

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT INITIATIVE

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Forensic Genetic Genealogy (FGG) Resources

BJA recognizes that FGG can be a powerful investigative tool for resolving violent crimes. By combining traditional genealogy research methods with forensic DNA analysis, law enforcement can develop investigative leads that may assist in identifying an unknown perpetrator or an unidentified victim of a violent crime.

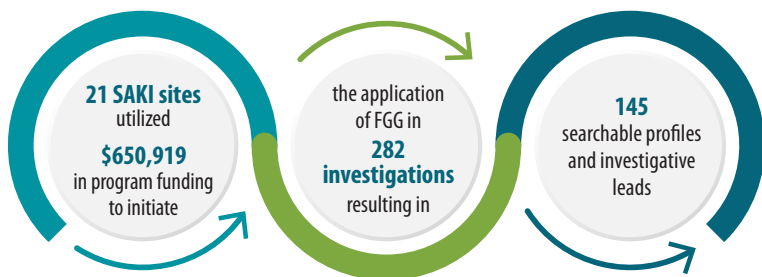
Current BJA Funding Resources for FGG activities

The following BJA grant programs support the application of FGG to violent crime investigations:

- ◆ Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)
- ◆ Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
- ◆ Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations and Training and Technical Assistance Program
- ◆ Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Hate Crimes Program
- ◆ Missing and Unidentified Human Remains Program (MUHR)
- ◆ Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence
- ◆ Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)
- ◆ Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA
- ◆ Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Site Based and Training and Technical Assistance Program

For more information on these funding opportunities, please visit <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding>

FGG IMPACT



Training and Technical Assistance

SAKI Training and Technical Assistance (TTA), along with the forthcoming BJA Forensics TTA program, both led by RTI International, provides support to grantees seeking to apply FGG to investigations. The programs specifically support the areas of case identification and selection, considerations when choosing a forensic laboratory vendor, investigative genealogy (i.e., tree-building), reference testing, and prosecutorial considerations. For more information on SAKI and SAKI TTA, please visit <https://sakitta.org/>.

Recommended FGG Resources

[Forensic Genetic Genealogy Training](#)

This annual training provided in conjunction with our partners from the FBI's Investigative Genealogy (IG) Team teaches jurisdictions best practices and approaches to common challenges, so that they may further the successful implementation of FGG into their investigative workflows.

[Forensic Genetic Genealogy Laboratory Considerations and Technology Limitations](#)

This brief from the SAKI TTA team provides guidance addressing evidence submission based on current successes seen within the field and suggesting questions to consider when choosing a FGG laboratory vendor.

[United States Department of Justice Interim Policy Forensic Genetic Genealogical DNA Analysis and Searching](#)

This policy aims to provide general guidance to agencies applying FGG to criminal investigations. *All BJA grantees using federal funding to support FGG must adhere to the requirements set forth within this policy.*

For additional resources, please visit <https://sakitta.org/ovccc/>.