

Goals of the PSN academy include:

- Conducting regional training programs for PSN task forces and their research partners.
- Producing online training modules to support the regional training and manage an online help desk and information clearinghouse.
- Establishing a national cadre of researchers and practitioners with expertise in the problem-solving model to provide technical assistance to the PSN sites as needed.
- Developing a database of common enforcement and intervention activities, measurement instruments, and violence indicator measures.
- Conducting case studies to identify lessons learned and promising approaches.
- Coordinating activities among all the PSN partners and providing frequent feedback to them on all aspects of academy activities and findings.

Helping Knowledge Travel Faster, Farther

Redesigning NIJ's print and electronic products

In 2002, NIJ improved its communications with the public by revising the way it writes and presents its publications. NIJ placed greater emphasis on clear, concise writing with a greater use of plain language and less use of jargon and technical terms. Products more clearly state the relevance of the findings, and distribution is better tailored to specific audiences of State and local practitioners, policymakers, and researchers.

Part of the redesign involved changing the format of the printed documents and the appearance of the Web. Complementary changes were made in the look of CD covers, seminar flyers, conference materials, and other items.

Reaching out electronically

NIJ took steps in 2002 to become better equipped to reach its audience electronically. Through the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS), NIJ main-

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Spreading research results

Findings from NIJ research have always been available through the archives and searchable database at NCJRS. In 2002, NIJ took steps to make all final reports prepared by its grantees available online at the NCJRS Web site. In addition, work began on scanning past grantee final reports so that they too are available electronically.

For more information:

- Visit the NCJRS Web site, <http://www.ncjrs.org>.

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