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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the January 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.

### **EVALUATION NEWS**

#### **A FOCUS ON DRUGS**

The University of Nebraska at Omaha has published findings from a methamphetamine treatment study. *Moving Past the Era of Good Intentions: Methamphetamine Treatment Study* is available at:  
[http://www.ncc.state.ne.us/pdf/others/meth/Methamphetamine\\_Treatment\\_Study\\_2005\\_Report.pdf](http://www.ncc.state.ne.us/pdf/others/meth/Methamphetamine_Treatment_Study_2005_Report.pdf)

A Benefit-Cost Analysis of The Kings County District Attorney's Office Drug Treatment Alternative to Prison (DTAP) Program. *Justice Research & Policy*, (2005), 7, (1), 1-25.

#### **A SERIES ON SEX OFFENDERS**

The Washington State Institute for Public Policy has recently published several reports on sex offending:

*Sex Offender Sentencing in Washington State: Failure to Register as a Sex Offender* is available at: <http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/06-01-1203.pdf>

*Sex Offender Sentencing in Washington State: Has Community Notification Reduced Recidivism?* is available at: <http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/05-12-1202.pdf>

*Sex Offender Sentencing in Washington State: Notification Levels and Recidivism* is available at: <http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/05-12-1203.pdf>

*Sex Offender Sentencing in Washington State: Sex Offender Risk Level Classification Tool and Recidivism* is available at:

<http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/06-01-1204.pdf>

*Sex Offender Sentencing in Washington State: Special Sex Offender Sentencing Alternative Trends* is available at:

<http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/06-01-1205.pdf>

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>

**EVALUATION NEWS (CONT'D.)**

A Campbell Systematic Review on counter-terrorism was recently published. *The Effectiveness of Counter-Terrorism Strategies* is available at:

<http://www.aic.gov.au/campbellcj/reviews/2006-01-LumReview.pdf>

NPC Research has published *Guam Adult Court Process Evaluation: Final Report*. This report is available at:

<http://www.npcresearch.com/Files/Guam%20Process%20Evaluation%20Final.pdf>

An article examining the effectiveness of three law enforcement initiatives on reducing homicide was recently published. The article, *Did Ceasefire, Compstat, and Exile Reduce Homicide?*, is available from: *Criminology & Public Policy*, (2005), 4, (3), 419-449.

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT: EVIDENCE-BASED RESEARCH**

The term evidence-based research is increasingly used to describe the type of research that produces information showing which programs work. More and more, programs are being judged by their proven effectiveness and more states are conducting evaluations. The Washington State Institute for Public Policy has published a report that provides a comprehensive review of evidenced-based adult corrections programs:

*Evidence-Based Adult Corrections Programs: What Works and What Does Not*. The report is available at: <http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/06-01-1201.pdf>

**UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS****BLUEPRINTS FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION 2006 CONFERENCE**

This conference will be held March 13-15, 2006. The conference will highlight evidence-based program information on youth violence, delinquency, and drug prevention. For more information see:

<http://www.blueprintsconference.com/>

**THE CAMPBELL COLLABORATION**

The sixth Annual Campbell Collaboration Colloquium: *Producing Systematic Reviews of Evidence*, will be held February 22-24, 2006 at the USC School of Social Work in Los Angeles, CA. For more information see: <http://www.campbellcolloquium.org/>

**THE AMERICAN EVALUATION ASSOCIATION (AEA)**

Evaluation 2006, *The Consequences of Evaluation* will be held November 1-4, 2006 in Portland, Oregon. Workshops will also be available. For more information see:

<http://www.eval.org/eval2006/>

**NIJ CONFERENCE 2006**

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) will be hosting its annual conference July 17-19, 2006.

Registration for the conference will be available in early spring 2006. For more information see:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/welcome.html#nijc>

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