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Publications

Alaska SAC Reports on Over a Decade of Drug Arrests

The Alaska Justice Statistical Analysis Center released [Arrests for Drug Offenses in Alaska: 2000-2011](#), the latest in their [Fact Sheet series](#) which addresses various crime and justice topics each month. This report presents data on arrests for drug offenses made by Alaska police agencies for the period 2000 through 2011 and includes information on both adults and juveniles.

BJS Correction Notice Released

The Bureau of Justice Statistics issued a correction to its report, [Immigration Offenders in the Federal Justice System, 2010](#), which was released in July. For 2002 and 2003 data, age was computed incorrectly as age at commitment instead of age at fiscal yearend. After 2004, age was computed correctly as age at fiscal yearend. To ensure consistency for all years, table 13 and associated text were corrected to display all years as age at fiscal yearend.

New Study Reports on Impact of Justice Center on Crime and Incarceration in Brooklyn

The pioneering [Red Hook Community Justice Center](http://www.courtinnovation.org/project/red-hook-community-justice-center) (<http://www.courtinnovation.org/project/red-hook-community-justice-center>) in Brooklyn, N.Y., has reduced re-offending, saved money, and decreased the use of jail, according to a new study by the National Center for State Courts. The report, [A Community Court Grows in Brooklyn: A Comprehensive Evaluation of the Red Hook Community Justice Center](#), was commissioned by the National Institute of Justice, documents that the Justice Center's emphasis on alternatives to incarceration has lowered recidivism among misdemeanor offenders. Key findings from the evaluation include increased use of alternative sanctions, reduced use of jail, reduced recidivism, and a sustained decrease in arrests in the police precincts served by the Justice Center.

Paper Highlights Challenges to Implementing Evidence-Based Violence Prevention Programs

In January 2013, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) convened a 2-day workshop on the evidence base for violence prevention. Assembled experts discussed what works to prevent violence, where to find evidence, and challenges faced by practitioners, communities, and policy makers attempting to make use of the existing evidence. "Violence Prevention: Moving From Evidence to Implementation" identifies progress in the use of evidence-based violence prevention programs and selected resources, and discusses the gap between the evidence and its translation into demonstrably effective community-based programs. <http://www.iom.edu/Global/Perspectives/2013/~media/Files/Perspectives-Files/2013/Discussion-Papers/BGH-ViolencePreventionEvidenceImplementation.pdf>

Conferences and Webinars

Registration Open for National Mentoring Summit

The [2014 National Mentoring Summit](#) will be held January 30-31, 2014, in Arlington, Virginia. The conference, whose theme is *Mentoring Works*, will focus on evidence-based mentoring practices that support academic achievement and positive social behavior for youth. Workshops and plenary sessions will highlight innovative program models, emerging research, and professional development.

NCVC Announces Webinar on Managing Outcomes for Victims of Domestic Violence

The National Center for Victims of Crime announced a webinar on [Managing Outcomes for Victims of Domestic Violence](#), to be hosted by Social Solutions in conjunction with STAND! For Families Free of Violence, this Thursday, December 5, at 3:30 p.m. ET. Providing services to victims of domestic violence presents unique challenges to victims' services agencies and staff. Webinar presenters will discuss a best-practice model that providers can use to apply intentionality, demanded by trauma-informed care, to their work. Along with other research-based, best practice models, these tools allow providers to collect the information necessary to evaluate program effectiveness and quickly report progress to funders. A combined discussion and software demonstration will show how, in practice, technology can reflect and support program goals and the daily frontline work in pursuit of those goals. For more information or to register, go to <https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=wa0b0002anit>.

Curriculum Provides Training to Law Enforcement on Responding to Active Shooters

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the FBI have partnered with Texas State University to deliver training for state and local law enforcement on how to best respond to active shooter situations. At the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Center, officers are trained to effectively and safely respond to an active shooter event. The curriculum, sponsored in part by BJA, is dynamic force-on-force, scenario-based training. It was adopted by the FBI as the national training standard for active shooter response and has been provided to more than 40,000 police officers nationwide. Read more and watch a video about ALERRT.

<http://blogs.justice.gov/main/archives/3380>

Announcements

BJS Data Analysis Tool Updated with 2011 Data

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), through its [Federal Justice Statistics Resource Center](#) (FJSRC), compiles comprehensive information describing suspects and defendants processed in the federal criminal justice system. The Federal Criminal Case Processing Statistics (FCCPS) tool is an interface that can be used to analyze federal case processing data. The public is able to generate various statistics in the areas of federal law enforcement, prosecution/courts and incarcerations, and on title and section of the U.S. Criminal Code. Data are available for the years from 1998 to 2011.

CBOB Nomination Period to Open in December

The [Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery](#) (CBOB) nomination period will open December 13, 2013. CBOB honors exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by federal, state, and local law enforcement officers. The badges are awarded annually by the U.S. Attorney General and are presented by the recipients' congressional representatives. Nominations are due to the Congressional Badge of Bravery Office at the Bureau of Justice Assistance by **February 15, 2014**.

NCVC Issues “Call for Workshops”

The [National Center for Victims of Crime](#) is seeking presenters for its 2014 National Conference, to be held September 17-19 in Miami, Florida. Conference workshops will be scheduled for 90 minutes and address a wide range of topics organized into separate conference tracks. Accepted presenters will be assigned day and presentation time by the conference planning committee. The deadline to submit a proposal is **Friday, December 20**. For more information or to submit a proposal, go to <https://www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=2014547E>.

In addition to workshop proposals NCVC also is seeking recommendations for films to screen at this year's National Conference. Suggestions of films that might be beneficial to conference attendees should be sent to [Kathleen Wilber](#).

Nominations Being Accepted for National Missing Children’s Day Recognition

Each year, the U.S. Department of Justice, through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), recognizes individuals, organizations, and agencies that have made a difference in recovering abducted children and protecting children from exploitation through the Law Enforcement, Citizen, Child Protection, and Attorney General’s Special Commendation awards. The awardees are recognized at the annual National Missing Children’s Day ceremony in Washington, DC. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2014 awards. Nomination forms for each category are accessible from the [Missing Children’s Day Awards](#) website, which also has information on eligibility requirements and judging criteria. Nominations must be received by **January 17, 2014**.