EVIDENCE-BASED SOLUTIONS...
What Really Works in the Fight Against Crime

Policymakers are investing in what works by turning to evidence-based programs to address persistent criminal justice, juvenile justice and victim services issues. Why?

EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS:

➔ Allow policymakers to invest in data-driven crime solutions and efficiently allocate limited resources,

➔ Build on lessons learned from criminal justice communities nationwide,

➔ Can be adapted to address community-specific needs, and

➔ Increase accountability through measurable impact over time.

WHAT IS AN EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM OR PRACTICE?

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) considers programs and practices to be evidence-based when effectiveness is demonstrated by causal evidence (generally obtained through one or more outcome evaluations).

Causal evidence documents a relationship between an activity or intervention (including technology) and its intended outcome.

To assist jurisdictions' efforts in implementing evidence-based programs, OJP launched the Evidence Integration Initiative (E2I) in 2009. The primary goal of E2I is to better integrate evidence into the programs, policy decisions and practices of the Department of Justice and the broader criminal justice community.

Two integrated resources — CrimeSolutions.gov and the OJP Diagnostic Center — are the cornerstones of E2I.

Evidence Integration Initiative (E2I)

Crime SOLUTIONS.gov — Taking Data-Driven Evidence and Translating It Into Practice — OJP DIAGNOSTIC CENTER

CrimeSolutions.gov is OJP's searchable, online inventory of "what works" in criminal justice, juvenile justice and victim services. It is a central, credible resource to improve the quality and quantity of evidence-based programs available to practitioners and policymakers. To explore this online resource, visit www.CrimeSolutions.gov.

The Diagnostic Center is the second phase of E2I, designed to assist community leaders in accessing resources on data-driven practice in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and victim services issues. Engagement with the Diagnostic Center is intended not only to address a particular public safety concern, but also to build community capacity to collect and analyze data to inform current and future decisions about criminal justice and public safety. The Diagnostic Center's value lies in its ability to offer real-time diagnosis and use data-driven decision-making to help policymakers and practitioners achieve system-wide change. To learn more about the Diagnostic Center, visit www.OJPDiagnosticCenter.org.

To determine how the Diagnostic Center can support your community in the implementation of data-driven programming, contact us at 855-657-0411 or contact@OJPDiagnosticCenter.org.

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HOW TO IMPLEMENT EVIDENCE-BASED SOLUTIONS IN YOUR COMMUNITY:

For many in the criminal justice field, the greatest challenge in implementing change is **identifying what factors are actually contributing to the community problem and what programs and practices can be implemented to produce measurable, positive results.** The following model provides criminal justice, juvenile justice and victim services policymakers and practitioners with an outline of the key phases for successfully implementing data-driven programs within a community.

	Diagnose		Implement	Assess
	Understand the Criminal Justice Problem	**Find What Works in the Community**	**Do What Works in the Community**	**Assess How Well It Worked**
ACTIVITIES	1.1 Identify the need for an intervention 1.2 Generate initial hypotheses on crimino-genic contributing factors 1.3 Identify and interview stakeholders 1.4 Collect and synthesize data to identify baseline indicators 1.5 Refine hypotheses and prioritize criminogenic contributing factors	2.1 Understand what makes a program practice- or evidence-based 2.2 Identify practice- or evidence-based program options 2.3 Evaluate and select the "best fit" practice or evidence-based model 2.4 Assess community and organizational readiness	3.1 Determine appropriate adaptations (if needed) 3.2 Develop program implementation and sustainability plans 3.3 Build or engage community coalitions 3.4 Begin implementation and training activities	4.1 Develop an evaluation strategy and tools 4.2 Implement evaluation strategy and collect data 4.3 Conduct periodic reviews of evaluation results and program fidelity 4.4 Share success stories and lessons learned
OUTPUTS	✔ Problem definition and scope ✔ List of contributing factors and baseline indicators ✔ Hypotheses for how each factor contributes to the problem	✔ Identification of best fit evidence-based model(s) and program design ✔ Best practices on how to implement the model ✔ Feasibility of implementing the model in your community	✔ Delivery of interventions to target population ✔ More informed community ✔ Increased staff skills ✔ More efficient and effective criminal justice system	✔ Evaluation results, lessons learned, best practices and measurement of change against baseline indicators ✔ Documentation of program accountability and integrity ✔ Recommendations for future program modifications and improvements
IMPACTS	✔ Understanding and data-driven diagnosis of problem	✔ Selection of "best fit" evidence-based model	✔ Successful implementation of practice- or evidence-based programs and practices, with fidelity and integrity ✔ Immediate improvement in mission area	✔ Reduction or elimination of criminal justice problem ✔ Results that inform future management and funding decisions