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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the November/December 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 FOR THE BJA CENTER FOR PROGRAM EVALUATION WEB SITE**

#### **GANG PROGRAMS/STRATEGIES**

The BJA Center for Program Evaluation has added a new program area on Gang Programs/Strategies. The program area describes programs/strategies to address gang membership and gang-related crime, provides examples of relevant performance measures, and includes evaluations and other relevant reports.  
[http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/psi\\_gangs/](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/psi_gangs/).

#### **NATIONAL EVALUATION NEWS**

##### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS**

The Center for Court Innovation recently published a report, *Do Batterer Program Length or Approach Affect Completion or Re-Arrest Rates?* This report presents findings from an examination of completion and recidivism outcomes for defendants sentenced to two batterer programs within the Brooklyn Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Court (BkMDVC).  
[http://www.courtinnovation.org/\\_uploads/documents/IDCC%20DCAP%20final%20.pdf](http://www.courtinnovation.org/_uploads/documents/IDCC%20DCAP%20final%20.pdf).

##### **MENTAL HEALTH COURT**

The report, *The Brooklyn Mental Health Court Evaluation: Planning, Implementation, Courtroom Dynamics, and Participant Outcomes*, was recently published by The Center for Court Innovation. An assessment of court dynamics, communication patterns between team members, and participant characteristics, including outcomes and perception, are included in the report.  
[http://www.courtinnovation.org/\\_uploads/documents/BMHCevaluation.pdf](http://www.courtinnovation.org/_uploads/documents/BMHCevaluation.pdf).

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To be removed from this list, send a reply with your email address in the subject line.

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 CONTINUED**

### **REENTRY**

RTI International recently completed a research brief that provides an overview of cost analysis findings for the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative. *Approach for Conducting Cost, Cost-Effectiveness, and Benefit Cost Analyses of SVORI Programs*, is one in a series of topical briefs providing interim information on this on-going multi-site study.

[http://www.svori-evaluation.org/documents/reports/RRIA-Economic\\_Analysis.pdf](http://www.svori-evaluation.org/documents/reports/RRIA-Economic_Analysis.pdf).

## **STATE EVALUATION NEWS**

The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission has published, *An Evaluation of the Kino Coalition Weed and Seed Strategy Tucson, Arizona 2002-2006*. The report presents results from a process and impact evaluation covering implementation of the program as well as the effect the Kino Weed and Seed strategy had on crime and disorder in the targeted sites.

[http://azcjc.gov/pubs/home/Kino\\_WS\\_Eval.pdf](http://azcjc.gov/pubs/home/Kino_WS_Eval.pdf).

## **UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS**

### **THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) REGIONAL CONFERENCE SERIES**

The final two Bureau of Justice Assistance 2006 Regional Conferences for State Administering Agencies will be held in Columbus, Ohio, January 9-10, 2007 and Baltimore, Maryland, January 25-26, 2006.

The BJA Center for Program Evaluation staff will be available for evaluation consulting during the conference. Conference attendees who have questions about evaluation or selecting performance measures, will be able to sign up at our cyber clinic table for 30 minute one-on-one consulting sessions. At our cyber clinic, attendees will have live access to the Center for Program Evaluation Web Site and will be able to interact with BJA Center for Program Evaluation staff.

For complete agenda, registration, location, and date information see:

<http://www.ncja.org/Content/NavigationMenu/EducationEvents/BJARegionalMeetingSeries/default.htm>.

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