Motivating Offenders to Change: Guide for Probation & Parole
National Institute of Corrections

This publication "provides probation and parole officers and other correctional professionals with both a solid grounding in the principles behind MI [motivational interviewing] and a practical guide for applying these principles in their everyday dealings with offenders" (p.2). Seven chapters are contained in this guide: how MI fits in with evidence-based practice; how and why people change; the motivational interviewing style; preparing for change; building motivation for change; navigating through tough times--working with deception, violations, and sanctions; and from start to finish--putting MI into practice. The publication can be viewed or downloaded from the resources section of the VJJA website or by visiting: http://nicic.org/library/022253/

Research on Pathways to Desistance
An interim report from the long-term study of youth convicted of serious violent offenses shows that nearly 90 percent of youth desist from further offenses after their first involvement with the court. "The most surprising finding is that a youth's future behavior did not correlate very well with the sanctions they received, suggesting that costly punitive measures may not be the best approach for keeping communities safe and rehabilitating young people in trouble with the law," said principal investigator Edward Mulvey of the Univ of PA
Available at: www.macfound.org

Impeding Crime Wave Report Questioned
National Council on Crime and Delinquency

In "Getting the Facts Straight" the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) reviews the Third Way report, "The Impending Crime Wave," released in February of 2008. Third Way’s report describes the convergence of four new and menacing sociological trends, which are said to threaten a new and devastating wave of crime in America. The paper offers more than 100 specific, federal, state and local policy options that can be tailored to create a 21st century crime-fighting agenda. NCCD’s report identifies troubling flaws with Third Way’s arguments and the data used to support them. NCCD also finds that the described "trends" are based on incorrect data, that the report fails to identify the precise age group it refers to throughout its arguments and that the tone of the report’s title and language is a deliberate attempt to foster fear through the use of false statements. Visit the individual websites and download copies of the reports here: www.thirdway.org/issues/show/32 and www.njcn.org/issue_181.html.

Jailing Juveniles: The Dangers of Incarcerating Youth in Adult Jails in America
Campaign for Youth Justice

A new report released by the Campaign for Youth Justice provides a summary of the risks that youth face when incarcerated in adult jails, facts and figures about how many youth are incarcerated in jails nationwide, and a review of the limited federal and state laws
protecting youth in jails. The publication can be viewed or downloaded from the resources section of the VJJA website or by visiting www.campaignforyouthjustice.org.

**Kids Are Different**
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation funded the development of *Understanding Adolescents: A Juvenile Court Training Curriculum*, training materials for juvenile justice professionals, as a joint project of the Youth Law Center, Juvenile Law Center, and the American Bar Association Juvenile Justice Center. The result was a training curriculum that applies the findings of adolescent development and relates research to practice issues confronted by juvenile court practitioners at the various decision-making stages of the juvenile justice process. This set of publications can be viewed or downloaded from the resources section of the VJJA website or by visiting http://www.njdc.info.

**Gang Wars: The Failure of Enforcement Tactics & the Need for Effective Public Safety Strategies**
Justice Policy Institute

The report seeks to debunk pervasive myths about gang crime. “More police, more prison and more punishment have not stopped gang violence” The publication can be viewed or downloaded from the resources section of the VJJA website or by visiting www.justicepolicy.org.

**Best Practices To Address Community Gang Prob**
OJJDP's *National Youth Gang Symposium*, held June 24–26, in Atlanta, GA, featured the theme “Partnering to Prevent Gang Violence: From Faith-Based and Community Organizations to Law Enforcement.” OJJDP Administrator J. Robert Flores addressed the symposium, as did Nicky Cruz, a former gang leader working to help troubled youth. The new report *Best Practices To Address Community Gang Problems: OJJDP’s Comprehensive Gang Model* was released at the symposium. The report guides communities responding to a gang problem in implementing OJJDP's Comprehensive Gang Model. It describes best practices learned from practitioners experienced in planning and implementing the model and notes findings from evaluations of programs demonstrating the model. Print copies may be ordered at http://www.ncjrs.gov/app/publications/alternatives-to-secure-detention-and-confinement

**Juvenile Detention Reform Guide for Counties**
National Association of Counties (NaCO)
http://www.vija.org/Resources/Publications/ juvenile_detention_reform_guide_for_county_officials_naCO.pdf

**Challenging School Zero Tolerance**
American Psychological Association (APA)
Restorative Practices E-Forum, Sep 2007

**And Justice For Some: Differential Treatment of Youth of Color**
National Council on Crime & Delinquency

This report details the accumulated disadvantage for youth of color as they move through the juvenile justice system and, too often, into the adult system. This publication can be viewed or downloaded by visiting www.nccd-crc.org

**The Dangers of Detention**
Impact of Incarcerating Youth in Detention / Secure Facilities Justice Policy Institute

Available: http://www.justicepolicy.org

**The Consequences Aren't Minor:**
The Impact of Trying Youth as Adults and Strategies for Reform. Campaign for Youth Justice

This study examines the laws and data in seven key states: California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, North Carolina, Virginia,
Tools of the Trade: Guide to Incorporating Science Into Practice
National Institute of Corrections
Faye S. Taxman, et. al

The application of evidence-based research findings to the practice of offender supervision is explained. Sections of this manual include: introduction -- supervision as a behavioral management process to reduce recidivism; behavior and change; assessment and planning; communication tools; information tools; incentives to shape offender behavior; service tools; offender types; and guiding principles. The publication can be viewed or downloaded from the resources section of the VJJA website or by visiting: http://www.nicic.org/Library/020095

Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines: Improving Court Practice in Juvenile Delinquency Cases
National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges

This publication is a benchbook of best practices developed by a committee of judges & other key professionals representing stakeholders in juvenile justice. The publication can be viewed or downloaded from the resources section of the VJJA website or by visiting the website of the National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges website at: www.ncjfcj.org/

Evidence-Based Practice to Reduce Recidivism
National Institute of Corrections, Comm. Corrections Division

The reduction of recidivism by state judiciaries utilizing six principles of evidence-based practice (EBP) is explained. Seven sections follow an executive summary: introduction; current state sentencing policies and their consequences; drug courts -- the state judiciary's successful experiment with EBP; the principles of EBP; local sentencing and corrections policy reforms; state sentencing and corrections policy reforms; and conclusion. "[C]arefully targeted rehabilitation and treatment programs can reduce offender recidivism by conservative estimates of 10-20%" The publication can be viewed or downloaded at http://nicic.org/Library/022843

Effect of Advocacy on Youth in Care after Age 18

Strong advocacy within the juvenile court on behalf of foster youth plays a primary role in keeping youth in care after age 18, according to a new Chapin Hall study. The study examines foster youth in Illinois, one of the few states that extends care up to age 21.

Researchers found that a higher degree of court advocacy is associated with a greater availability of placements and services for older foster youth, more involvement by caseworkers and other adults, more positive attitudes about remaining in care beyond 18, and a greater awareness that, by law, youth may remain in care beyond 18.

Read the issue brief, Continuing in Foster Care Beyond Age 18: How Courts Can Help, by Clark Peters, Katie S. Claussen Bell, Andrew Zinn, Robert M. Goerge, Mark E. Courtney.

Incorporating Positive Youth Development in Juvenile Justice Programs

A new report explores six juvenile justice programs that use positive youth-development principles to improve their intervention approaches. The study describes the factors that facilitate the adoption of such principles as well as implementation challenges.

Read the report, Building on Strength: Positive Youth Development in Juvenile Justice Programs, by William H. Barton and Jeffrey A. Butts.

America’s Cradle to Prison Pipeline
Children’s Defense Fund

The Children’s Defense Fund has issued a new report, America’s Cradle to Prison Pipeline, documenting an urgent national crisis at the intersection of poverty and race that puts
Black boys at a one in three lifetime risk of going to jail, and Latino boys at a one in six lifetime risk of the same fate. The report was released at a national Cradle to Prison Pipeline® Summit at Howard University in Washington, DC that addressed the nationwide crisis and its devastating impact on children, youth and their families, particularly within the Black and Latino communities. Download the full report at: www.childrensdefense.org.

**VADJJ FY 2007 Data Resource Guide**  
*Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice*

The Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice has released the 2007 Data Resource Guide. First published in FY 2001, the guide has become a key source of information for those who work with system-involved children in the Commonwealth. The document provides descriptions of key programs and functions within the VADJJ, as well as demographic information and other data on court-involved young people. The information can be used to assess needs for the Commonwealth as a whole, as well as specific localities. The guide can be viewed or downloaded from the resources section of the Department of Juvenile Justice's website at: www.djj.virginia.gov/.

**Juvenile Offenders and Victims: 2006 National Report**  
*Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention*

This report cites FBI and other reliable research to provide a comprehensive and insightful view of the nature of juvenile crime and violence across the nation. This report offers the Congress, State legislators, local policymakers, professors, juvenile justice professionals, and concerned citizens solid answers to the most frequently asked questions about the nature of juvenile crime and victimization and about the justice system’s response. This publication can be viewed or downloaded from the resources section of the VJJ website or by visiting http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/.

**2007 KIDS COUNT Data Book: Profiles of Child Well-Being**  
*Annie E. Casey Foundation*

This 18th annual KIDS COUNT Data Book provides national and state-by-state information and statistical trends on the conditions of America’s children and families. This year’s essay examines the child welfare system and challenges the country to make lifelong connections for children and youth in foster care a national priority. This publication can be viewed or downloaded from the resources section of the VJJ website or by visiting www.aecf.org.

**Justice by Gender: The Lack of Appropriate Prevention, Diversion & Treatment Alternatives for Girls in the JJ System**  
*Jointly issued by the American Bar Association and the National Bar Association*

Over the last two decades we have witnessed a marked increase in the number of girls touched by, and and involved in, the juvenile justice system; yet this system seems singularly ill prepared to handle those cases. This publication can be viewed or downloaded from the resources section of the VJJ website or by visiting www.abanet.org.

**Juvenile Female Offenders**  
*Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention & National Institute of Corrections*

Report presented at the 2006 National Juvenile Correctional and Detention Administrators Forum, Pittsburgh, PA. Topics covered include: introduction to the NIC and OJJDP collaboration; current perspective, research into juvenile female offender practice; current research – a look at the work of OJJDPs Girls Study Group; and NICs approach to address the issue. The publication can be viewed or downloaded from the resources section of the VJJ website or by visiting http://www.nicic.org/Library/021453.
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