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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the February 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. If your state has published recent evaluation reports, you may contact Veronica Puryear to insure your work is included in a future edition of the newsletter.

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The National Institute of Corrections, U.S. Department of Justice is conducting a 3-hour satellite/internet broadcast that will provide information about NIC's initiative on statewide implementation of effective correctional management of offenders in the community. The presentation is intended to help correctional administrators develop plans and processes for organizational and system assessment, staff development and evaluation, program development and evaluation, and retrieval of information necessary to measure results. The broadcast date and time is February 25th, 2004, 12:00 PM EST. For more information on this broadcast, visit: <<http://www.nicic.org/Services>> and see the section entitled, "Upcoming Broadcast Programs."

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The Idaho Statistical Analysis Center has released a report examining the relationship between drug abuse by women and domestic violence. The report entitled, "Prior Substance Abuse Among Female Inmates with Histories of Domestic Violence" is available at: <<http://www.isp.state.id.us/pgr/Research/documents/SubstanceAbuseInmates.pdf>> (January 2004)

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The Institute of Applied Research has completed a cost-benefit analysis report of the St. Louis City Adult Felony Drug Court. The report entitled, "A Cost-Benefit Analysis of the St. Louis City Adult Felony Drug Court" is available at: <<http://www.iarstl.org/papers/SLFDCcostbenefit.pdf>> (2004)

The Wyoming Statistical Analysis Center has released a report presenting outcomes from four pilot county-based tobacco intervention programs for pregnant women and their families in the state of Wyoming. The report provides outcome data for year two and provides recommendations for year three. The report is available at: <<http://www.uwyo.edu/wysac/docs/Tobacco%20Free%20Families%20Grant%2002-03%20Final%20Report.pdf>>

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

The Bureau of Justice Assistance, in collaboration with the Justice Research Center (JRC), is sponsoring a series of workshops designed to train drug court coordinators in the use and customization of Access-based management information systems. The workshops will teach participants how to use JRC management information systems for adult and juvenile drug courts. Participants will learn how to adapt existing versions to the particular needs of their own courts and how to use MIS data for program monitoring and self-evaluation. The dates and locations for the workshops are:

February 23-25, 2004, in Monterey, California
March 29-31, 2004, in Washington, DC

For more information visit: <<http://www.american.edu/justice/publications/MIStraining.pdf>>

The Bureau of Justice Assistance and the National Center for State Courts will be hosting interactive Drug Court Evaluation Training Workshops to assist drug courts in designing, planning, and implementing an evaluation of the operation and/or effectiveness of their program. The workshops will be held on the following dates:

February 23-24, 2004, in Louisville, KY
March 8-9, 2004, in San Francisco, CA

For more information visit: <<http://www.american.edu/justice/publications/ncsc.pdf>>

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The Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center (JJEC) at the Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA) is now offering a web tutorial that provides a series of lessons on program evaluation designed to assist those interested in conducting juvenile justice program evaluations. The online tutorial can be accessed by visiting the JRSA web site at <http://www.jrsa.org>, clicking on “Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center” located on the left side of the web page, and clicking on “Evaluation: A Tool for Program Improvement,” under the “What’s New With JJEC” section.

To review “Taking Stock, A Practical Guide to Evaluating Your Own Programs” by Horizon Research, Inc., visit: <http://www.horizon-research.com/reports/1997/stock.pdf>. The manual was written for those who want information that will help improve their organization’s programs, those whose sponsors may be asking about the quality and impact of the programs they are funding, and those who may be applying for a grant that requires an evaluation plan.

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