

Convening County, Court & Justice Leaders: A Framework for Cross-System Collaboration

Peer Exchange Opportunity

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Project Details

[Rulo Strategies](#) and the [National Association of Counties \(NACo\)](#), in partnership with [Praxis Consulting](#) (the Project Team), with funding from the [State Justice Institute](#) (SJI), are pleased to announce a peer exchange opportunity for county and court representatives to travel to an innovative site to learn from the hosts and exchange ideas with the other attendees. This initiative builds upon the [County, Court, and Justice Leaders Framework](#), aligning county, court and justice leaders with local and behavioral health and public health stakeholders to create systems change. As such, innovative sites are considered counties that embody this framework through their partnerships between county agencies and community-based organizations supporting courts and counties in advancing their justice-related goals. The following two innovative sites will serve as the host locations for the peer exchange opportunities:

- Yavapai County, Ariz. (April 2-3, 2024), featuring programs, services, facilities, and community coalition partners supporting individuals with behavioral health issues in the criminal justice system. During the site visit, attendees will learn more about the Yavapai County Community Coalition, the Reentry Center, and mobile crisis and co-responder programs. For more information on Yavapai County work visit [here](#).
- *Host To Be Announced* (Tentatively the week of May 13 or June 3, 2024), featuring programs and strategies to address mental health, community violence, and housing challenges. This site visit will also be two days in length.

Applicants have the opportunity to request to attend one of the two site visits. Each peer exchange will be one-and-a-half days onsite, which will include visiting site facilities, presentations from subject matter experts, and engagement with other attendees. The goal is to provide counties and courts looking to address similar challenges and considering implementing or adapting the programs and strategies employed by the hosts the opportunity to see and hear from the practitioners utilizing them.

Applicants should designate two representatives, one county and one court official, to attend the peer exchange. Candidates may express interest in both opportunities but are encouraged to select the option that most aligns with their goals and offers potential solutions or strategies to advance them in their community. The Project Team will select up to 10 county/court teams per site. In total, up to 20 teams (with two individuals per team) will participate in the in-person peer exchanges. Successful applicants will be provided a travel scholarship to cover the costs of the two participants per application.



Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Counties are eligible for this opportunity if they:

- 1) Show interest in learning about one or both innovative sites in a completed Application Form and discuss how participation could impact their community.
- 2) Designate two committed stakeholders who:
 - Work within the court system (e.g., judge, judicial official, or court administrator)
 - Serve as a county official (e.g., commissioner, supervisor, or executive)

The Project Team will review applications and select up to 20 counties that are diverse in jurisdictional size, geographic spread, population density and justice-related goals. Counties with cross-sector partnerships and planning committees are encouraged to apply.

Benefits of Participation

Participants that are selected for the initiative will:

- Receive a travel scholarship to attend one of the two site visits. This will include 1-2 days for travel and 1.5 days onsite. Travel scholarships will cover airfare, lodging, ground transportation and meal per diems for travel days and meeting days. Please note that travel costs will be covered on a reimbursement basis once the travel is complete. Therefore, you will need to save and submit appropriate documentation to process the reimbursement. Specific instructions will be provided if selected.
- Engage in a meaningful opportunity to learn from practitioners and peers.

Application Instructions

Applicants may submit their requests online or via email by **February 2, 2024, at 5:00 pm ET**.

Applicants are required to submit a completed Application Form and two signed Commitment Forms using this [link](#) or via **email** to Rebecca@rulostrategies.com by the deadline.

To submit a request via email, complete the Application Form on pages 3-5 and the two Commitment Forms on pages 6-7, save your responses, and then email an attached copy to Becky Rose at Rebecca@rulostrategies.com.

Application deadline: February 2, 2024, at 5:00 pm ET

Notification by: February 29, 2024

If you have any questions, please contact Becky Rose at Rebecca@rulostrategies.com.



Application Form

Applications are not complete until this form & two Commitment Forms are submitted by the participants listed within this application. If you have any questions about completing this form or have submission issues, please email Becky Rose at Rebecca@rulostrategies.com.

Applicant Information		
Applicant agency		
Applicant jurisdiction (city/county or tribal government entity name)		
Primary Contact for Matters Related to This Request		
Name		
Job title		
Office/agency		
Phone number		
Email address		
Street address		
City		
State	Zip code	
Participant Contact 1		
Type of <i>required</i> applicant	<input type="checkbox"/> Judge, judicial official, or court administrator <input type="checkbox"/> County official	
Name		
Job title		
Office/agency		
Phone number		
Email address		
Street address		
City		
State	Zip code	
Participant Contact 2		
Type of <i>required</i> applicant	<input type="checkbox"/> Judge, judicial official, or court administrator <input type="checkbox"/> County official	
Name		



Job title		
Office/agency		
Phone number		
Email address		
Street address		
City		
State	Zip code	

Questions (Please address the short answer questions in a few sentences.)

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| <p>1. Please select your preferred site visit, confirming that you will hold the corresponding dates on your calendar.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yavapai County, Ariz., April 2-3, 2024
<input type="checkbox"/> Host to be announced, the week of May 13, 2024
<input type="checkbox"/> Host to be announced, the week of June 3, 2024 |
| <p>2. Please select your second choice of the counties/dates offered.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yavapai County, Ariz., April 2-3, 2024
<input type="checkbox"/> Host to be announced, the week of May 13, 2024
<input type="checkbox"/> Host to be announced, the week of June 3, 2024
<input type="checkbox"/> No second choice |

3. Please explain why you are interested in visiting the county or counties indicated above. The topics to be addressed at each site can be found in the Project Details.

Answer to Question 3:



4. What relationships and partnerships between the court and county currently exist in your community?

Answer to Question 4:

5. What are your county's/court justice-related goals? How can this opportunity support these goals and impact your community?

Answer to Question 5:



Commitment Form – Participant One

Applications are not complete until the two participants listed within the Application form each submit this signed form (digital signatures are accepted). If you have any questions about completing this form or have submission issues, please email Becky Rose at Rebecca@rulostrategies.com.

I, _____ certify that I can travel and participate meaningfully in the following peer exchange opportunity or opportunities (select your availability based on your answers to Questions 1 and 2 in the Application Form):

- Yavapai County, Ariz., April 2-3, 2024
- Location TBD for the week of May 13, 2024
- Location TBD for the week of June 3, 2024

If selected, I understand I will receive a travel scholarship to attend the selected site visit, including airfare, lodging, ground transportation, baggage fees, and daily meals (all at the 2024 [per diem rate](#)) for travel and site visit days.

I understand that travel costs will be covered on a reimbursement basis once the travel is complete. Therefore, I will need to save and submit appropriate documentation to process the reimbursement.

Name:

Signature:

Date:



Commitment Form – Participant Two

Applications are not complete until the two participants listed within the Application form each submit this signed form (digital signatures are accepted). If you have any questions about completing this form or have submission issues, please email Becky Rose at Rebecca@rulostrategies.com.

I, _____ certify that I can travel and participate meaningfully in the following peer exchange opportunity or opportunities (select your availability based on your answers to Questions 1 and 2 in the Application Form):

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I understand that travel costs will be covered on a reimbursement basis once the travel is complete. Therefore, I will need to save and submit appropriate documentation to process the reimbursement.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

