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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the December 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.

### **NEW PROGRAM AREAS FOR THE BJA CENTER FOR PROGRAM EVALUATION WEB SITE**

#### **PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS**

The Center for Program Evaluation has added a new program area on Problem-Solving Courts featuring a new area on Mental Health Courts and the recently revised Drug Courts area.

#### **COMING SOON: SEX OFFENDER PROGRAMS/STRATEGIES**

Sex Offender Programs/Strategies will be added soon to the BJA Center for Program Evaluation Web Site. This program area will include information on evaluations of different types of treatments (including cognitive-behavioral, psycho-educational and pharmacological) and strategies (sex offender laws) that are used to reduce the likelihood that sex offenders will reoffend.

#### **NATIONAL EVALUATION NEWS**

The Vera Institute of Justice has published a new report, *A Study of New York City's Family Assessment Program*. This report is available at: [http://www.vera.org/publication\\_pdf/323\\_595.pdf](http://www.vera.org/publication_pdf/323_595.pdf)

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>

## STATE EVALUATION NEWS

The Colorado Statistical Analysis Center has published, *Community Based Management Pilot Programs for Youth with Mental Illness Involved in the Criminal Justice System: Program Evaluation Report: Year Four Legislative Report*. This report is available at:  
[http://dcj.state.co.us/ors/pdf/docs/2005\\_CMB\\_Final\\_Report.pdf](http://dcj.state.co.us/ors/pdf/docs/2005_CMB_Final_Report.pdf)

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority has published, *Evaluation of the Chicago Public Schools Peer Jury Program: Year One-Academic Year 2004/2005*. This report is available at:  
<http://www.icjia.org/public/pdf/ResearchReports/CPS%20PEER%20JURY%20FINAL%20WEB.pdf>

The Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center has published, *Wyoming's Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative: An Evaluation of Phase 1 Institution-Based Reentry Programming for Adults & Juveniles*. This report is available at:  
<http://www.uwyo.edu/wysac/CrimJustice/OffenderReentryInitiative/docs/FinalSVORIEvaluation.pdf>

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

### BJA REGIONAL CONFERENCE SERIES

The final Bureau of Justice Assistance 2005 Regional Conference for State Administering Agencies will be held in San Antonio, Texas, February 6-7, 2006.

The BJA Center for Program Evaluation will participate in a cyber clinic at the conference. Participants will have live access to the Center for Program Evaluation at the cyber clinic and will be able to interact with BJA Center for Program Evaluation staff. Also, a survey will be distributed at the cyber clinic to obtain your input about the web site. For complete agenda, registration, location, and date information see: <http://www.ncja.org/datesandlocations.html>

### THE CAMPBELL COLLABORATION

The sixth Annual Campbell Collaboration Colloquium: *Producing Systematic Reviews of Evidence*, will be held February 22-24, 2006 at the USC School of Social Work in Los Angeles, CA. For more information see: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/welcome.html#ccc>

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