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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the April 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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COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

The Crime and Justice Institute recently published a quality assurance manual entitled, *Implementing Evidence-Based Practice in Community Corrections*. This document integrates evidence-based principles, organizational development, and collaboration to support the implementation of evidence-based principles in community corrections.

<http://nicic.org/downloads/PDF/Library/021258.pdf>.

MENTAL HEALTH COURTS

The Consensus Project recently released its third draft of *Essential Elements* entitled, *The Essential Elements of a Mental Health Court*. Ten essential elements of effective mental health court design and implementation are addressed in the report.

http://consensusproject.org/mhcourts_archive/essential.elements.

COMMUNITY POLICING

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services recently published a report entitled, *Police-Community Partnerships To Address Domestic Violence*. Findings from a mail survey, telephone interviews and case studies of local law enforcement agencies are described. This report highlights successful strategies and provides recommendations for overcoming barriers faced by police-community partnerships.

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=1681>.

EX-OFFENDER EMPLOYMENT INTERVENTIONS

The Campbell Collaboration recently published a report entitled, *Systematic Review of Non-Custodial Employment Programs: Impact on Recidivism Rates of Ex-Offenders*. The report presents results of a meta-analysis assessing the effects of employment service programs on ex-offender recidivism.

http://www.campbellcollaboration.org/CCJG/reviews/Visher_Employment_ReviewFinal.doc.

To be removed from this list, send a reply with your email address in the subject line.

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>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

THE OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME (OVC) TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER (TTAC)

As part of its 2006 Calendar of Events on Training for Victim Service Providers, the OVC TTAC will be hosting *Needs Assessment & Program Evaluation* May 16-18, 2006 in Pittsburgh, PA.

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

THE AMERICAN EVALUATION ASSOCIATION (AEA) AND THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC)

The AEA and CDC will be co-sponsoring its 2006 Summer Evaluation Institute, June 12-14, 2006 in Atlanta, GA at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.

<http://www.eval.org/SummerInstitute/06SIhome.asp>.

THE EVALUATOR'S INSTITUTE

The Evaluator's Institute will be offering short-term professional development courses for practicing evaluators July 17-29, 2006 in Washington, DC at the George Washington University Marvin Center.

http://www.evaluatorsinstitute.com/current_programdc2006.php.

NIJ CONFERENCE 2006

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) will be hosting its annual conference July 17-19, 2006 in Washington, DC. The conference entitled, *Criminal Justice Research, Development, and Evaluation in the Social and Physical Sciences* will feature a variety of panels and workshops. Examples of panels include:

Measuring Impacts;

National Evaluation of Free to Grow: Head Start Partnerships to Promote Substance-Free Communities;

Evidence-Based Practices for Probation: Intermediate Measures and Results; and

Everyday Evaluation: Performance Monitoring for the Management of Effective Programs.

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference2006.html.

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. Registration for the conference will be available soon. Visit the conference web site to complete the preconference invitation form.

<http://www.jrsa.org/events/conference/index.html>.

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