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# INNOVATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE STRATEGIES

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## Juvenile Delinquency

Where: Lane County, Oregon

Program: Juvenile Breaking the Cycle (JBTC)

<https://www.crimesolutions.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?ID=478>

The JBTC is a program that utilizes comprehensive assessments to identify and provide coordinated individualized services for high-risk, drug-involved, justice-involved juveniles. The program was designed to last 12 months, but depends on the patients needs. The program can be broken down into four major categories, each contributing towards lowering recidivism amongst youth offenders while providing treatment. Judicial oversight, youth in the program frequently check in with the court where their progress in monitored. Urinalysis testing is also used to monitor a participant's progress in the program. Substance Abuse Treatment, youth in the program are referred to treatment if substance abuse issues are identified. Finally, Mental Health Services are provided to participants who have identifiable mental health problems.

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## Educational and Vocational Training

Where: Minnesota Department of Corrections

Program: Solar Installation Courses

<https://energynews.us/2018/12/03/midwest/minnesota-prison-program-aims-to-prepare-inmates-for-solar-jobs/>

Thirty inmates in the Minnesota Department of Corrections took the 48-hour solar installation course during the spring and summer of 2018. The course normally costs \$1,800, but the Midwest Renewable Energy Association taught the course to inmates for free. With the need for solar installation workers being expected to rise, this course can help former inmates get a career in the solar industry upon release. The Minnesota Department of Corrections intends to extend their solar installation program in 2019 to reach 75 participants.

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## Health

Where: Dutchess County, New York

Program: Walk-in Mental, Substance abuse Health Center

<https://www.naco.org/articles/dutchess-county-ny-opens-247-walk-mental-substance-abuse-health-center>

The Dutchess County Stabilization Center was opened in early 2017. It is designed to keep people with mental health or drug problems out of jails or emergency rooms. The center was made possible through collaborations between the local government and the private treatment programs, as well as some State funding. The center cost \$5.6 million, and served 175 clients in its first two weeks. The center can be utilized in several ways. An individual can simply walk in, which is made simpler with the public transit service. The center dispatches crisis intervention teams with the help from a 24/7 crisis helpline. Additionally, local law enforcement officers are trained to bring people to the center instead of to the jail or the ER.

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