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COMING SOON TO THE BJA CENTER FOR PROGRAM EVALUATION WEBSITE

We are working on a number of items for the BJA Center for Program Evaluation Website. Here are a few you'll see in the coming months.

Additions to the website

- Program Area on Prescription Drug Monitoring
- Resources on evidence-based programs and practices

Updated Program Areas

- Drug Courts
- Reentry

CORRECTIONS

SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT

Olver et al. evaluated the treatment outcome of the Clearwater Program, a high-intensity inpatient treatment program, by comparing the sexual recidivism rates of treated and untreated sex offenders over nearly 20 years. The program is designed for moderate to high-risk sex offenders and employs a cognitive-behavioral/relapse prevention approach. Since 1998, the Clearwater Program has been accredited by an international panel of area experts from North America and the United Kingdom, convened by the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) to provide independent evaluation of the organization and efficacy of the program. The findings suggest that treatment adhering to the program principles can reduce long-term sexual recidivism for a moderate to high-risk group of sex offenders. The article, "Outcome Evaluation of a High-Intensity Inpatient Sex Offender Treatment Program," was published in March 2009 issue of the Journal of Interpersonal Violence. It is available at: <http://jiv.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/24/3/522>

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Ostermann conducted an analysis of the New Jersey State Parole Board's Day Reporting Center and Half Way Back programs. Both of these programs assist parolees in job placement, family, vocational and educational training, anger management, and substance abuse mediation. This study examined the relationship between recidivism and participation in these programs, compared with parole, with no programs and maxing-out of prison with no supervision. Results show that participation in Day Reporting and Half Way Back programs has a significant positive affects upon recidivism when compared to not being supervised, most notably when considering the failure criteria of re-arrest. This study, "An Analysis of New Jersey's Day Reporting Center and Halfway Back Programs:

CORRECTIONS (CONT.)

Embracing Evidence Based Practices,” was published in the February 2009 issue of Journal of Offender Rehabilitation. It is available at:

<http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/content~content=a907641805~db=all~order=page>

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT-BASED INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT

Warner and Kramer evaluated the effectiveness of Pennsylvania’s Drug and Alcohol Treatment-based Intermediate Punishment, Restrictive Intermediate Punishments (RIP/D&A), at reducing the risk of re-arrest. Re-arrest was examined at 12, 24, and 36 months post-release. The study found that offenders who successfully completed treatment had a lower risk of re-arrest than traditionally sentenced offenders in general and county jail and probation offenders specifically. However, offenders sentenced to RIP/D&A who did not successfully complete treatment were more at risk for re-arrest than traditionally sentenced offenders. The article, “*Closing the Door? Substance Abuse Treatment as an Alternative to Traditional Sentencing for Drug-Dependent Offenders*,” was published in the January 2009 issue of Criminal Justice and Behavior. It is available at: <http://cjb.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/36/1/89>

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TIP OF THE MONTH

What is performance management? How is it related to performance measurement?

The term performance management has been used to describe two related, yet distinct ideas:

Performance Management Definition One: Provision of direction and control over individuals to ensure their work is focused on achieving an organization’s strategic goals and objectives.

Performance Management Definition Two: A system that produces performance information via strategic planning and performance measurement and positions this information for use in decision-making.

Definition two fits with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) framework. For more information on performance management see Donald Moynihan’s book, *The Dynamics of Performance Management: Constructing Information and Reform*.