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ADULT BOOT CAMP

The Delaware Statistical Analysis Center recently published results from a study of its adult boot camp program. The study entitled, *Delaware's Adult Boot Camp: An Update to the 2001 Delaware Adult Boot Camp Study*, examines the effect of management changes within the boot camp program on recidivism outcomes. http://sac.omb.delaware.gov/publications/documents/bootcamp_update_nov07.pdf.

DUI COURT

Bret Fuller, Shannon Carey, and Katherine Kissick, from NPC Research recently completed a report entitled, *Michigan DUI Courts Outcome Evaluation, Final Report*. The report presents results that demonstrate that DUI courts are effective in using less criminal justice system resources when compared to traditional probation as well as achieving the goals of reducing drug and alcohol use and recidivism. http://www.npresearch.com/Files/MI_DUI_Outcome_Evaluation_FINAL.pdf.

JUVENILE CORRECTIONS

A process evaluation of a pilot project conducted to determine the need for judicial review of services provided by the Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC) juvenile correction facility was recently completed by The Muskie School of Public Service, University of Southern Maine. The report entitled, *Evaluation of the Guardian Ad Litem/Advocate Pilot Project*, presents data on program implementation and includes information on the perceptions of the program from several key stakeholders, juvenile participants, and parents/guardians/legal custodians.

<http://muskie.usm.maine.edu/justiceresearch/Reports/Guardian%20Ad%20Litem%2012.07.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>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES & TRAININGS

THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA)

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) will host four conferences for its 2008 Regional Conference Series.

During each conference, JRSA staff will conduct a workshop entitled "Performance Measurement and Program Management" and offer evaluation consulting. Conference attendees who have questions about evaluation or selecting performance measures, will be able to sign up at our cyber clinic table for 30 minute one-on-one consulting sessions. Attendees will have live access to the Center for Program Evaluation Web Site at our cyber clinic and will be able to interact with JRSA staff.

Visit the BJA web site for a complete list of the regional conference locations, agenda, and registration information. <http://www.bjaregionalmeetings.com/>.

BLUEPRINTS CONFERENCE 2008

The Blueprints conference will be held March 17-19, 2008 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Denver, Colorado. The conference will feature evidence-based program information on youth violence, delinquency, and drug prevention. Registration information is available on their website. <http://www.blueprintsconference.com/>.

THE CAMPBELL COLLABORATION

The 8th Annual Jerry Lee Crime Prevention Symposium--Systematic Evidence on What Works in Crime and Justice, will be held May 5-6, 2008. The first day of conference activities will be held at the University of Maryland Inn & Conference Center in Adelphi, Maryland. The second day of conference activities will be held at the National Guard Association Walsh-Reckord Hall of States Building in Washington, DC. Complete conference details and registration information is available on their website.

<http://www.ccjs.umd.edu/ccjg/>.

THE SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION RESEARCH

The Society for Prevention Research will be hosting its 16th annual conference - *Context and Prevention Science*, May 28-30, 2008. The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Embarcadero Center. The latest information in areas such as program evaluation and efficacy and effectiveness trials will be presented at the conference. Registration information is available on their website. <http://www.preventionresearch.org/meeting.php>.

THE NIJ CONFERENCE 2008

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) will be hosting its annual conference July 21-23, 2008 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia. Visit the conference website to sign up for conference updates.

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference/welcome.htm.

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The BJA Center for Program Evaluation

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/e-news.htm>.

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