How to access the JusticeConnect communities related to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS):

- On the homepage, select JusticeConnect (icon under “Services” or the JusticeConnect tab).
- Accept the Terms and Conditions.
- Confirm your profile information (confirmation is only needed when first accessing).
- Using the magnifying glass on the right, type “National Instant” in the search screen, and then select the link with the NICS icon.
- In the text-box, provide justification for membership and hit send (only required when first accessing).
- The NICS has two subcommunities—NICS and NICS Training.
  - State reference documents are in the subcommunity titled NICS.
  - Click on the map to be re-directed to another map, where you can select the corresponding state.
  - Training modules for the federal prohibitions are in the NICS Training subcommunity.

Note: After a user has accessed the NICS communities a few times, the communities may be accessed by clicking on “Communities” at the top of the page and then selecting “I’m following” to allow quicker access.

Those with LEEP or Law Enforcement Online (LEO) access can continue to access the LEEP or LEO via their existing method. To apply for LEEP access, sign onto www.cjis.gov and “Apply for an account.”