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## **FY21 Racial and Ethnic Disparity Data Technical Assistance Opportunity**

The Equity and Justice for All Youth (EJAY) Subcommittee of the Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group (SAG) ensures Georgia's compliance with the Racial and Ethnic Disparities Core Requirement of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) of 1974, as amended. The JJDP states that States and U.S. territories must:

“implement policy, practice, and system improvement strategies at the State, territorial, local, and tribal levels, as applicable, to identify and reduce racial and ethnic disparities among youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system...”

Therefore, the mission of the EJAY Subcommittee is to assist in identifying where racially disparate treatment occurs in the state's juvenile justice system by using full, reliable data; educating stakeholders on the impacts of racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system; and promoting and supporting efforts aimed at eliminating bias that can result in the differential treatment of juveniles involved with the juvenile justice system.

The Subcommittee identified five focus areas from the most recent assessment. This opportunity is to target three of the five areas. Information regarding previous assessments can be found [here](#).

- Focus efforts on reducing racial and ethnic disparities at the front end because disproportionality at this decision point shifts a minority population into the majority in the juvenile justice system
- Analyze individual-level data regarding youth offenses to determine disparity or disproportionality
- Utilize data collection methods to shape specialized interventions to identify local factors contributing to severe and persistent disproportionality.

The EJAY Subcommittee is pleased to release the following opportunity for technical assistance. The technical assistance will allow juvenile justice agencies/organizations to receive personalized assistance on local initiatives in an effort to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in their community.

### **Overview**

The EJAY Subcommittee plans to support at least four state or local agencies/organizations who would like to further their racial and ethnic disparities (RED) work. Local government, or partnerships including local government, will receive priority consideration. This will be done by providing technical assistance to entities. **This is at no cost to the applicant.**

Applicants can select which technical assistance is needed in their agency/organization. In addition to the technical assistance below applicants will receive access to a one-hour training regarding best practices for justice involved youth. The technical assistance can include:

- Conducting local RED assessments using local juvenile justice data. This can be at all juvenile justice decision points or specifically one decision point. This may include creating a dashboard for ongoing analysis.
- Creating gap and resource analysis for applicants. This includes what programs can impact RED in your community; what programs are currently available; and gaps for more services.

### **Partners**

In order to provide this technical assistance, EJAY has partnered with the Georgia Statistical Analysis Center to provide hands on data analysis support.

Georgia Statistical Analysis Center: Georgia's Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) was created as a function of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) in 1992 by an Executive Order of former Governor, Zell Miller and has been a component of the CJCC since 1995. The SAC supports the CJCC's planning and development of strategies and initiatives to improve the criminal justice system in Georgia. The SAC provides a forum for criminal justice researchers and analysts to communicate and disseminate statistical analysis reports and program evaluations. CJCC also uses statistical analysis and research to provide the public with a better understanding of the criminal justice system. More information can be found [here](#).

### **Interested?**

If your local agency/organization is interesting in applying for technical assistance, please complete the request form [here](#).

Any questions can be submitted to Stephanie Mikkelsen at [smikkelsen@cjcc.ga.gov](mailto:smikkelsen@cjcc.ga.gov) or Haley Dunn-McKinney at [haley.mckinney@cjcc.ga.gov](mailto:haley.mckinney@cjcc.ga.gov).