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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the September edition of "Evaluation News: Expanding Knowledge Through Information Exchange." This monthly E-newsletter contains national and state evaluation publication sources, resources, news updates, and information on upcoming conferences. 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 community.

NATIONAL EVALUATION NEWS

The Community Corrections Division of the National Institute of Corrections has produced several reports which include evaluation-related issues concerning classification of high-risk and special management prisoners, prison mental health services, and prison classification and needs assessment systems. The reports include:

Classification of High-Risk and Special Management Prisoners: A National Assessment of Current Practices

<http://www.nicic.org/pubs/2004/019468.pdf>

Effective Prison Mental Health Services: Guidelines to Expand and Improve Treatment

<http://www.nicic.org/pubs/2004/018604.pdf>

Enhancing Prison Classification Systems: The Emerging Role of Management Information Systems

<http://www.nicic.org/pubs/2004/019687.pdf>

Objective Prison Classification: A Guide for Correctional Agencies

<http://www.nicic.org/pubs/2004/019319.pdf>

Prisoner Intake Systems: Assessing Needs and Classifying Prisoners

<http://www.nicic.org/pubs/2004/019033.pdf>

Has your state published recent evaluation reports? Contact Veronica Puryear to insure your work is included in a future edition of Evaluation News!

STATE EVALUATION NEWS

The Idaho Statistical Analysis Center has recently released a report entitled, *Impact Evaluation of the Nez Perce Domestic Violence Unit*. The evaluation of the NPCDVU was conducted to determine its impact on holding batterers accountable for domestic violence and providing services to victims. The full report is available at: <http://www.isp.state.id.us/pgr/Research/documents/NezPerce7.pdf>

The Wyoming Statistical Analysis Center recently released a report entitled, *Operation Storefront 2004: Point of Sale Tobacco Advertising in the State of Wyoming*. This report highlights the Operation Storefront project described as a comprehensive data source for monitoring and evaluating point of sale tobacco advertising in Wyoming. The full report is available at:
http://www.uwyo.edu/wysac/Docs/Tobacco/Storefront_Final_2004.pdf

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is sponsoring several regional conferences this fall for State Administering Agencies and Subgrantees. The conference series, "Managing and Maximizing Justice Funds at the State and Local Levels," is designed to provide information that is timely, relevant and substantive while also assisting policy makers' and practitioners' efforts to improve criminal justice operations and services, and deliver effective criminal justice programs. Conference dates and locations are available at:
<http://www.ncja.org/bjaregionalmeeting.html>

The Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Justice Research and Statistics Association will be hosting their national conference "Data for Decisionmakers: Ensuring Quality and Applicability" on October 28-29, 2004, in Seattle, Washington. For more information on the conference, visit: <http://www.jrsa.org> and click on the BJS/JRSA 2004 National Conference icon located at the top right corner.

The National Drug Court Institute, in collaboration with the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice, will host its sixth series of Regional Evaluation Trainings that are designed to address the evaluation needs of drug court programs. Attendees will receive training in developing effective systems and strategies for monitoring and evaluating their drug court programs. The training will take place November 12-13, 2004, in Dallas, Texas. For more information, contact Aaron Roussell at the National Drug Court Institute, aroussell@ndci.org, or visit:
http://www.ndci.org/training_schedule03.htm

The American Society of Criminology (ASC) will be hosting its 55th Annual Conference November 16-20, 2004, in Nashville, Tennessee. For complete conference information visit the ASC Web site at:
<http://www.asc41.com/>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Web sites providing information on funding opportunities:

The U. S. Government's Official Web Portal, FirstGov.gov at:
<http://www.firstgov.gov/Business/Nonprofit.shtml>

The Grantsmanship Center (TGCI): <http://www.tgci.com/>

RESOURCES

Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program prepared by The Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP), U. S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This report is designed to help guide state and local jurisdictions in evaluating terrorism exercises. The full report is available at:
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/docs/HSEEPv2.pdf>

Johnson, S. D., Bowers, K. J., Jordan, P., Mallender, J., Davidson, N., & Hirschfield, A. F. G. (2004). Evaluating Crime Prevention Scheme Success: Estimating 'Outcomes' or How Many Crimes Were Prevented. *Evaluation*, vol. 10 (3) 337-348.

The full report is available at: <http://evi.sagepub.com/cgi/reprint/10/3/327>

From The International Development Research Center Evaluation Unit:

Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation of Programme Performance: A Resource Book

The full report is available at: <http://www.idrc.ca/evaluation/documents/rebk1512.pdf>

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