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AGRICULTURAL CRIME, TECHNOLOGY, INFORMATION, AND OPERATIONS NETWORK (ACTION) PROGRAM

The Urban Institute and Florida State University recently published two reports detailing results from a study of the ACTION program which is an initiative in California designed to reduce agricultural crime -- including theft of farm supplies, equipment, and other commodities:

A Process and Impact Evaluation of the Agricultural Crime, Technology, Information, and Operations Network (ACTION) Program reports on the underlying logic of the program, the impact of the program on agricultural crime, and the ability of ACTION to be implemented in other jurisdictions.

http://www.urbaninstitute.org/UploadedPDF/411455_ACTION_Program.pdf

The Costs and Benefits of Agricultural Crime Prevention, includes an introduction to cost-benefit analysis and presents the results of the cost benefit analysis of the ACTION program.

http://www.urbaninstitute.org/UploadedPDF/311452_agricultural_crime.pdf

REDEPLOY ILLINOIS JUVENILE OFFENDER PROGRAM

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority published a program evaluation summary entitled, *Redeploy Illinois Program Decreases Incarceration Rates Among Juveniles*. The summary describes results of the Illinois Redeploy pilot program, a community-based program for non-violent felony juvenile offenders implemented in four sites. Implementation and impact data were collected between March and December 2005 for the study.

<http://www.icjia.state.il.us/public/pdf/ProgEvalSummary/redeploy%20Illinois%20program%20decreases%20incarceration%20rates%20among%20juveniles.pdf>

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The BJA Center for Program Evaluation Web Site
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/index.html>

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The New York City Criminal Justice Agency, Inc., has published a research brief entitled, *Bail, Detention, & Nonfelony Case Outcomes*. This research brief presents results from an examination of the effects of pretrial detention on case outcomes in New York City.

<http://www.cjareports.org/reports/brief14.pdf>.

PRISONER REENTRY

Assessing Intermediate Outcomes of a Faith-Based Residential Prisoner Reentry Program, was published in *Research on Social Work Practice*, Vol. 17, No.2, by Caterina Roman, Ashley Wolff, Vanessa Correa, and Janeen Buck. The study examined how religious preferences of clients effected their progress in, their completion of, and satisfaction with the program.

<http://rsw.sagepub.com/cgi/reprint/17/2/199>.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS**THE FEDERAL YOUTH COURT PROGRAM**

The Federal Youth Court Program in association with the Florida Association of Teen Courts will host a National Double Track Youth Court Training in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida June 10-13, 2007. Examples of conference tracks include *Establishing a Plan for Program Evaluation and Data Collection* and *Increasing Your Current Program's Effectiveness*.

<http://www.youthcourt.net/Florida%20Brochure.pdf>.

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. The conference agenda now lists speakers for each panel.

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference/2007/agenda.html.

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