



Nevada Department of Health & Human Services

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Evidence-Based Program Resource Center

We are excited to introduce Nevada's new Juvenile Services Evidence-Based Program Resource Center, established to support the implementation of evidence-based programs across Nevada. To help build awareness of the resource center and educate stakeholders on EBPs, we will send a series of emails over the next few months. We look forward to working with you!

Juvenile Justice Reform in Nevada

Nevada passed [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 472](#) in 2017 which set forth numerous juvenile justice reforms designed to improve outcomes for youth in the juvenile justice system. AB 472 required The Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to issue an RFP to establish the Juvenile Services Evidence-Based Program (EBP) resource center to support the selection and implementation of evidence based programs in Nevada. DCFS selected the [National Center for Juvenile Justice](#) (NCJJ) to design and implement the resource center in collaboration with DCFS and other juvenile justice stakeholders in Nevada.

What is an Evidence-Based Program Resource Center?

Evidence-based program resource centers are entities dedicated to coordinating activities around implementing, evaluating, and sustaining evidence-based programming and practices. Resource centers often provide support in the form of technical assistance and training, data collection and analysis, and cultivation of stakeholder involvement regarding EBPs. To learn more about other juvenile justice focused resource centers, see NCJJ's case study of [evidence-based resource centers](#) in three states.

Nevada's Resource Center Will Improve Outcomes for Youth

All juvenile justice stakeholders will have access to Nevada's EBP Resource Center, including DCFS staff, county juvenile service departments, and community providers. The resource center will assist stakeholders in the implementation of EBPs, ensuring system-involved youth have access to effective programming. The EBP Resource Center will support the advancement of EBPs by:

- Providing technical assistance to DCFS staff, each regional department of of juvenile services, and treatment providers to support the implementation of EBPs.
- Providing training in EBPs to persons employed in the juvenile justice system.
- Providing support for quality assurance protocols to ensure such programs meet the evidence-based standards.
- Acting as a clearinghouse on evidence-based programs and practices.
- Facilitating collaboration among state and local agencies and treatment providers who serve the juvenile justice system.

National Center for Juvenile Justice

NCJJ is the research division of the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#), a Reno-based private, non-profit. NCJJ has worked to improve justice for children and families through research and technical assistance since 1973. We conduct research and provide objective, factual information that juvenile and family justice system professionals and decision makers use to increase effectiveness. NCJJ's success stems from a unique blend of technical skill and practical experience that has enabled us to make complex research and statistical information understood by various stakeholders.

Additional Resources

The Juvenile Justice Geography, Policy, Practice & Statistics website presents a national scan of state support for EBPs in juvenile justice. Click [here](#) to view the table and learn more.

Coming Up Next

An introduction to evidence-based programs including what it means to be "evidence-based".

We are eager to hear from you!

Contact us to learn more about how the EBP Resource Center can help you. Feel free to share this email with your colleagues and other juvenile justice stakeholders in Nevada. If you would like to add your email to our distribution list, contact Andrew below.



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