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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the September 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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#### **AFTERCARE**

A final report entitled, *Process Evaluation of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services' Aftercare Program*, is now available on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Web site. The report presents results from a process evaluation of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services' (BJJS) new model of aftercare.

[http://www.pccd.state.pa.us/pccd/lib/pccd/stats/completedprojectdocs/asof2006/bjjs\\_aftercare\\_final\\_report.pdf](http://www.pccd.state.pa.us/pccd/lib/pccd/stats/completedprojectdocs/asof2006/bjjs_aftercare_final_report.pdf).

#### **COMMUNITY-BASED CRIME PREVENTION**

A new report entitled, *National Evaluation of the Title V Community Grants Prevention Program*, has been published by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). This report presents findings from six states that highlight both the process and progress of the Title V program.

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/212214.html>.

#### **JUVENILE MENTORING**

*Positive Support: Mentoring and Depression Among High-Risk Youth* was recently published by Public/Private Ventures. The youth mentoring component of the National Faith Based Initiative was studied to determine whether mentoring could deter high-risk youth from engaging in risky behaviors.

[http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/202\\_publication.pdf](http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/202_publication.pdf).

#### **METHAMPHETAMINE TREATMENT**

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has published an article containing research findings that show methamphetamine users can benefit from treatment. The article entitled, *Community-Based Treatment Benefits Methamphetamine Abusers*, also describes gender differences related to treatment.

[http://www.drugabuse.gov/NIDA\\_notes/NNvol20N5/Community.html](http://www.drugabuse.gov/NIDA_notes/NNvol20N5/Community.html).

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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>

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### **PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS (PSN)**

Project Safe Neighborhoods has published a series of case studies describing promising practices and interventions implemented across the country:

*Gun Prosecution Case Screening: Case Study 1*

[http://www.psn.gov/pubs/pdf/PSN\\_CaseStudy1.pdf](http://www.psn.gov/pubs/pdf/PSN_CaseStudy1.pdf).

*Offender Notification Meetings: Case Study 2*

[http://www.psn.gov/pubs/pdf/PSN\\_CaseStudy2.pdf](http://www.psn.gov/pubs/pdf/PSN_CaseStudy2.pdf).

*Crime Incident Reviews: Case Study 3*

[http://www.psn.gov/pubs/pdf/PSN\\_CaseStudy3.pdf](http://www.psn.gov/pubs/pdf/PSN_CaseStudy3.pdf).

*Chronic Violent Offender Lists: Case Study 4*

[http://www.psn.gov/pubs/pdf/PSN\\_CaseStudy4.pdf](http://www.psn.gov/pubs/pdf/PSN_CaseStudy4.pdf).

### **RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT**

The RAND Corporation recently published results from an evaluation of the Adolescent Treatment Models (ATM) Program. The study entitled, *The Relative Effectiveness of 10 Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Programs in the United States*, examines the relative treatment effects of 11 programs included in the study.

[http://www.rand.org/pubs/technical\\_reports/2006/RAND\\_TR346.sum.pdf](http://www.rand.org/pubs/technical_reports/2006/RAND_TR346.sum.pdf).

### **SAFE KIDS/SAFE STREETS (SK/SS) PROGRAM**

WESTAT recently completed a report entitled, *Processing and Outcomes of Child Abuse and Neglect Cases in Three Sites*, that presents findings from the Safe Kids/Safe Streets (SK/SS) Program. The report describes the case tracking approach used to document the efforts of three study sites to reduce child maltreatment by implementing comprehensive, multifaceted strategies.

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/210274.pdf>.

## **UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS**

### **THE BJA REGIONAL CONFERENCE SERIES**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) will host four conferences for its 2006 Regional Conference Series. The first conference will be held for the Midwest Region and is scheduled for November 16-17, 2006 in Columbus, Ohio.

Information concerning the conferences is available at the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) web site. [http://www.ncja.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=BJA\\_Regional\\_Conference\\_Series](http://www.ncja.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=BJA_Regional_Conference_Series).

### **THE NATIONAL YOUTH CENTER**

The National Youth Center will host a training entitled, *Developing and Implementing Youth Courts*, September 13-15, 2006 in Albany, New York. Various interactive seminars will be provided including one on establishing a plan for program evaluation.

[http://www.youthcourt.net/training\\_ta/2006/Albany\\_Overview.htm](http://www.youthcourt.net/training_ta/2006/Albany_Overview.htm).

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### **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. Visit the conference web site to register for the conference and view the regularly updated agenda.

<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/>.

### **THE OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME (OVC)**

The OVC Fall/Winter 2006 Training Calendar includes information concerning a special training workshop entitled, *Program Evaluation*, that will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, November 7-8, 2006. More information is available by accessing the Fall/Winter Training Schedule.

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

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