

# E-News

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## WVSAC featured in JRSA “Spotlight”

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The Office of Research and Strategic Planning was recently featured in the new section of JRSA’s website, “Spotlight” on state Statistical Analysis Centers. Highlights of the feature include information about the WVSAC, key initiatives of the ORSP, project highlights, contact information for the staff and links to publications. To view this feature, please visit: [http://www.jrsa.org/sac-spotlight/west\\_virginia/index.htm](http://www.jrsa.org/sac-spotlight/west_virginia/index.htm)

## ORSP now offers CEU Hours for Evidence Based Trainings

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The ORSP has recently received Approved Provider status with the West Virginia Certification Board of Addiction and Prevention Professionals (WVCBAPP) for all trainings we provide through January 2016.

We have also provided CEU hours through the WV Board of Examiners of Psychologists (WVBEP) for Individually Approved workshops. Currently, the ORSP is pursuing Approved Provider Status with the WV Board of Social Work Examiners.

Being able to offer CEU hours for ORSP/JCEBP workshops provides participants added incentive to further their professional development and knowledge of evidence-based criminal justice practices.

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## New ORSP Publications are now available online

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### **2012-2022 Correctional Population Forecast Report**

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The Correctional Population Forecast is published by the ORSP on a biennial basis. It describes the current correctional population and provides policymakers with a 10-year correctional population forecast. Based on current projections, the correctional population is expected to grow at an average annual rate of 4.1% over the next decade. You can view and download the report at

<http://www.djcs.wv.gov/SAC/Documents/WV%202012->



### **Improving State Capacity for Crime Reporting: An Exploratory Analysis of Data Quality and Imputation Methods Using NIBRS Data**

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This report provides tools and guidance for improving the capacity of West Virginia and other states to derive more stable estimates of crime trends using incident-based data. The methods are designed to be used by analysts, researchers, and state repository staff to improve the accuracy of crime reporting. The report offers guidance on how to identify errors in crime reporting and adjust crime counts for a more accurate estimate of crime as reported by law enforcement. Funding for this research was provided by the Justice Research and Statistics Association in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Statistics. This report can be accessed at [http://www.jrsa.org/ibrrc/background-status/West\\_Virginia/WV\\_Impute.pdf](http://www.jrsa.org/ibrrc/background-status/West_Virginia/WV_Impute.pdf).



## Journal Article Published

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The Office of Research and Strategic Planning, in collaboration with West Virginia University and Rutgers University researchers, recently completed a study on life-course victimization. The work is published in the latest issue of *Victims & Offenders: An International Journal of Evidence-based Research, Policy, and Practice*. The article titled, "Assessing the Risk of Nonsexual and Sexual Victimization Using Incident-Based Police Reports, is available at <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/15564886.2012.738627>.

## New ORSP Staff

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The Office of Research and Strategic Planning would like to welcome our newest staff member, **Bridget Connolly**. Bridget comes to us from the University of Cincinnati's Corrections Institute where she worked on a state-wide prison program evaluation relating to evidence based practices. She holds a B.A. in Criminology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a M.S. in Criminal Justice, concentration in Law Enforcement and Crime Prevention, from the University of Cincinnati.

At the ORSP, Bridget manages the Online LS/CMI and Community Corrections Information System databases, assists with the statewide implementation of the LS/CMI, and oversees the CEU program. She is also developing a correctional program assessment tool to aid the ORSP's efforts to measure the quality of correctional programs and interventions in the state.



## **LS/CMI Statewide Implementation**

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The statewide implementation of the LS/CMI is an effort to use an evidence-based risk and needs assessment throughout West Virginia's criminal justice system. Currently, the LS/CMI is used in state's prisons and community corrections programs to help determine programming that will best meet offenders' criminogenic needs. The ultimate goal is for the assessment to be implemented in the courts, probation, and parole as well, and be used as a tool to help make decisions about offender's needs and potential to commit future crimes. The ORSP manages this implementation by recommending policies, providing training, managing an LS/CMI online management system, conducting quality assurance measures, and managing certification for those who conduct the LS/CMI.

Recent implementation expansion efforts have included WV probation and parole systems. Obtaining certification for these entities is expected to play an important role in reducing probation and parole revocations, and aiding sentencing and parole decisions.

Recent work in the state by the Council for State Governments has recommended the continuation and expansion of the ORSP's work in evidence based practices and the use of risk/needs assessments, [http://justicereinvestment.org/states/west\\_virginia/pubmaps-wv](http://justicereinvestment.org/states/west_virginia/pubmaps-wv).

## **Online Learning Management System**

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The ORSP is currently in the developmental stages of the implementation of a statewide learning initiative designed to disseminate information regarding the LS/CMI. All certified LS/CMI Users and Trainers are required to register in the OLMS system. After registration, courses will be assigned according to relevance. The first course, Policy Acknowledgement, is a prerequisite to a User workshop and the first step of becoming a certified LS/CMI User. This system will be used to provide policy instruction and the addition of future courses will allow the ORSP to conduct trainings online. It will also be used as a communication tool with the LS/CMI User/Trainer community.



## ★ LS/CMI Upcoming Trainings

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The ORSP has been involved in several training efforts related to the statewide implementation of the LS/CMI and quality assurance measures. Trainings have begun with the WV Probation Department, as well as the Department of Corrections and WV Day Report Centers. Listed below, you will find all of the upcoming trainings the JCEBP will be conducting over the next several months. Please check our webpage “News and Events” section at <http://www.djcs.wv.gov/SAC/Pages/NewsandEvents.aspx> for more information regarding registration deadlines and contact information for these trainings.

- **March 4 – March 7, 2013 – LS/CMI User Workshop**
- **March 11 - March 12, 2013 - LS/CMI User Recertification Workshop**
- **April 15 - April 18, 2013 - LS/CMI T4T for New LS/CMI Trainers**
- **April 22 - April 25, 2013 - LS/CMI User Workshop**
- **May 2 - May 3, 2013 - LS/CMI Trainer T4T Recertification Workshop**
- **May 13 - May 16, 2013 - LS/CMI User Workshop**
- **June 4 - June 6, 2013 - LS/CMI Motivational Interviewing & T4T**
- **June 10 – June 13, 2013 – LS/CMI T4T for New LS/CMI Trainers**
- **June 25 - June 27, 2013 - LS/CMI Motivational Interviewing & T4T**

## ★ Evidence Based Practice Links

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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](http://www.crimesolutions.gov)

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