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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

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COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES FOR JUVENILES

At-Risk and Delinquent Girls Programs in the SafeFutures Demonstration report was recently released by the Urban Institute as part of a series of six topical and site-specific reports. The current report presents information on program models, implementation challenges, and recommendations for research, policy and practice obtained through multiple visits to each participating community over a 5 year grant period.

http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411385_safefutures.pdf.

MENTAL HEALTH COURT

The RAND Corporation recently published, *Justice, Treatment, and Cost: An Evaluation of the Fiscal Impact of Allegheny County Mental Health Court*. This report provides an analysis of the fiscal impact of the Allegheny County Mental Health Court starting from its inception in 2001 and compares the costs against the costs that would have been incurred if the same offenders had undergone routine adjudication and processing.

http://www.rand.org/pubs/technical_reports/2007/RAND_TR439.pdf.

CORRECTIONS REHABILITATION

Florida's Office of Program Policy Analysis & Government Accountability (OPPAGA) Corporation recently published a report entitled, *Corrections Rehabilitative Programs Effective, but Serve Only a Portion of the Eligible Population*. This report presents findings of the effectiveness of the departments' four primary types of rehabilitative programs which include academic education, vocational education, substance abuse treatment, and sex offender treatment.

<http://www.oppaga.state.fl.us/reports/pdf/0714rpt.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>

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The Washington State Institute for Public Policy has published, *Washington's Offender Accountability Act: Department of Corrections' Static Risk Instrument*. This report presents the validity results of the Washington State Department of Corrections risk assessment tool. <http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/07-03-1201.pdf>.

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 7TH ANNUAL JERRY LEE CRIME PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM

The 7th Annual Jerry Lee Crime Prevention Symposium will take place April 23-24th, 2007. The first day of conference activities will be held at the University of Maryland Inn & Conference Center in Adelphi, Maryland. The second day of conference activities will be held at the National Guard Association Walsh-Reckord Hall of States Building at One Massachusetts Avenue in Washington, DC. Complete conference details and registration information is available on their website. <http://www.ccjs.umd.edu/ccjg/>.

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 FEDERAL YOUTH COURT PROGRAM

The Federal Youth Court Program in association with the Florida Association of Teen Courts will host a National Double Track Youth Court Training in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida June 10-13, 2007. Examples of conference tracks include *Establishing a Plan for Program Evaluation and Data Collection* and *Increasing Your Current Program's Effectiveness*. <http://www.youthcourt.net/Florida%20Brochure.pdf>.

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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