Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) in Criminal Justice:
Taking the Next Step

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Moving Toward EBPs

"Evidence-based practices and programs are: based on sound theory and deemed to be effective based on rigorous scientific evaluation. "Evidence-based" also applies to a broader decision-making approach. Evidence-based decision making is simply the routine and systematic application of the best available knowledge in order to identify and choose the optimal approach in policy, management and other applied settings."

- adapted from RKC Group, 2008

We Know A Great Deal About What Works

"We know more today than ever before about what works in policing, corrections, juvenile justice and early, risk-focused prevention."

"Evidence-based programs work. They prevent crime and they provide a sound return on taxpayer investment."

"The time period immediately following release from prison is the riskiest for the offender and the public."

"Investing in evidence-based programs is the key to reducing victimization and increasing public safety while simultaneously managing correctional costs."

- RKC Group, 2008

Implementing EBPs: An Example

For the biennium beginning July 1, 2005 (section 5)/July 1, 2007 (section 6), ... the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall spend at least 25 percent (section 5)/50 percent (section 6)/75 percent (section 7) of state moneys... for programs on evidence-based programs.

What is “evidence-based”?
Evidence-based programs are those programs that are based on research principles and whose costs are realized over a reasonable period of time through cost savings.
State Administering Agencies, Statistical Analysis Centers and EBPs

How can SACs assist with the implementation of Evidence-Based Practices

- Data and theory driven planning
- Using data to inform practice
- Using theory to guide program development
- Promising practices
- Identifying practices and programs that are promising
- Research support, but more is needed
- Critical elements of programs
- When program models are missing, elements of effective practice
- Evidence-based programs
- Rigorously evaluated
- Replicability
- Sustained change

From Implementation to Sustainability

- Core elements?
- Influences?
- Indicators?

Resources

  - http://dej.state.co.us/ors/pdf/docs/WW08_022808.pdf
- Oregon EBPs: Department of Human Services
- National Implementation Research Network
  - www.fpg.unc.edu/~nirn/
Resources (cont.)

- BJA Center for Program Evaluation and Performance Measurement
  - www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/index.html
- Resources on evidence-based programs and practices:
  - www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/evidence-based.htm

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