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In the Spotlight

OJP Launches E2I to Integrate Evidence into Practice

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has launched a new effort to improve the management of research knowledge and to better integrate research evidence into practice and policy within OJP and the criminal justice field. The Evidence Integration Initiative, known as E2I, seeks to:

- Summarize the evidence about what works in preventing crime and increasing community safety.
- Disseminate this information more widely to the field.
- Build tools to support practitioners and policymakers making decisions using this evidence.

Through E2I, and with other OJP offices, BJA's goal is to improve the integration of evidence into decisionmaking in federal, state, local, and tribal justice agencies and organizations. Stay tuned to www.ojp.gov for details on this new initiative.

News You Can Use

BJA Launches Podcast Series

BJA's podcasts are designed to provide listeners with the latest information about innovations, practices, and perspectives from the field of criminal justice. In our first edition, James H. Burch II, Acting BJA Director, and Kristina Rose, Acting Director for the National Institute of Justice, talk with William Bratton, former Chief of Police of the Los Angeles Police Department and former Police Commissioner of the New York City and Boston Police Departments, about the evolution of policing. [Listen](#) to this podcast.

NASCIO To Hold Webinar on Business Analytics

Measuring data from different information sources, state and city governments are using business analytics to assess their internal operations and improve their methods of information exchange. In this webinar, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) will explain how the information gathered from business analytics can reveal potential gaps in information exchange, bottlenecks in process flows, or even methods that could be altered to reduce time and cost. The event will be held February 9 from 2-3 p.m. eastern time. [Learn more.](#)

New Information Quality Publications

The rapid creation of information and its quickly changing nature necessitates ongoing attention to improve the quality of justice entity information. Achieving high-quality information is the result of a strategic and intentional process—an information quality (IQ) program. For more information, read [9 Elements of an Information Quality Program](#), [Information Quality Program Guide](#), and [Information Quality Self-Assessment Tool](#).

Privacy Assessment Resources Now Available

SEARCH, in partnership with BJA, developed the first Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) tool to assist agencies when developing or reviewing their privacy and civil liberties policies. This important tool is available now on DOJ's [Global web site](#). In addition, SEARCH offers hands-on technical assistance in assessing privacy protection requirements, and is currently doing so in several jurisdictions, including for the Michigan State Police.

Grants & Funding

BJA has released the following solicitations:

- [Capital Case Litigation Initiative](#)
Applications are due March 11, 2010
- [Second Chance Act Adult and Juvenile Offender Reentry Demonstration Projects](#)
(A joint solicitation of BJA and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention)
Applications are due March 4, 2010
- [Second Chance Act Mentoring Grants to Nonprofit Organizations](#)
Applications are due March 18, 2010
- [Wrongful Conviction Review Program](#)
Applications are due March 4, 2010

Read OJP's [FY 2010 Program Plan](#). In the Program Plan you'll find funding opportunities and new initiatives from OJP—subject to the 2010 Congressional appropriation—as well as guidance on how to take advantage of those opportunities

In preparation for FY 2010 solicitations, read BJA's new [About Grants](#) section on the BJA web site.

Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program

Enacted in 1976, the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program provides death, disability, and education benefits to those eligible for the program. For details regarding these federal benefits for law enforcement officers, firefighters, and first responders killed or catastrophically disabled in the line of duty, call the PSOB Office toll-free at 888-744-6513 or 202-307-0635, or visit www.psob.gov.

DID YOU KNOW?

BJA provides no-cost technical assistance to state and local agencies in developing and implementing written privacy and civil liberties policies that comport with state and local laws, thus protecting the privacy and civil liberties of their citizens. As of December 2009, 42 state fusion centers and 17 regional/secondary fusion centers have developed draft privacy and civil liberties policies for review and feedback. Additionally, 20 state and local jurisdictions have developed draft policies for review and feedback that specifically address the handling and oversight of Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR)—data gathered on specific behaviors potentially linked to terrorism. [Learn more.](#)

FEATURED PROGRAM

NIEM Makes Information Sharing Faster, Cheaper for New York

The [National Information Exchange Model](#) (NIEM) is a common language used to share information across justice, public safety, and other types of agencies nationwide, and New York is leading the charge for expansion. The State of New York recently won a "Best of NIEM" award for connecting data sources within its Department of Health and Human Services. This project allows city case workers to view information in various social services networks, such as the elderly, homeless, and children, while using a single login and search portal. The work portal presents a holistic view of client information across agencies to case workers, allowing them to practice collaborative case management and make speedier decisions for delivery of benefits. NIEM's simplicity and utility also make it an excellent solution for other communities, such as emergency response, immigration, and family services. BJA applauds New York's groundbreaking efforts and is working to provide support for replications of this type of information sharing in FY 2010.

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