



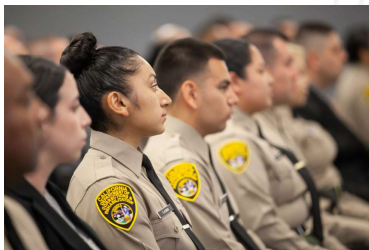
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Methods for Evaluating CA Police Interactions with People with  
Intellectual Disabilities and/or Mental Health Conditions

Police Interactions with Folks with Intellectual Disabilities and/or Mental Health Conditions

What can we learn from a survey depends on who is being surveyed

The trainees



The trainers



Leadership or  
agency representative



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## Survey of California Law Enforcement Agencies: Method

15-20  
question  
survey

Administered  
online starting  
Fall 2024

Completed by  
agency



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## What This Type of Survey Can and Can't Do

Agencies can tell us what is offered and point us to content of trainings

- Agency response rates vary, and depending on the circumstances, can be low

Can focus on the training offerings, learn about agency policies and programs, and gauge organizational support

- But cannot assess training efficacy



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**What Can an Agency Survey Tell Us**



What trainings are required or otherwise offered?



What organizations offer the above trainings (e.g., POST or third party vendors)?



What proportion of personnel are receiving the trainings?



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**What Can an Agency Survey Tell Us**



What are the perceived strengths and gaps in current trainings?



Do agencies have special units or programs for interacting with individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and/or mental health conditions?



What are the connections between agencies and community-based providers?



What resources do agencies perceive to be lacking in their respective jurisdictions?



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### Next steps

- Recommendation: Establish a survey subcommittee to workshop survey questions and other details
- Tentative Timeline:

August	September:	October	December:	January	March:
Develop survey, compile agency contact information		Administer survey, follow up with non respondents to maximize response rate		Analyze and write-up results	



Questions?

