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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the February 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.

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The Center for Program Evaluation has updated an Evaluation and Performance Measurement Resource: *Developing and Working with Program Logic Models*. http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/guide/pe4.htm.

NATIONAL AND STATE EVALUATION NEWS REENTRY

Stephen Haas, Cynthia Hamilton, and Dena Hanley of the West Virginia Mountain State Criminal Justice Research Services recently published a process evaluation report on the transitional programming phase of The West Virginia Offender Reentry Initiative (WVORI). *Preparing Prisoners for Returning Home: A Process Evaluation of West Virginia's Offender Reentry Initiative*, examines service delivery through official records obtained from the WVORI Inmate Management Information System (IMIS).

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/psi_rp/haas-offender-reentry-initiative.pdf.

SCHOOL-BASED ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAM

A school-based anti-bullying intervention report was recently published by Scott Menard, Jennifer Grotpeter, Daniella Gianolo and Maura O'Neal. The report, *Evaluation of Bullyproofing Your School*, presents results from an evaluation of an anti-bullying curriculum designed specifically for classroom use in elementary and middle school. http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/221078.pdf.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PROJECT

Cynthia Hamilton and Erica Turley of the West Virginia Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center recently completed a detailed report on the West Virginia Stop Violence Against Women Project. The final report entitled, *West Virginia STOP Violence Against Women Project Evaluation FY04*, includes results on the relationship among victims, advocates, and law enforcement on disposition outcomes. The report also compares results from the current survey of STOP team members to results from a previous survey.

http://www.wvdcjs.com/justiceprograms/STOP/VAWAFY04EVAL.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



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THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA)

The final Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) 2008 Regional Conference for State Administering Agencies will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, March 11-13, 2008.

During the conference, JRSA staff will conduct a workshop entitled "Performance Measurement and Program Management" and offer evaluation consulting. 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. Attendees will have live access to the Center for Program Evaluation Web Site at our cyber clinic and will be able to interact with JRSA staff.

Visit the BJA web site for complete agenda and registration information. http://www.bjaregionalmeetings.com/.

BLUEPRINTS CONFERENCE 2008

The Blueprints conference will be held March 17-19, 2008 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Denver, Colorado. The conference will feature evidence-based program information on youth violence, delinquency, and drug prevention. Registration information is available on their website. http://www.blueprintsconference.com/.

THE CAMPBELL COLLABORATION

The 8th Annual Jerry Lee Crime Prevention Symposium--Systematic Evidence on What Works in Crime and Justice, will be held May 5-6, 2008. The first day of conference activities will be held at the University of Maryland Inn & Conference Center in Adelphi, Maryland. The second day of conference activities will be held in Washington, DC near Capitol Hill. Complete conference details and registration information is available on their website. http://www.ccjs.umd.edu/ccjg/.

THE SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION RESEARCH

The Society for Prevention Research will be hosting it's 16th annual conference - *Context and Prevention Science*, May 28-30, 2008. The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Embarcadero Center. The latest information in areas such as program evaluation and efficacy and effectiveness trials will be presented at the conference. Registration information is available on their website. http://www.preventionresearch.org/meeting.php.

THE NIJ CONFERENCE 2008

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) will be hosting its annual conference July 21-23, 2008 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia. Visit the conference website to sign up for conference updates. http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference/welcome.htm.

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http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/e-news.htm.

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