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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the October/November 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.

NATIONAL EVALUATION NEWS

REENTRY

Public/Private Ventures has published findings from The State Workforce Policy Initiative. The report, *When the Gates Open: A National Response to the Prisoner Reentry Crisis*, is available at:
http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/189_publication.pdf

THE JOURNAL OF EXPERIMENTAL CRIMINOLOGY

The Journal of Experimental Criminology has released its first special topical issue presenting results from studies addressing important crime and justice problems. Examples of articles include:

Braga, A. A. (2005). Hot spots policing and crime prevention: A systematic review of randomized controlled trials. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, 1, (3), 317-342.

Sherman, L. W., et al. (2005). Effects of face-to-face restorative justice on victims of crime in four randomized, controlled trials. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, 1, (3), 367-395.

The journal is available from Springer Publishing by cutting and pasting the following link into your web browser:

<http://www.springer.com/sgw/cda/frontpage/0,11855,4-40384-70-35743453-0,00.html>

STATE EVALUATION NEWS

An evaluation report has been published by The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, Criminal Justice Research Center. The report, *Evaluation of Virginia's Young Juvenile Offender Grant Initiative--First Annual Report*, is available at:

<http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/research/documents/YJOREport2004.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>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

BJA REGIONAL CONFERENCE SERIES

The final three Bureau of Justice Assistance 2005 Regional Conferences for State Administering Agencies will be held in Anaheim, California, November 29- 30, 2005; Newport, Rhode Island, December 13-14, 2005; and San Antonio, Texas, February 6-7, 2006.

The BJA Center for Program Evaluation will participate in a cyber clinic at each conference. Participants will have live access to the Center for Program Evaluation at the cyber clinic and will be able to interact with BJA Center for Program Evaluation staff. Also, a survey will be distributed at the cyber clinic to obtain your input about the web site. For complete agenda, registration, location, and date information see: <http://www.ncja.org/datesandlocations.html>

THE OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME (OVC)

OVC will be hosting a workshop entitled, *Program Evaluation: Assessing Victim Services Progress and Measuring Success* December 6-7, 2005 in Phoenix, Arizona. For more information see: <http://www.ovcttac.org/calendar/events.cfm?EventID=435&CurntDate=12/01/2005&FuseAction=ShowEvent>.

THE EVALUATOR'S INSTITUTE

The Evaluator's Institute is offering short-term professional development courses for practicing evaluators. For complete information see: <http://www.evaluatorsinstitute.com/program.php>

THE CAMPBELL COLLABORATION

The sixth Annual Campbell Collaboration Colloquium: *Producing Systematic Reviews of Evidence*, will be held February 22-24, 2006 at the USC School of Social Work in Los Angeles, CA. For more information see: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/welcome.html#ccc>

OTHER EVALUATION RESOURCES

Examples of new evaluation and research methods tools available from Jossey-Bass Publishing: <http://www.josseybass.com/WileyCDA/>

[The ABCs of Evaluation: Timeless Techniques for Program and Project Managers](#) by John Boulmetis and Phyllis Dutwin.

[Essentials of Research Design and Methodology](#) by Geoffrey R. Marczyk, David DeMatteo, and David Festinger.

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