Advancing Justice Through Data, Digital Innovations & Strategic Partnerships

Abt Global has long advanced justice through research, strategic technical assistance, and data-driven evaluation—now enhanced by our digital innovations: cutting-edge tools, platforms, and analytics that strengthen justice systems and empower communities.

For over six decades, Abt Global has partnered with federal, state, local, tribal, and nonprofit organizations to advance justice and behavioral health through data, research, evaluation, and strategic technical assistance. Our work spans key areas including substance use response, criminal justice data infrastructure, human trafficking research, and community-based program evaluation.

Key Capabilities & Offerings

- Cost Benefit Analysis

- Criminal Justice Data Cleaning & Integration

- Data Infrastructure and Analytics

- Data Visualization, UX Design, Human Centered Design

- Methodological Innovation for Hard-to-Measure Issues

- Mixed Methods Research

- Randomized and Quasi-Experimental Evaluation

- Survey and Field Data Collection

Project Highlights

Substance Use Response & Cross-Site Learning

Abt is a technical assistance provider for the Bureau of Justice Assistance's Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP), supporting over 60 grantees. These include states, tribal organizations, and local governments implementing comprehensive efforts to identify, respond to, treat, and support individuals impacted by harmful substance use. Abt assists grantees in developing and refining data collection strategies, evaluation approaches, performance measure reporting, and peer learning across the criminal justice field. Our support includes tailored guidance on integrating administrative data, building evaluation capacity, and facilitating cross-site learning communities to share best practices.

Innovative Research & Methodology Development

Abt is advancing methods to estimate the prevalence of human trafficking in the U.S., addressing longstanding data gaps. Our team conducted a pilot study for Bureau of Justice Statistics to estimate labor trafficking prevalence and developed typologies of federally prosecuted trafficking cases using pre-sentence reports.

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Data Infrastructure & Analytics

Abt is a national leader in criminal justice data collection, integration, and analysis. Through the **Federal Justice Statistics Program (FJSP)** and the **National Corrections Reporting Program (NCRP)**, we collect and process case-level and offender-level data from six federal agencies and all 50 states. Our work enables longitudinal tracking of individuals across justice system stages—from arrest to post-conviction supervision—and supports public access through tools like the **Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT)** and **SPI Data Analysis Tool (SPI DAT)**.

We've enhanced NCRP by increasing state participation from 30 to 50 and linking annual submissions to create multi-year incarceration histories. Abt has also linked NCRP data to external datasets such as IRS income records and Medicaid healthcare data, enabling deeper analysis of socioeconomic and health outcomes for incarcerated populations. Our team has published research on recidivism, prisoner aging, and the impact of COVID-19 on prison populations, demonstrating our ability to translate complex data into actionable insights.

Contracting Options

Abt Global and TSPI subsidiary GSA options:
- GSA MAS
- GSA OASIS+
- GSA 8(a) STARS III & CIOSP3 SB (TSPI)
- GSA direct award option: [Sandhill Global Partners](#)

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Non-Federal Partnerships & Applied Evaluation

Abt partners with nonprofit and philanthropic organizations to evaluate and strengthen justice-related programming. For **Roca, Inc.**, a community-based organization serving high-risk young adults, Abt is conducting two rigorous quasi-experimental evaluations of their community violence intervention program in Baltimore and Suffolk County, Massachusetts. These studies use administrative and survey data collected from participants to assess the program's impact on recidivism and behavioral outcomes, including experiences with gun violence and victimization. Abt also provides TA to support implementation and data use across Roca's Massachusetts sites.

Abt evaluated the impact of **Legal Services Corporation's (LSC)** 2019 Supplemental Disaster grant program, assessing service delivery, technology use, and recovery metrics through document reviews, interviews, and working groups. Findings emphasized the importance of data integration for service continuity, especially in high-demand areas like eviction prevention, and highlighted challenges of smaller organizations in navigating grant application and fund disbursement processes.

Working with **Arnold Ventures**, we conducted a landscape analysis of five state behavioral health crisis response task forces. The study included environmental scans, interviews with law enforcement and task force members, and document reviews to understand how police respond to individuals experiencing acute behavioral health crises. Abt submitted a final report with actionable recommendations for scaling co-responder models—pairing police with mental health professionals. We are developing an impact evaluation plan for G-PACT to assess how co-responder training improves police response to behavioral health crises, measuring outcomes like arrests, use of force, and service referrals.

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