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#### **BATTERER PROGRAMS**

The Center for Court Innovation recently completed a report entitled, *Court Responses to Batterer Program Noncompliance*. This report by Labriola et al. includes findings from a nationwide survey of criminal courts, batterer programs, and victim assistance agencies within selected communities to assess their response to noncompliance with court ordered batterer programs.

[http://www.courtinnovation.org/\\_uploads/documents/Court\\_Responses\\_March2007.pdf](http://www.courtinnovation.org/_uploads/documents/Court_Responses_March2007.pdf).

#### **DRUG COURT**

Shannon M. Carey and Mark S. Waller from NPC Research have completed an evaluation of the Guam Adult Drug Court. *Guam Adult Drug Court Outcome Evaluation: Final Report*, reports on the effectiveness of the Guam drug court; a drug court serving a significant number of "ice" or crystal methamphetamine users.

[http://www.npcresearch.com/Files/Guam\\_Adult\\_Drug\\_Court\\_Outcome\\_Evaluation\\_Final%20Report\\_0307.pdf](http://www.npcresearch.com/Files/Guam_Adult_Drug_Court_Outcome_Evaluation_Final%20Report_0307.pdf).

To learn more about drug courts and their effectiveness, visit The BJA Center for Program Evaluation Drug Court program area at:

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

#### **THE PRISON INDUSTRY ENHANCEMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (PIECP)**

*Factories Behind Fences: Do Prison 'Real Work' Programs Work?*, written by Marilyn C. Moss and Cindy J. Smith, is available in the newest edition of the NIJ Journal. Findings compare recidivism of inmates involved in the Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Program (PIECP), in which inmates work for private industries and earn regular wages, to more traditional prison work programs.

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/jr000257.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****RECLAIMING FUTURES COMMUNITY INITIATIVE**

A presentation by Jeffrey A. Butts, University of Chicago, and John Roman, Urban Institute, is now available that summarizes material from a national evaluation of Reclaiming Futures. The presentation entitled, *Systemic Changes Reported by Reclaiming Futures Communities*, summarizes findings from the initiative designed to improve substance abuse interventions for youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

<http://www.reclaimingfutures.org/documents/rfsurveys2007.pdf>.

**READY4WORK REENTRY INITIATIVE**

Wendy S. McClanahan with Public/Private Ventures has completed a brief which discusses findings from the Ready4Work Reentry Initiative. *Mentoring Ex-Prisoners in the Ready4Work Reentry Initiative*, suggests prisoner reentry mentoring is valuable as part of an overall strategy in impacting outcomes such as getting and keeping a job.

[http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/212\\_publication.pdf](http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/212_publication.pdf).

**SERIOUS AND VIOLENT OFFENDER REENTRY INITIATIVE (SVORI)**

*What We've Learned: Findings from the Multi-site SVORI Evaluation*, was recently presented at the North Carolina Conference on Offender Reentry by Pamela K. Lattimore, RTI International. The presentation provided information on the implementation and impact of the SVORI programs.

[https://www.svori-evaluation.org/documents/presentations/2007\\_05\\_NCREentryConference.pdf](https://www.svori-evaluation.org/documents/presentations/2007_05_NCREentryConference.pdf).

More information is available on reentry programs from The BJA Center for Program Evaluation Reentry program area at: [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/psi\\_rp/index.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/psi_rp/index.htm).

**UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS****THE NIJ CONFERENCE 2007**

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) will be hosting its annual conference July 23-25, 2007 at the Marriott Crystal Gateway in Arlington, Virginia. Visit the web site to register and view the conference agenda which includes a list of speakers for each panel.

[http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij\\_conference/2007/agenda.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference/2007/agenda.html).

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**The BJA Center for Program Evaluation**

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

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