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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the May 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.

NEW PROGRAM AREA ON THE CENTER FOR PROGRAM EVALUATION WEB SITE: INFORMATION SHARING/INTEGRATION

A new program area on Information Sharing/Integration Initiatives is now available on the BJA Center for Program Evaluation Web Site. See: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/psi_isii/index.htm

NATIONAL EVALUATION NEWS

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has released *Implementation and Outcome Evaluation of the Intensive Aftercare Program (IAP)*. This final report presents implementation and outcome findings from a 5-year multisite evaluation of IAP. See: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/206177.pdf>.

The National Institute of Corrections has released, *The Gender-Responsive Strategies Project: Jail Applications*. This bulletin reviews research-based guiding principles that can be used to assist jail administrators in meeting the needs of female offenders. See: <http://www.nicic.org/pubs/2005/020417.pdf>.

STATE EVALUATION NEWS

In January, the Colorado Statistical Analysis Center published, *Community Based Management Pilot Programs for Youth with Mental Illness Involved in the Criminal Justice System: Program Evaluation Report: Year Three*. This report presents findings from a 3-year performance evaluation on the implementation of the Community Based Management Pilot Programs. See: http://dcj.state.co.us/ors/pdf/docs/2005_CBM_Report.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>

PASS IT ON!

Please forward this newsletter to subgrantees or others who may benefit from it. The number on our recipient list is growing and we hope you will continue to pass on your suggestions, requests and questions. If you want to be added to the list, you may send an email to Veronica Puryear (vpuryear@jrso.org).

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The Bureau of Justice Assistance, in cooperation with the Council of State Governments, will be hosting a conference entitled, *Mental Health Courts and Beyond: Improving the Response to People with Mental Illness in the Criminal Justice System*, on June 21-22, 2005 in Los Angeles, CA. See:

<http://www.consensusproject.org/mhcourts/> .

The National Institute of Justice's Annual Research and Evaluation Conference will be held July 18-20, 2005 in Washington, DC. The focus for this year will be *Evidence -Based Policies and Practices*. More information is available at their web site: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/> .

RECENT CONFERENCE : JERRY LEE CRIME PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM

The Fifth Annual Jerry Lee Crime Prevention Symposium, *Systematic Evidence on What Works in Crime and Justice: Raising Questions and Presenting Findings*, was held May 2 and 3, 2005 at the University of Maryland. The Symposium addressed issues relating to whether randomized experiments should be considered the gold standard for evaluation of crime and justice interventions. Discussions were also held concerning translating research into knowledge that would be useful and practical for policymakers. Presentations will be posted soon at: <http://www.ccjs.umd.edu/ccjg> .

The May 2005 issue of *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* contains articles that address many of the points covered during the Crime Prevention Symposium. This journal is available through SAGE Publications.

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