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Coalition for Juvenile Justice Releases Standards of Care for Status Offenders

The Coalition for Juvenile Justice has released "National Standards for the Care of Youth Charged with Status Offenses." This report, created as part of the coalition's SOS Project, provides policy and practice recommendations for limiting or avoiding court involvement for youth who commit noncriminal offenses—such as truancy or running away—and calls for an end to all secure detention for these youth. Instead, the National Standards promote system reform and the adoption of research-supported policies, programs, and practices that address the needs of youth, their families, and their communities without unwarranted juvenile justice system involvement. **Visit:** [http://www.juvjustice.org/sites/default/files/ckfinder/files/National%20Standards%20for%20the%20Care%20of%20Youth%20Charged%20with%20Status%20Offenses%20FINAL\(1\).pdf](http://www.juvjustice.org/sites/default/files/ckfinder/files/National%20Standards%20for%20the%20Care%20of%20Youth%20Charged%20with%20Status%20Offenses%20FINAL(1).pdf)

Webinar to Explore Evidence-Based Practice Resources

On February 6, 2014, at 2 p.m. ET, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, in collaboration with the National Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center, will present "Drilling Down: An Analytical Look at EBP Resources." This 90-minute Webinar will focus on evidence-based practice (EBP) resources available to juvenile justice and youth service professionals. Panelists will discuss ways to apply EBP to daily work in the field and to be critical consumers of research evidence. Other topics will include a comparison of rating systems and additional uses for the information. To register and learn more about this free Webinar **Visit:** https://events-na8.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1110525827/en/events/event/shared/default_template_simple/event_landing.html?sco-id=1226794353

Getting Smart About GED Testing

Through a cooperative agreement with the Correctional Education Association (CEA), the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) developed new training for correctional educators across the country as they face implementation of the education Common Core Standards with incarcerated offenders. The results of this partnership helped bridge the gap in training for administering the 2014 online General Education Development (GED) exam, encouraging inmates to opt for schooling past state requirements for a specific number of days.

The need for the new training arose as the GED exam moves to an exclusively online format beginning in January 2014. With the paper test no longer being available to inmates, facilities must weigh their security needs against the needs of reentry programs that rely on receipt high school equivalencies as a measure of success. In addition, GED will implement new guidelines that could potentially affect the success rate of even those who take the exclusively electronic exam.

The NIC training includes a new GED manual and a two-hour training DVD specific to the 2014 model and online structure. Both of these items will be made available to correctional educators across the country. Thirty states and over 1,500 correctional educators received training on the new guidelines and instructions. **Visit:** <http://community.nicic.gov/blogs/nicnewsletter/archive/2013/12/31/getting-smart-about-ged-testing.aspx>

Webinar To Discuss Youth Diversion Strategies for Law Enforcement

On January 23, 2014, at 2 p.m. ET, OJJDP, in collaboration with the International Association of Chiefs of Police, will present "Effective Youth Diversion Strategies for Law Enforcement." This 90-minute Webinar will focus on youth diversion programs, including program development, implementation challenges, and successes. Panelists will discuss strategies for law enforcement agencies starting or improving a youth diversion program. To register **visit:** https://events-na8.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1110525827/en/events/event/shared/default_template_simple/event_landing.html?sco-id=1233747473

Screenings and Assessments Used in the Juvenile Justice System: Tools for Assessing Sexual Recidivism Risk in Juveniles (2012)

"This briefing provides an overview of screening and assessment instruments that may be administered to youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system. It describes the types of screenings and assessments that are commonly used and highlights the main issues and concerns related to selecting and using these instruments, such as instrument validation, training, tool administration, and interpretation of results" (p. 1). Sections of this publication include: introduction; incident rates; key points on juvenile sex offender risk for recidivism assessment; federal and California legislation on juvenile sex offenders; assessing juvenile sex offender recidivism risk—whether assessment instruments predict reoffense, what information the instrument can provide, and how the results should be used; and instrument summary of four assessments that have the most research supporting their use with juveniles—Juvenile Sex Offender Protocol-II (J-SOAP-II), the Estimate of Risk of Adolescent Sexual Offense Recidivism (ERASOR), the Juvenile Sexual Offense Recidivism Risk Assessment Tool-II (JSORRAT-II), and the MEGA. SOURCE: California Judicial Council. Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Judicial and Court Operations Services Division. Center for Families, Children and the Courts (San Francisco, CA). **Visit:** <http://nicic.gov/Library/027636>

SAMHSA Announces Systems of Care Planning and Implementation Grants

On January 13, 2014, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. E.T., SAMHSA will host a Webinar for prospective applicants. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has announced the availability of System of Care Expansion planning grants and implementation cooperative agreements to support state, community, and tribal efforts to develop, expand, and sustain a system of care that will provide mental health services for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families and/or caregivers. **Visit:** <http://beta.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements> or <http://www.samhsa.gov/>
Planning applications due March 19, 2014
Implementation applications due March 21, 2014



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