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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the July 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.

BJA CENTER FOR PROGRAM EVALUATION WEB SITE UPDATES

Program areas that will be added shortly to the web site include Community-Based Crime Prevention and Mental Health Courts. Some of the most recent publications that will be included as reference materials for the new program areas include:

Xu, Y., Fiedler, M. L., & Flaming, K. H. (2005). Discovering the impact of community policing: The broken windows thesis, collective efficacy, and citizens' judgement. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 42, (2), 147-186.

Boothroyd, R. A., Mercado, C. C., Poythress, N. G., Christy, A., & Petrila, J. (2005). Clinical outcomes of defendants in mental health court. *Psychiatric Services*, 56, (7), 829-834.

Christy, A., Poythress, N. G., Boothroyd, R. A., Petrila, J., & Mehra, S. (2005). Evaluating the efficiency and community safety goals of the Broward County mental health court. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, 23, 227-243.

Cosden, M., Ellens, J., Schnell, J., & Yamini-Diouf, Y. (2005). Efficacy of a mental health treatment court with assertive community treatment. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, 23, 199-214.

Also, check out the recently updated publications pages for all the program areas on the Web Site.

STATE EVALUATION NEWS

An evaluation report on moral reconnection therapy has been published by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. The report, *An Evaluation of the Moral Reconnection Therapy of the Franklin/Jefferson County Evening Reporting Center Program*, is available at:

<http://www.icjia.org/public/pdf/ResearchReports/moralreconnection.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 AND TRAININGS

The Bureau of Justice Assistance 2005 Regional Conference Series for State Administering Agencies and subgrantees will be held from September to December 2005. For agenda, registration, location, and date information see: <http://www.ncja.org/bjaregionalmeeting.html> .

The National Drug Court Institute will be hosting its Regional Evaluation Training on August 3-4, 2005 in Las Vegas, NV. The training will cover topics including, the key components of evaluation, critical issues in drug court evaluation, evaluation design, management information systems, presenting evaluation findings, and trials and tribulations of data collection and management. For more information see: <http://www.ndci.org/training.htm> .

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. More information can be found at: <http://www.jrsa.org/events/conference/index.html> .

OTHER EVALUATION RESOURCES

There are several new publications that discuss "hot topics" in criminal justice evaluation. These include:

Camp, S. D. (2005). The rewards and challenges of pursuing research in a correctional agency. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 16, (1), 110-124.
Available at: <http://cja.boisestate.edu/jcje/> .

Lum, C., & Yang, S. (2005). Why do evaluation researchers in crime and justice choose non-experimental methods? *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, 1, (2), 191-213.
Available at:
<http://www.springeronline.com/sgw/cda/frontpage> .

National Research Council. (2005). *Improving Evaluation of Anticrime Programs*. Committee on Improving Evaluation of Anti-Crime Programs, Mark W. Lipsey, editor. Committee on Law and Justice, Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.
Available at: <http://www.nap.edu/> .

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