

Call for Submissions

Journal for Advancing Justice Volume IV:

Justice Reform: Achieving Evidence-Based Practices in Community Corrections to Promote Recovery

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The *Journal for Advancing Justice* (JAJ) invites submissions for its fourth volume, "Justice Reform: Achieving Evidence-Based Practices in Community Corrections to Promote Recovery." This volume is scheduled to be published in the late fall/early winter of 2021. This issue is supported by grant funded by the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President.

The deadline for full manuscript submissions is Friday, July 16, 2021.

Background

The United States and other nations are at a major crossroads in criminal justice reform. Efforts are underway to divert individuals safely and effectively from incarceration to needed community supervision and support services, treat the underlying drivers of crime such as substance use and mental health disorders, and ensure equity and inclusion for all racial, ethnic, and cultural groups. As communities and advocates continue to call for change at the federal, state, and local levels, reforms are taking hold at an unprecedented pace.

While many reforms are clearly necessary and well-intentioned, it has become more critical than ever that law, policy, and practice shifts be grounded in rigorous scientific research. If we are to ensure lasting positive change, we must conduct research in critical areas that have not received adequate attention, as well as build on existing findings from community-based interventions that have been proven to work, such as treatment courts, law enforcement deflection initiatives, prosecutor-led diversion programs, and other alternatives to incarceration.

Volume IV

The *Journal for Advancing Justice* seeks both original research reports and research-based review articles or meta-analyses examining evidence-based community programs and interventions designed to reduce incarceration and improve treatment outcomes for individuals in the justice system who have substance use disorders, mental health disorders, and other related social service needs.

All articles must be rooted in scientific evidence and indicate clearly where additional research is needed to reach informed policy recommendations or conclusions. Manuscripts must report evidence of program effectiveness or cost-effectiveness, identify best practices associated with better outcomes, and where available, indicate the appropriate target population for various program models based on participants' risk and need profiles.

Priority Topics

Examples of priority topics that the journal's editorial board has identified as critical for successful justice reform are listed below. For articles that do not address these topics but may be relevant to this volume, authors are encouraged to contact the managing editor, Brooke Glisson at bglisson@allrise.org, to determine if their work is appropriate for this issue.

Articles are especially encouraged that report what is known and what needs to be learned about best practices related to the following areas. All articles must discuss how effective practices should be tailored to participants' risk and need profiles to ensure effective and efficient service provision.

- Collaborative strategies for the treatment and criminal justice systems to coordinate care effectively for high-risk and high-need participants
- Effective parameters for community supervision practices, such as home or employment visits, GPS monitoring, house arrest, remote check-ins, drug and alcohol testing, and application of core correctional practices
- Optimum program lengths and dosages of services based on participant risk and need
- Methods for enhancing or building on recovery capital for participants
- Effective roles and functions of peer recovery support specialists or peer mentors
- Effective harm reduction strategies and how to apply these in the context of community corrections programs
- The impact of drug decriminalization or legalization on applications of best practices
- Trainings or interventions demonstrated to enhance equity and inclusion for various racial, ethnic, or other cultural groups
- Self-care and wellness strategies for justice professionals to enhance workforce development, including strategies for coping with loss and grief

Abstract Submission

Authors are strongly encouraged to submit an abstract of their proposed submission for consideration by the editorial board prior to submitting a final manuscript. Abstracts may be submitted using the journal's online submission form. This form and other important information can be found at nadcp.org/advancingjustice/journal-for-advancing-justice.

Abstracts and other inquiries may also be submitted directly to the managing editor, Brooke Glisson, at bglisson@allrise.org.

The editorial board will review abstracts promptly on a rolling basis and will respond within five (5) business days to decline the submission, request additional information, or solicit a full manuscript. Note that a request for a full manuscript confirms our interest in the topic and paper but does not guarantee acceptance or publication. The deadline for full manuscript submissions is Friday, July 16, 2021.

About the Journal

Developed and published by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals with grant funding from the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, the peer-reviewed *Journal for Advancing Justice* provides justice and public health professionals, policymakers and other thought leaders, academics, scholars, and researchers a forum to share

evidence-based and promising practices at the intersection of the justice and public health systems. The journal strives to bridge the gap between what has proven effective and what is often considered business as usual.

Although the journal emphasizes scholarship and scientific research, it serves a readership primarily comprising practitioners and policymakers, including judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, probation and parole officers, treatment providers, law enforcement officers, and court administrators. To that end, manuscripts should minimize scientific or technical jargon and emphasize the implications of research findings for best practices and policies in the field.

