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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the August edition of "Evaluation News: Expanding Knowledge Through Information Exchange." The E-newsletter provides evaluation information to states on a regular basis using technology to promote information exchange and enhance capacity to access the research and evaluation community.

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The Deterrent Effect of Curfew Enforcement: Operation Nightwatch in St. Louis was recently submitted to NCJRS by Lynn S. Urban of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri-St. Louis. This report is available at:
<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/grants/210684.pdf> .

Strategic Approaches to Community Safety Initiative (SACSI) in St. Louis was recently submitted to NCJRS by Scott H. Decker et al. of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri-St. Louis. This report is available at:
<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/grants/210361.pdf> .

Reentry Programs for Women Inmates was recently published by the National Institute of Justice. This journal article is available at:
<http://ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/jr000252b.pdf> .

A special issue of *Evaluation and Program Planning* contains articles discussing the evaluation challenges and issues in implementing the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) with a program sponsored by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT). Examples of the articles include: *Evaluation Efforts in the Era of Federal Accountability; A Participatory Approach to Building Capacity of Treatment Programs to Engage in Evaluation; and Developing a Data Collection System.*

Evaluation and Program Planning. Volume 28, Issue 3, August 2005 is available at:

http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws_home/593/description#description .

Useful resources for planning and implementing program evaluations and for developing program performance measures are available at:
The BJA Center for Program Evaluation Web Site
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/index.html>

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The Delaware Statistical Analysis Center has published, *Evaluation of Operation Weed and Seed in Wilmington, Delaware-2001 to 2004*. This report is available at:

http://www.state.de.us/budget/sac/publications/2004_Weed_and_Seed_Evaluation.pdf .

The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, Statistical Analysis Center has published, *Evaluation of the Akron Weed and Seed Program 2000-2004*. This report is available at:

<http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/research/FINAL%20WeedSeedpdf.pdf> .

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

The Bureau of Justice Assistance 2005 Regional Conference Series for State Administering Agencies will be held in November and December 2005. Please note, the regional conference scheduled for New Orleans in September has been postponed. The BJA Center for Program Evaluation will participate in the cyber clinic at each conference. Participants will have live access to the web site at the cyber clinic and will be able to interact with BJA Center for Program Evaluation staff. Also, we will be distributing a survey at the cyber clinic to obtain your input about the web site. For agenda, registration, location, and date information see: <http://www.ncja.org/bjaregionalmeeting.html> .

The National Institute of Justice will be hosting its 8th Annual Crime Mapping Research Conference, *Research & Practice Affecting Public Policy* September 7- 10, 2005 at the Savannah Westin Golf & Spa Resort in Savannah, GA. More information is available at:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/maps/savannah2005/index.html> .

JRSA will be hosting the 2005 Bureau of Justice Statistics/Justice Research and Statistics Association National Conference on October 27-28, 2005 in St. Petersburg, FL. To register for the conference and view the regularly updated agenda visit: <http://www.jrsa.org/events/conference/index.html> .

The Office for Victims of Crime will be hosting a workshop entitled, *Program Evaluation: Assessing Victim Services Progress and Measuring Success* December 6-7, 2005 in Phoenix, Arizona. For more information see:

<http://www.ovcttac.org/calendar/events.cfm?EventID=435&CurntDate=12/01/2005&FuseAction=ShowEvent> .

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