The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is tentatively planning to host the 2020 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) National Conference on April 14-16, 2020 in Dallas, Texas.

This invitation-only event will convene executive leaders and key stakeholders from PSN sites (e.g., U.S. Attorneys; PSN Coordinators; law enforcement coordinators; federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement; and community leaders), DOJ officials, and subject experts to share ideas on violent crime reduction.

The conference will be a 2.5 day event featuring plenary speakers and breakout sessions on a variety of crime reduction topics, to include lessons learned from successful PSN initiatives and opportunities to hear from and share ideas with department leadership and PSN training and technical assistance experts.

PSN invites researchers and practitioners with expertise in criminal justice and violence reduction-related strategies and programs to submit presentation proposals for 75-minute breakout sessions to the PSN team. PSN is interested in proposals related to emerging criminal justice issues related, but not limited, to the following five conference tracks:

Targeting and Prioritized Enforcement ★ Partnerships ★ Administration and Management ★ Prevention and Re-entry Community Engagement ★ Research and Data
Proposal Requirements

Each proposal should include a topic title and description, speaker name(s), speaker biographies, and the structure of the session (i.e., whether it will be a presentation, a facilitated discussion, or a combination). Speakers may submit additional documentation, such as a program website or fact sheet, if desired. Since these 75-minute breakout sessions offer a unique opportunity for PSN sites to network with subject experts one on one, speakers should be prepared to engage in open dialogue and facilitated discussion with the audience both during and after the session. Please limit proposals to a maximum of 1,000 words. More than one proposal may be submitted.

Selection Process

Proposal topics and descriptions will be shared with DOJ’s PSN leadership to identify priority topics. Topics will be selected based on identified priorities of PSN sites. Travel reimbursement for nonfederal speakers may be sponsored through grant funding from PSN training and technical assistance (TTA) providers.

Presentation selection will occur in August-September 2019, pending DOJ conference approval, and all speakers will be notified at that time. We ask that you please hold the conference dates on your calendar until notification of selection. If you have any questions, please contact PSN conference planners at psntta@cna.org.

For more information about PSN, please visit https://www.justice.gov/psn and about PSN TTA, please visit https://psntta.org/.

Please note, this event is pending DOJ conference approval.