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Purposes of The SCA

1. **Break cycle of criminal recidivism, increase public safety, and help States, local units of government, and Indian Tribes, better address growing population of criminal offenders returning to their communities**
2. **Rebuild ties between offenders and their families during and incarcerated and after reentry into the community, to promote stable families and communities**
3. **Encourage development and support of, and to expand availability of, evidence-based programs that enhance public safety and reduce recidivism**

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4. **Protect the public and promote law-abiding conduct**
5. **Assist offenders reentering the community to establish a self-sustaining and law-abiding life, and**
6. **Provide offenders in prisons, jails or juvenile facilities with educational, literacy, vocational, and job placement services to facilitate re-entry into the community**

The SCA

- **Shift in Philosophy, from**
- **Mass Incarceration, to**
- **Recognizing Need to Prepare and Support Offender Transition to Community**

SCA Funding

- **\$200 million each for 2009 and 2010 fiscal years**
- **Advocacy groups are already working with key legislators for re-authorization past 2010**

SCA Sections

- 11 sections of the Act Have Funding Authorized
- Only Two sections, 101 and 211, have appropriation recommendations in 2009 budget mark-ups
- Of \$15 million Authorized, both the House and Senate have recommended \$10 million for Section 211
- Of \$55 million, the House recommended only \$35 million and the Senate \$10 million for Section 101

SCA - Key Provisions

- Part I – Section 6
- All grants are to be competitive and will be made for either 12 or 24 month periods depending on the specific section

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- Section 101 – Adult and Juvenile Offender State and Local Reentry Demonstration Grants
- National Adult and Juvenile Offender Reentry Resource Center
- BJA To Post Solicitation via www.grants.gov on March 2
- Authorized at \$55 million in each year

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- **Section 102 – Improvement of the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Offenders Program**
- Requires states to provide aftercare services in order to be eligible for funding

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- **Section 103 – Definition of violent offender for drug court programs**
- To qualify for drug court participation the offender must have a sentence of at least one year

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- **Section 104 – Use of Violent Offender Truth-in-Sentencing Funding for Demonstration Projects**
- Authorizes VOTIS funds to be used for re-entry projects

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- **Section 111 – State and Local Reentry Courts**
- Authorizes the creation of state and local reentry courts to monitor offenders and provide them with comprehensive reentry services
- Authorized at \$10 million in each year

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- **Section 112 – Prosecution Drug Treatment Alternative to Prison Programs**
- Authorizes grants to state and local prosecutors to develop and implement drug treatment programs for non-violent offenders as an alternative to prison
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- **Section 113 – Grants for family-based substance abuse treatment**
- **Authorizes grants to state and local governments to develop family-based drug treatment programs as an alternative to prison or jail for non-violent parent offenders**
- **Authorized at \$10 million in each year**

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- **Section 114 – Grant program to evaluate educational methods at prisons, jails and juvenile facilities**
- **Grants for state, local, tribal, public and private entities**
- **Authorized at \$5 million in each year**

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- **Section 201 – Offender reentry substance abuse and criminal justice collaboration program**
- **Grants to improve drug treatment and reduce use**
- **Authorized at \$15 million in each year**

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- Section 211 – Mentoring grants to nonprofit organizations
- You have a separate handout which describes this section in detail as it is one section that will probably be funded.
- Authorized at \$15 million in each year

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- Section 212 – Responsible reintegration of ex-offenders
- Authorizes the Secretary of Labor to make grants to non-profits to assist eligible people in obtaining and retaining employment
- Authorized at \$20 million in each year

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- Sections 213, 214, 231, 232, and 251
- ...relates exclusively to the Federal Bureau of Prisons
- No funds authorized

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- Sections 241, 242, 243, 244, and 245
- ...requires NIJ and BJS to conduct offender reentry research, parole and post-incarceration supervision violations and revocations, needs of children of incarcerated parents, and the effectiveness of depot naltrexone for heroin addiction.
- Authorized at \$10 million in each year.

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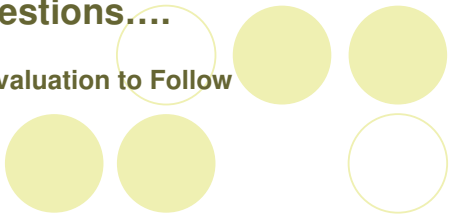
- Handouts developed by the Council of State Governments Justice Center outlining the requirements for applications under Sections 101 and 211
- BJA scheduled to release a solicitation for demonstration grants through www.grants.gov on February 23
- Solicitation will initially use \$10 million in PRI funds available under the current Continuing Resolution and as such will only be available for adult projects
- When SCA is funded, we will modify the solicitation to allow for the funding of juvenile projects

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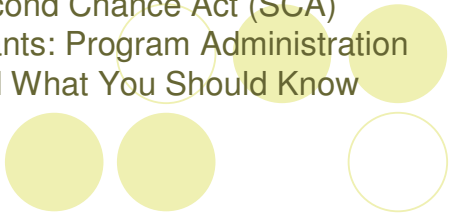
- Refer to the handouts and stress the degree to which the legislation is “prescriptive” in the requirements than an application must address.....
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Questions....

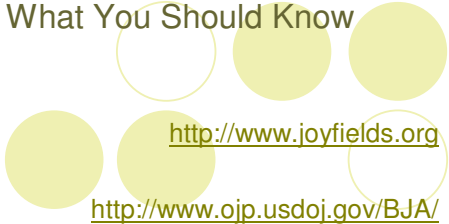
- Evaluation to Follow



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