



**Bureau of Justice Assistance**  
Office of Justice Programs ■ U.S. Department of Justice

---

## **AMERICAN PROBATION AND PAROLE ASSOCIATION ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SHARING FOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PRACTITIONERS**

Community corrections agencies compile a wealth of information on the over 4 million offenders<sup>1</sup> nationwide. A standard for information sharing will enable agencies to appropriately share information with other justice and public safety partners, many of whom use different hardware systems and software applications. The Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) provides support and leadership to the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) to produce a series of audio teleconference/webcasts about eXtensible Markup Language (XML) and the Global Justice XML Data Model (GJXDM), which is a technology initiative designed to improve information exchange among justice and public safety agencies.

Geared toward community corrections practitioners and their information technology coordinators, the first objective of this program is to familiarize them with XML and GJXDM technology. The second objective is to spur the use of this technology among community corrections agencies. Targeting information about XML and GJXDM to community corrections practitioners is the first strategic step in helping them implement the most effective system to increase citizen safety and reap the following benefits:

- Implement the right technology that allows for more effective sharing of information and better supervision of offenders.
- Gain timely access to accurate information on offenders and the court or release conditions placed upon them.
- Enable multiple components of the justice and public safety community to respond appropriately to offender behavior.

The titles and release dates for the audio teleconferences/webcasts are:

- |                                                |                |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| ▪ XML... Why Should I Care?                    | August 2005    |
| ▪ Real-Life XML Implementation Success Stories | September 2005 |
| ▪ How Do I Incorporate XML in an RFP?          | September 2005 |

For more information, contact Dustin Koonce, Policy Advisor at BJA, at [dustin.koonce@usdoj.gov](mailto:dustin.koonce@usdoj.gov), or Linda Sydney of APPA at [lsydney@csg.org](mailto:lsydney@csg.org).

---

<sup>1</sup> According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, 4.8 million adult men and women were on probation and parole in 2003.