from participants.
- Thank you!

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