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ORSP Partnerships

The Office of Research and Strategic Planning has been highlighted in the DMAPS (Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety) Navigator monthly newsletter. The article discusses the importance of developing partnerships between the ORSP and university researchers. It also discusses the establishment of an investigator-initiated research evaluation program. For more information and to view the article, please click here: http://www.djcs.wv.gov/SAC/Documents/ORSP_MAPS%20Navigator%20July%202011.pdf

Journal Article Accepted

The ORSP has had an article accepted for publication in the Journal of Health and Human Services Administration. The article titled, "*Evaluation of Cross-Disciplinary Training on the Co-Occurrence of Domestic Violence and Child Victimization: Overcoming Barriers to Collaboration*", will be available from the publisher in the near future. To view the abstract, please go to <http://www.djcs.wv.gov/SAC/Documents/Abstract%20Journal.pdf>

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New ORSP Publications are now available online

The ORSP has two new publications available for download and viewing online: The 2010-2020 Correctional Population Forecast and Assessing the Validity of Hate Crime Reporting: An Analysis of NIBRS Data. Please see the descriptions below for more information about these exciting projects.



2010-2020 Correctional Population Forecast Report Now Available

The Correctional Population Forecast is a continuation of biennial updating of prison population projections for the state of West Virginia. It describes the current correctional population and provides policymakers with a 10-year correctional population forecast. You can view and download the report at http://www.djcs.wv.gov/SAC/Documents/ORSP_2010-2020_Correctional_Population_Forecast-FINAL.pdf.



Assessing the Validity of Hate Crime Reporting: An Analysis of NIBRS Data Available

This report examines the degree to which hate crimes reported statewide by law enforcement reflects the true number of hate crimes. The study found that hate crimes are substantially underreported in official law enforcement statistics. As a result, the actual number of hate crimes is likely far greater than what is represented in WV's Incident-Based Reporting System (WVIBRS). This publication is available at http://www.djcs.wv.gov/SAC/Documents/ORSP_WV_Hate_Crime_Report.pdf.



Recent and Upcoming Trainings

The ORSP has recently been involved in several training efforts related to the statewide implementation of the LS/CMI. National experts provided training to ORSP staff on Motivational Interviewing (MI) techniques and the Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS) model. The JCEBP plans to offer future trainings on these and similar topics. Stay tuned!!

To learn more about future trainings or to register, please contact Jessica Napier at Jessica.S.Napier@wv.gov.

2011 DJCS SAG and JAG Retreats

As part of an agency wide initiative, ORSP staff in partnership with DJCS program administration staff, presented information to two advisory committees in September. During the State Advisory Group (SAG) planning retreat, the ORSP presented *Strategic Planning in an Evidence Based Environment* to the committee. Topics covered included: the basics of evidence based practice (EBP), key terms associated with such practices, the grant administration process, differences between performance measurements and evaluations, and suggestions for infusing EBP into currently funded programs.

In addition, the ORSP participated in the Justice Accountability Grant (JAG) committee strategic planning retreat. The goal of this retreat was to brainstorm funding priorities and strategies in order to develop a 3-year strategic plan for the JAG program in WV. The ORSP provided information on grant management and administration in an evidence based environment. A summary of basic crime statistics was also compiled and presented to the committee by the ORSP.

These presentations are available to view and download on the ORSP website. For more information and to view the presentations follow this link:

<http://www.djcs.wv.gov/SAC/Pages/Presentations.aspx>



The West Virginia Office of Research and Strategic Planning is pleased to announce the addition of a research analyst, Ms. Christina R. LaValle. Ms. Lavelle holds a B.S. in Mathematics from the University of Minnesota Duluth and M.S. in Applied and Computational Mathematics from John Hopkins University. Ms. LaValle has worked at the Montgomery College Math/Science Center in Rockville, MD as an Instructional Associate and the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Silver Spring, MD as a Statistician. Ms. LaValle will use her expertise in statistical analysis and mathematics to contribute to the work done at the WV ORSP. She will be focusing on NIBRS data and performance measurement projects. If you need to reach Ms. LaValle, you can find her contact information on our website.

Evidence Based Practice Links

BJA's Center for Program Evaluation and Performance Measurement
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/index.html>

OJP's Crime Solutions
www.crimesolutions.gov

BJA National Training and Technical Assistance Center
<http://bjatraining.org/>

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