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Welcome to the June 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.

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The Bureau of Justice Assistance has issued a Program Update on residential substance abuse treatment of state prisoners. *Residential Substance Abuse Treatment of State Prisoners (RSAT) Program* discusses the RSAT program and funding history, RSAT program components, changes to the RSAT program, RSAT program evaluation and State-by-State RSAT activities. For the publication see: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/bja/206269.pdf>.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: GAO PUBLICATION ON PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND EVALUATION

With the enactment of the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), federal agencies and, consequently, recipients of federal government funds are being required to produce information on program performance. To help address GPRA requirements, the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) has just produced a document explaining the relationship between performance measurement and program evaluation. *Performance Measurement and Evaluation: Definitions and Relationships* is available at:

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d05739sp.pdf>.

PASS IT ON!

Please forward this newsletter to subgrantees or others who may benefit from it. The number on our recipient list is growing and we hope you will continue to pass on your suggestions, requests and questions. If you want to be added to the list, you may send an email to Veronica Puryear (vpuryear@jrsa.org).

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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 Institute of Justice's Annual Research and Evaluation Conference will be held July 18-20, 2005 in Washington, DC. The focus for this year will be *Evidence -Based Policies and Practices*. More information is available at their web site: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/>.

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>.

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. For more information visit: <http://www.jrsa.org/events/conference/index.html>.

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