



# Community Courts & The Center

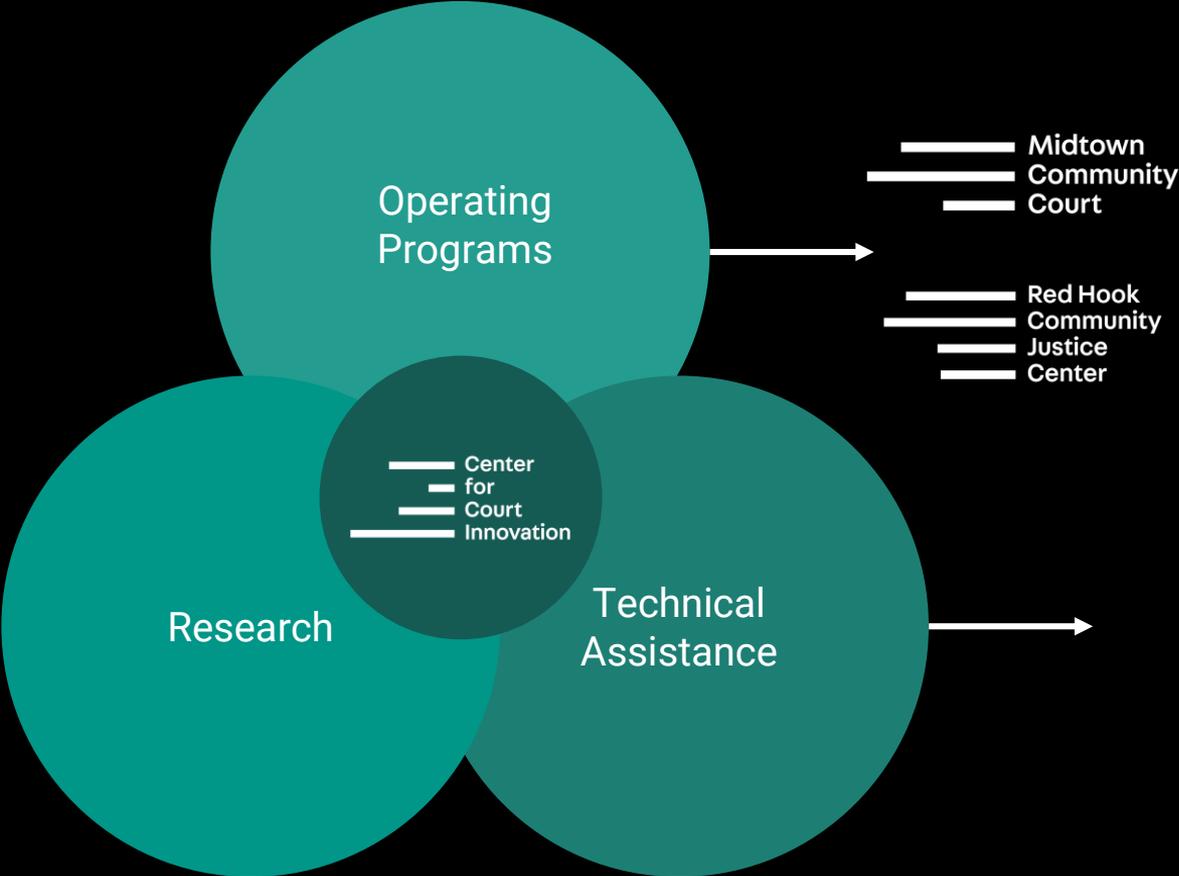
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# AGENDA

- **Center for Justice Innovation**
- **Community Courts Nationwide, Globally**
- **Guiding Principles of Community Justice**

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- Community courts
- Early diversion
- Gender and family justice
- Jail reduction
- Procedural justice
- Treatment courts
- Tribal justice exchange

# Midtown Community Court

- **Idea:** Rethinking the judicial response to low level crimes and “quality of life” violations
- **Location:** A stand-alone building in Midtown, Manhattan; shared with an off-Broadway theater
- **Jurisdiction:** 3 police precincts (now 6), young adults (18-25) and mental health services boroughwide
- **UpNext:** Fatherhood and employment program
- **New initiatives:** Project Reset, Community First, harm reduction services



# Red Hook Community Justice Center

- **Idea:** Engaging a community that had no faith in the justice system or law enforcement
- **Location:** A Catholic school that had been vacant for two decades
- **Jurisdiction:** 3 police precincts; criminal, family, and housing
- **Peacemaking program**
- **Housing Resource Center**

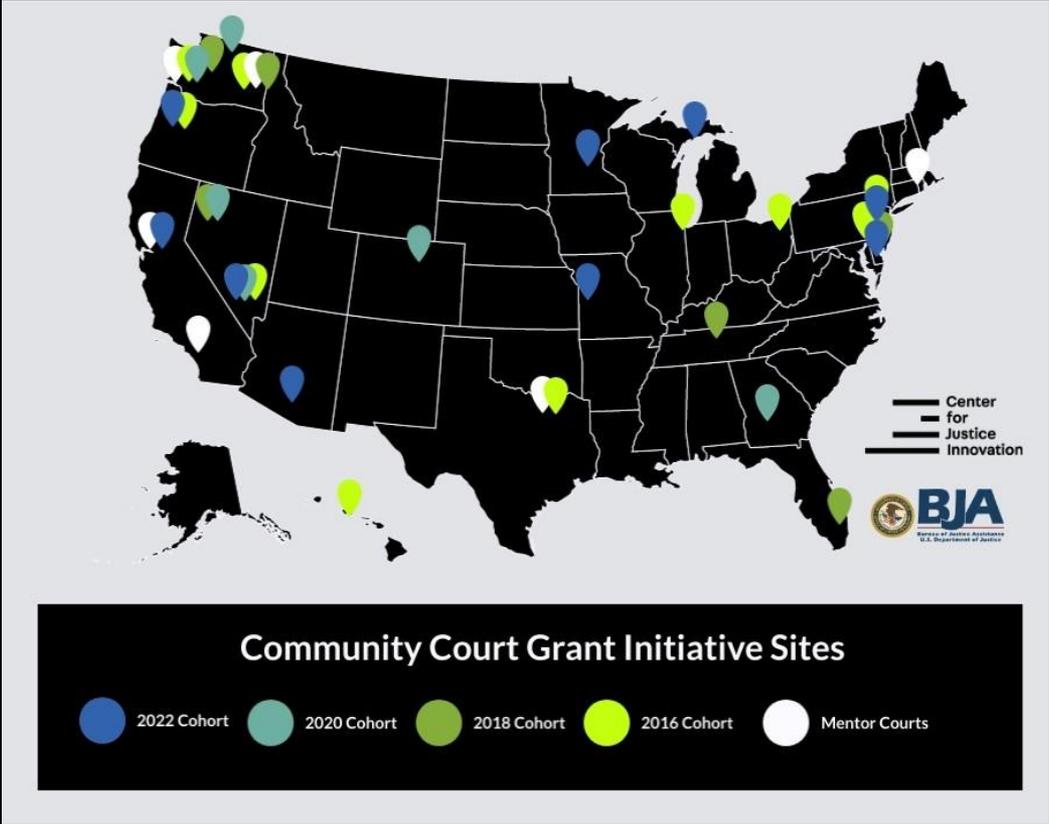


# Role of CJI

- **TTA support for BJA grantees**
- **In-person visits**
- **Needs assessment activities**

# BJA Community Courts

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# South Dallas Community Court (TX)

- Est. 2004
- 5 community courts in Dallas
- New Life Opportunity Initiative
- Reentry programming



# Orange County Community Court (CA)

- Est. 2008
- Community-based location
- Service providers are co-located
- Higher level charges are eligible



# International Mentor Courts/Projects

## Centre for Justice Innovation (UK)

- Support evidence-based pretrial case disposals
- Community Advice program at courthouse in Islington, London
- Reform mapping
- Sentencing research



## Neighborhood Justice Center (AUS)

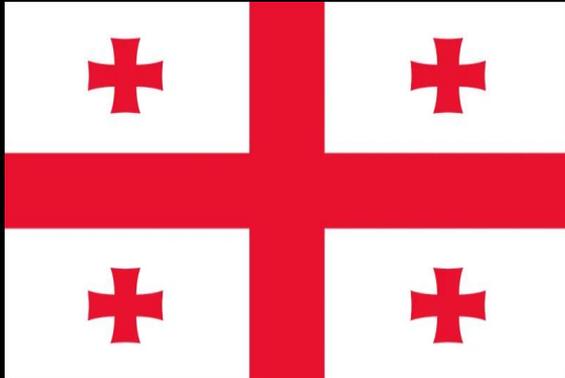
- Links to life changing treatment and support services
- Work with residents and services to find practical, sustainable solutions to issues of crime and harm
- Community resource



# Additional International Initiatives

## Georgia

People-centered practices



## Kyrgyz Republic

Community-centered justice



# Guiding Principles of Community Justice



# Results



- Social Services
  - Community Court: 78%
  - Traditional Court: 22%
- Jail Usage
  - Community Court: 1%
  - Traditional Court: 36%
- Decreased recidivism
- Decreased justice spending