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In the Spotlight

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program Provides Major Return on Investment

Established by Congress in 1994, RSAT helps state and local governments develop substance abuse treatment programs in correctional facilities and reentry services for those on community corrections, probation, or parole supervision. The program has demonstrated results—a 2003 National Institute of Justice-funded [study](#) found that inmates who complete treatment are less likely to be rearrested after release, particularly if followed up with community-based treatment. This is critical, considering that about 80 percent of inmates in America's prisons and jails report having substance abuse problems and, according to the [National Criminal Justice Treatment Practices Survey](#), less than 10 percent of adult offenders receive the treatment they need while in correctional facilities. Providing offenders with treatment while incarcerated and in the community helps reduce corrections costs by reducing recidivism, thereby preventing offenders from returning to jails and prison. RSAT funding for FY 2009 is \$10 million, and the President's FY 2010 budget request is \$30 million. [▶ more](#)

News You Can Use

Two States Enact Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Legislation

Florida and Oregon recently joined 38 other states and Guam that have the authority to establish a [Prescription Drug Monitoring Program](#) (PDMP). PDMPs aim to prevent and detect the abuse of prescription drugs at the retail level where no other automated information collection system exists and allow for the collection and analysis of prescription data far more efficiently than states without the program.

NADEC to Hold 3-Day National Conference in September

The National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (NADEC) will hold its [National Conference](#) in Spokane, Washington from September 22–24, 2009. The conference will train practitioners and community members on research and best practice strategies to address DEC issues at the community, state, and national levels. Topics include tribal DEC responses and resources; substance abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment; and drug courts.

Publication Offers Alternative Strategies to Reduce Gang-Related Crime

As crime committed by gangs continues to escalate nationwide, prosecutors and law enforcement seek innovative methods to reduce gang-related crime. With support from BJA, the National District Attorneys Association has released [Civil Gang Injunctions: A Guide for Prosecutors](#). This monograph describes the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office pioneering use of gang injunctions to reduce the spread of gang-related criminal activity.

Grants & Funding

View the [Recovery Act awards](#) announced to date

As other FY 2009 awards are announced, BJA will post them on our [home page](#) under Funding Information.

BJA is starting to develop our FY 2010 grant solicitations. If you have any comments or suggestions on how to improve our solicitations, please [Contact Us](#).

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Through the Federal Surplus Property Transfer Program, excess federal land and buildings are conveyed to public agencies at no cost. The law allows state or local governments to apply to use the land or building for a correctional facility or for law enforcement purposes. BJA ensures that the proposed use meets the statutory requirements and is compliant with existing environmental law. One recent development is that GSA, who runs the program, is now considering joint or multi-use applications. [More](#)

FEATURED PROGRAM

New Meth Prevention/Education Program for Parents and Youth

Building on the success of its [Meth360 Program](#), the [Partnership for a Drug-Free America](#), with support from BJA, has developed two additional presentations to broaden the Meth360 program to drug issues beyond methamphetamine. [Parents360](#) delivers critical information to parents including how to spot drug/alcohol use, how to talk with their kids, and what to do when finding drugs. Through videos and interactive exercises, [Youth360](#) provides teens with insights about today's drug and alcohol scene and encourages them to think more introspectively about their behavior regarding these substances.

On August 25, the Partnership for a Drug-Free America and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America are co-sponsoring a webinar titled "Parents: You Matter," which will provide parents and caring adults with tools and information about why kids use drugs and alcohol and how parents can protect their children. [Register](#)



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