

PROGRAM & PRACTICE RATINGS

Courts

Millions of cases are filed in local, state, tribal, and federal courts each year. Most court systems include trial courts, which hear criminal and civil cases; appellate courts, which review cases decided at the trial court level; and at least one supreme court, which is the court of last resort within a judiciary system.

*On **CrimeSolutions.gov**, we review and rate both **Programs** and **Practices**.*

- *A **Program** is a specific set of activities carried out according to guidelines to achieve a defined purpose. Program profiles on **CrimeSolutions.gov** tell us whether a specific program was found to achieve its goals when it was carefully evaluated. The results apply to the exact set of activities and procedures used for that one program as it was implemented at the time of evaluation.*
- *A **Practice** is a general category of programs, strategies, or procedures that share similar characteristics with regard to the issues they address and how they address them. Practice profiles tell us about the average results from multiple evaluations of similar programs, strategies, or procedures.*

The first step in knowing what to do is knowing what works ... and what hasn't.

NIJ's **CrimeSolutions.gov** equips criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim service professionals to evaluate programs and practices that can address needs in their communities.

Programs and practices are reviewed objectively and rated as "Effective," "Promising," or "No Effects." Each review gives practitioners access to social science evidence and helps them gauge the quality of that evidence. In short, **CrimeSolutions.gov** helps to answer the question: Does it work?

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Effective Programs

- Adolescent Diversion Project (Michigan State University)
- Family Drug Treatment Court (Snohomish County, WA)
- Jackson County (Ore.) Community Family Court
- Juvenile Breaking the Cycle (JBTC) Program (Lane County, Oregon)
- Tulsa (OK) Family Drug Court

**EFFECTIVE****Effective Practices**

- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners for Forensic Examinations in Cases of Sexual Assault/Rape

**PROMISING****Promising Programs**

- Adolescent Diversion Program (New York State)
- Baltimore City (Md.) Family Recovery Program
- Baltimore County (Md.) Juvenile Drug Court
- Canberra Reintegrative Shaming Experiments
- EVOLVE: Court-Mandated Program for Serious Male Batterers
- Engaging Moms Program
- Family Finding

- Front-End Diversion Initiative
- Gang Reduction Program (Los Angeles, California)
- Hillsborough County (FL) Family Dependency Treatment Court
- Independence Youth Court
- Indianapolis (Ind.) Family Group Conferencing Experiment
- Jefferson County Community Partnership (Birmingham, Ala.)
- Juvenile Drug Courts With Contingency Management and Multisystemic Therapy
- Juvenile Restorative Justice Program (Midwest County)
- Maine Juvenile Drug Treatment Courts
- Methodist Home for Children's Value-Based Therapeutic Environment (VBTE) Model
- Minneapolis Center for Victim-Offender Mediation
- Operation Hardcore (Los Angeles, CA)
- Reading for Life (RFL)
- Special Needs Diversionary Program (SNDP)
- Utah Juvenile Drug Courts

Promising Practices

- Domestic Violence Courts
- Juvenile Diversion Programs
- Juvenile Drug Courts
- Restorative Justice Programs for Juveniles