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PDF VERSION OF THE GUIDE TO PROGRAM EVALUATION AVAILABLE

The BJA Center for Program Evaluation Web Site now has a PDF version of the Guide to Program Evaluation that enables visitors to print the entire document instead of printing each page separately. Please continue to use the original version to obtain documents or definitions of words highlighted throughout the document.

PDF Version: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/guide/bja-guide-program-evaluation.pdf>.

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AFTERSCHOOL MORAL RECONATION THERAPY PROGRAM

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority recently published a program evaluation summary entitled, *After-school Programs Offer At-Risk Youth Services in Jefferson, Franklin Counties*. The report presents process and outcome evaluation results from moral reconnection therapy programs implemented in Illinois. The report also includes challenges to successful implementation of the program and recommendations for program replication.

<http://www.icjia.state.il.us/public/pdf/ProgEvalSummary/MoralReconation.pdf>.

DRUG COURT

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) recently released a special report entitled, *Drug Courts: The Second Decade*. The report synthesizes selected findings from several NIJ-funded studies providing practitioners and policymakers with an up-to-date summary of what works in drug court treatment.

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/211081.pdf>.

To be removed from this list, send a reply with your email address in the subject line.

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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SCHOOL-BASED PROBATION PROGRAM

Also recently published by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority is a program evaluation summary entitled, *Jackson County School-Based Probation Program: Lessons Learned*. This report summarizes lessons learned from the development and operation of a school-based probation program for juveniles. The report also includes suggestions for jurisdictions interested in implementing similar school-based probation programs.

http://www.icjia.state.il.us/public/pdf/ProgEvalSummary/Vol%204_No_1_Jackson%20County%20Schoolbased%20Probation.pdf.

METHAMPHETAMINE TREATMENT

In May, The University of Nebraska at Omaha published an extensive report of a methamphetamine treatment study. The report entitled, *Moving Past the Era of Good Intentions: Methamphetamine Treatment Study*, includes sections that detail the methamphetamine addiction in Nebraska, reviews treatment methods and best practices in the literature, and also includes analyses describing the costs and benefits of treating methamphetamine addiction.

http://www.ncc.state.ne.us/pdf/others/meth/Methamphetamine_Treatment_Study_2006_Report.pdf.

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THE EVALUATOR'S INSTITUTE

The Evaluator's Institute will be offering short-term professional development courses for practicing evaluators July 17-29, 2006 in Washington, DC at the George Washington University Marvin Center.

http://www.evaluatorsinstitute.com/current_programdc2006.php.

NIJ CONFERENCE 2006

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) will be hosting its annual conference July 17-19, 2006 in Washington, DC. The conference entitled, *Criminal Justice Research, Development, and Evaluation in the Social and Physical Sciences* will feature a variety of panels and workshops. Examples of panels include:

Measuring Impacts;

National Evaluation of Free to Grow: Head Start Partnerships to Promote Substance-Free Communities;

Evidence-Based Practices for Probation: Intermediate Measures and Results; and

Everyday Evaluation: Performance Monitoring for the Management of Effective Programs.

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference2006.html.

The U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Global JXDM Users' Conference, 2006 *Global Justice XML Data Model Users' Conference*, will be held September 6-8, 2006 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina in Sand Diego, California. The Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) is coordinating conference registration.

<http://registration2.iir.com/GlobalConference2006/>.

The National Youth Center will be hosting a training entitled, *Developing and Implementing Youth Courts*, September 13-15, 2006 in Albany, New York. Various interactive seminars will be provided including one on establishing a plan for program evaluation.

http://www.youthcourt.net/training_ta/2006/Albany_Overview.htm.

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BJS/JRSA 2006 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The BJS/JRSA 2006 National Conference, *Justice Research and Statistics: Informing Effective Policy*, will be held October 12-13, 2006 in Denver, Colorado. Registration for the conference will be available soon. Visit the conference web site to complete the preconference invitation form.

<http://www.jrsa.org/events/conference/index.html>.

THE AMERICAN EVALUATION ASSOCIATION (AEA)

The AEA annual conference, *Evaluation 2006: The Consequences of Evaluation* will be held November 1-4, 2006 in Portland, Oregon. Professional development workshops will also be available.

<http://www.eval.org/eval2006/>.

THE OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME (OVC)

The OVC Fall/Winter 2006 Training Calendar includes information concerning a special training workshop entitled, *Program Evaluation*, that will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, November 7-8, 2006. More information is available by accessing the Fall/Winter Training Schedule.

<http://www.ovcttac.org/calendar/training.cfm>.

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