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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the February 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.

NATIONAL AND STATE EVALUATION NEWS

COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES FOR JUVENILES

An Evaluation of Redeploy Illinois - St. Clair County and Peoria County, was recently published by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. This report presents implementation and program impacts of the Redeploy Illinois program. <http://www.icjia.org/public/pdf/ResearchReports/An%20Evaluation%20of%20Redeploy%20Illinois%20-%20St.%20Clair%20County%20and%20Peoria%20County.pdf>.

CORRECTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES

The National Institute of Corrections and The Consensus Project have published two reports describing the collaboration efforts of criminal justice, mental health, and substance abuse services in Kansas and Orange County, Florida.

Increasing Collaboration Between Corrections and Mental Health Organizations: Orange County Case Study is available at:

<http://dev.consensusproject.org/downloads/orange-county-case-study.pdf>.

Increasing Collaboration Between Corrections and Mental Health Organizations:

Kansas Case Study: <http://dev.consensusproject.org/downloads/kansas-case-study.pdf>.

REENTRY

A recent study entitled, *Impact and Cost-Benefit Analysis of the Maryland Reentry Partnership Initiative*, was published by The Urban Institute. This study evaluated the impact of the initiative on crime using a cohort of prisoners released between March 2001 and January 2005 from the Maryland Transition Center in Baltimore, Maryland.

http://www.urbaninstitute.org/UploadedPDF/311421_Maryland_Reentry.pdf.

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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>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

EASTERN EVALUATION RESEARCH SOCIETY

The Eastern Evaluation Research Society (Regional Affiliate of the American Evaluation Association) will host its 30th annual conference - *Looking Forward: Promising Advances, Persistent Challenges*, April 22-24, 2007 at the Seaview Marriott Resort and Spa located in Absecon, New Jersey. Registration forms and a conference schedule are available on their website.

<http://www.eers.org/conference.htm>.

THE SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION RESEARCH

The Society for Prevention Research will host its 15th annual conference - *Advancing Science-Based Prevention: Creating Real World Solutions*, May 30-June 1, 2007. The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Washington and will present the latest information in areas such as program evaluation and efficacy and effectiveness trials. Registration information will be available on their website. <http://www.preventionresearch.org/meeting.php>.

THE NIJ CONFERENCE 2007

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) will be hosting its annual conference July 23-25, 2007 at the Marriott Crystal Gateway in Arlington, Virginia. Visit the conference website for the agenda, registration details, and travel information.

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference/welcome.html.

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