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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the September edition of "Evaluation News: Expanding Knowledge Through Information Exchange." This monthly e-newsletter contains national and state evaluation publication sources, resources, news updates, and information on upcoming conferences. 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 community. To be removed from this list send a reply with your email address in the subject line. For comments or questions, please visit:
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BJA has released a monograph, by Goldkamp, Irons-Guynn and Weiland, describing the philosophy behind community prosecution. Thirty-six sites across the nation are used as examples to describe the emergence of community prosecution strategies. The monograph concludes by proposing a framework which conceptualizes how to evaluate and describe some of the challenges for assessing impact and measuring performance often posed by community prosecution strategies. The monograph, entitled "Community Prosecution Strategies," can be found at:

<<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/bja/195062.pdf>>
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SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics has released its Justice IT Brief entitled, "Measuring Progress: A Summary of Key Milestones In Support of Justice Integration." This Brief is an excerpt from a larger report, "Integrated Justice: A Planning Guide" which will be published in Fall 2003. The Brief is designed to provide information about the need for, and status of initiatives to foster improvements in justice information sharing. The Brief, by Harris and Webster, can be found at:

<<http://www.search.org/publications/pdffiles/milestones.pdf>>
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The National Institute of Corrections, U.S. Department of Justice recently broadcasted a 32-hour distance learning program that presented a research-based practical curriculum designed to teach principles and implementation of effective interventions for managing youthful offenders in an adult correctional environment. To obtain a videotape of this interactive training approach, see:
<<http://www.nicic.org/ServicesSupplementalbroadcastDetails.aspx?recordID=96>>
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The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, Criminal Justice Research Center has released its final report entitled, "Evaluation of the Virginia Exile Program". The Virginia Exile Program implemented in January 2000, provides grant funds to support the prosecution of fire-arm offenses. The current evaluation examines 646 cases in which Exile charges were brought against defendants in the state of Virginia. This report is available at:

<<http://www.dcjs.org/research/documents/exileFinal.pdf>>

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BJS/JRSA Conference—Crime, Data, and Program Performance: Measurement Challenges Amid New Fiscal Realities. The 2003 BJS/JRSA National Conference will be held in San Francisco, California, at the Westin St. Francis Hotel, October 2-3, 2003. For more information visit:

<<http://www.jrsa.org/events/conference/index.html>>

AEA Conference—Evaluation 2003: The Annual Conference of the American Evaluation Association will be held at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Reno/Sparks, Nevada, November 5-8, 2003. For more information visit: <<http://www.eval.org/eval2003/>>

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Wilder Books has released a 112 page book which provides information on how to use evaluation to increase the effectiveness of programs. Along with other useful evaluation-related information, the book presents five keys to program success. *Manager's Guide to Program Evaluation: Planning, Contracting, and Managing for Useful Results* (published August, 2003) can be purchased by accessing the following link: <<http://www.wilder.org/pubs>>

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