

**NEW PROGRAM AREA UPDATE • NATIONAL & STATE EVALUATION NEWS**

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**NEW PROGRAM AREA FOR THE BJA CENTER FOR PROGRAM EVALUATION WEB SITE: METHAMPHETAMINE PROGRAMS/STRATEGIES**

The BJA Center for Program Evaluation has added a new program area on Methamphetamine Programs/Strategies. The program area describes programs and strategies to address the use, manufacture, and distribution of methamphetamine (meth), provides examples of relevant performance measures, and includes evaluations and other relevant reports.

[http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/psi\\_meth/index.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/psi_meth/index.htm)

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**DRUG COURT**

NPC Research recently published two reports on drug courts:

*Family Treatment Drug Court Evaluation (Final Report)*, presents findings from a national evaluation of drug courts exploring whether, how, and for whom drug courts work.

[http://www.npcresearch.com/Files/FTDC\\_Evaluation\\_Final\\_Report.pdf](http://www.npcresearch.com/Files/FTDC_Evaluation_Final_Report.pdf)

*Impact of a Mature Drug Court Over 10 years of Operation: Recidivism and Costs (Final Report)*, presents data on the operations and outcomes of the Multnomah County drug court.

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/219225.pdf>

To learn more about drug courts and their effectiveness, visit The BJA Center for Program Evaluation and go to Problem Solving Courts:

[http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/psi\\_courts/drug-index.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/psi_courts/drug-index.htm)

**DRUG TREATMENT ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (DTAP)**

The Kings County New York District Attorney's Office recently published a report on its drug treatment program. *Drug Treatment Alternative-To-Prison Sixteenth Annual Report*, presents data describing its effectiveness in reducing drug abuse, improving public safety, and saving money.

<http://www.brooklynda.org/dtap/DTAP%20Sixteenth%20Annual%20Report.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>

**NATIONAL AND STATE EVALUATION NEWS CONTINUED****HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Caliber, an ICF International Company, has published a report entitled, *Evaluation of Comprehensive Services for Victims of Human Trafficking: Key Findings and Lessons Learned*. The report includes an evaluability assessment; data from the planning, implementation, and outcome evaluation; and case studies of human trafficking victims.

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/218777.pdf>.

**THE JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT DEMONSTRATION (JOD)**

The Urban Institute has published a four-volume final report, *Final Report on the Evaluation of the Judicial Oversight Demonstration*, detailing the efforts and outcomes of courts and justice agencies in three jurisdictions in implementing coordinated responses to intimate partner violence.

Volume 1: The Impact of JOD in Dorchester and Washtenaw County.

[http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411498\\_Volume\\_1\\_Final.pdf](http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411498_Volume_1_Final.pdf).

Volume 2: Findings and Lessons on Implementation.

[http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411498\\_Volume\\_2\\_Final.pdf](http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411498_Volume_2_Final.pdf).

Volume 3: Findings from Focus Groups with JOD Victims and Offenders.

[http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411498\\_Volume\\_3\\_Final.pdf](http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411498_Volume_3_Final.pdf).

Volume 4: Findings Report on Survey Methodology.

[http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411498\\_Volume\\_4\\_Final.pdf](http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411498_Volume_4_Final.pdf).

**PAROLE AND COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION**

The National Research Council recently completed a report that provides an extensive review of the state of research on recidivism and desistance from crime by offenders released from prison. The report includes detailed information on program design and implementation that has implications for parole systems and community-based programs. An executive summary of *Parole, Desistance from Crime, and Community Integration* is available at:

[http://books.nap.edu/execsumm\\_pdf/11988.pdf](http://books.nap.edu/execsumm_pdf/11988.pdf).

**SEX OFFENDERS**

*Six-Year Follow-up of 135 Released Sex Offenders Recommended for Commitment Under Washington's Sexually Violent Predator Law, Where No Petition Was Filed*, was recently published by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy. This report extends the results from a previous study by reporting arrest, conviction information for new felony sex and violent offenses and also includes data on age and sex offender treatment participation.

<http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/07-06-1101.pdf>.

For more information on sex offender programs visit The BJA Center for Program Evaluation and go to Sex Offender Programs/Strategies: [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/psi\\_sops/index.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/psi_sops/index.htm).

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