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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the January edition of "Evaluation News: Expanding Knowledge Through Information Exchange." This monthly E-newsletter contains news updates on the CPE, national evaluation publication sources, 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.

THE CENTER FOR PROGRAM EVALUATION NEWS UPDATES

Change in Web Site Address

The address for The Center for Program Evaluation Web Site has been changed. The new web site address is:
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/index.html>

Technical Assistance Now Available

The Center for Program Evaluation is now offering technical assistance (TA) to State Administering Agencies and their subgrantees. For an example of topics that would be appropriate for TA as well as more information concerning TA, please visit the Center for Program Evaluation web site at:
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/index.html>

New Program Areas

Over the next few months, three new program areas will be added to the Center for Program Evaluation Web Site. The new program areas that will be added are: Information Sharing/Integration Initiatives, Community-based Crime Prevention, and Problem-Solving Court Initiatives. Thank-you to those who completed the input form on new program areas that was sent out in November 2004. Your feedback was a key factor in the selection of these program areas. If your state has published program evaluations related to any of these areas, please contact Veronica Puryear to have your evaluations included.

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>

NATIONAL EVALUATION NEWS

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) recently released a Program Brief on Project Safe Neighborhoods that discusses "success stories" of four task forces. *Project Safe Neighborhoods: America's Network Against Gun Violence* can be retrieved at:
<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/bja/205263.pdf>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The Eastern Evaluation Research Society (EERS) will be hosting its 28th Annual Conference, *Ethics, Evidence, and Evaluation* at the Seaview Marriott Resort and Spa located in Abescon, New Jersey April 17-19, 2005. Complete details are available at:
<http://www.eers.org/conference.htm>

The National Institute of Justice's Annual Research and Evaluation Conference will be held July 18-20, 2005 in Washington, DC. More information will be available soon at their web site:
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/>

The National Institute of Justice's Mapping & Analysis for Public Safety (MAPS) program has released a call for presentations and professional development workshops for the 8th Annual Crime Mapping Research Conference, *Research & Practice Affecting Public Policy*. The conference will be held September 7 - 10, 2005 at the Savannah Westin Golf & Spa Resort, Savannah, Georgia. More information is available at:
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/maps/savannah2005/>

To view current and past editions of the Evaluation Newsletter, visit the Bureau of Justice Assistance Center for Program Evaluation:
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/index.html>

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