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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the March 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.

NEW PROGRAM AREA FOR THE BJA CENTER FOR PROGRAM EVALUATION WEB SITE

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAMS/STRATEGIES

The Center for Program Evaluation has added a new program area on Sex Offender Programs/Strategies. The program area includes information on evaluations of different types of treatments (including cognitive-behavioral, psycho-educational and pharmacological), standardized assessment tools, and strategies (sex offender laws) used to reduce the likelihood that sex offenders will reoffend.

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/psi_sops/index.htm.

NATIONAL EVALUATION NEWS

COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

The spring issue of *Perspectives* by The American Probation and Parole Association contains an article entitled, *Does Parole Supervision Work? Research Findings and Policy Opportunities*, which is based on the Urban Institute report *Does Parole Work? Analyzing the Impact of Postprison Supervision on Rearrest Outcomes*.

http://www.urbaninstitute.org/UploadedPDF/1000908_parole_supervision.pdf.

CORRECTIONS

The Urban Institute, Justice Policy Center, recently published, *Evaluating the Effectiveness of Supermax Prisons*.

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/211971.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 EVALUATION NEWS CONTINUED**REENTRY**

The Urban Institute, Justice Policy Center, recently published, *Community Residents' Perceptions of Prisoner Reentry in Selected Cleveland Neighborhoods*.

http://www.urbaninstitute.org/UploadedPDF/411296_prisoner_reentry_cleveland.pdf.

STATE EVALUATION NEWS**JUVENILE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority recently released the following reports: *Redeploy Illinois 2nd Judicial Circuit Pilot Site Impact & Implementation Evaluation Report*.

<http://www.icjia.org/public/pdf/ResearchReports/Redeploy%20Illinois%202nd%20Judicial%20Circuit.pdf>.

Redeploy Illinois Macon County Pilot Site Impact & Implementation Evaluation Report.

<http://www.icjia.state.il.us/public/pdf/ResearchReports/Redeploy%20Illinois%20Macon%20County.pdf>.

MENTAL HEALTH COURTS

Policy Research Associates, Inc. recently published, *An Evaluation of the Bureau of Justice Assistance Mental Health Court Initiative*.

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/213136.pdf>.

OTHER EVALUATION NEWS**PRISON-BASED SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT**

The latest issue of *The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse* Vol. 32 (1), 7-28 contains an article by Nena Messina and colleagues which examines gender differences in prison-based substance abuse treatment. This article, *Predictors of Prison-Based Treatment Outcomes: A Comparison of Men and Women Participants*, is available from

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/00952990.asp>.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS**THE NATIONAL YOUTH COURT CENTER 2006 SEMINAR**

Developing and Implementing Youth Courts will be held April 24-26, 2006 in Denver, CO. One of the conference training highlights will be *Establishing a Program Evaluation*.

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

THE OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME (OVC) TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER (TTAC)

As part of its 2006 Calendar of Events on Training for Victim Service Providers, the OVC TTAC will be hosting *Needs Assessment & Program Evaluation* May 16-18, 2006 in Pittsburgh, PA.

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

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS CONTINUED

NIJ CONFERENCE 2006

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) will be hosting its annual conference July 17-19, 2006 in Washington, DC. Registration for the conference will be available in early spring 2006.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/welcome.html#nijc>.

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/>.

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