

## U.S. Department of Justice

Samples of current and previous projects evaluated by PEER

### **Marion County Re-Entry Center Project (MCREP)– Florida Department of Corrections (\$1,000,000, 2016–2018):**

The MCREP project is funded through the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)-Second Chance Act Demonstration Program and involves a partnership between the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC), and the Public Policy Institute (PPI) of Marion County (Priority Consideration). The project aims to deliver a comprehensive model for inmate re-entry into Marion County. The proposed initiative targets male and female inmates, age 18 and older, returning to Marion County with or without supervision (veterans will be given priority), and classified as medium- to high-risk to recidivate. Florida's released inmates, like many other states, face numerous challenges that ultimately influence their return to criminal activity, re-arrest, and re-incarceration. These challenges include unemployment, financial obligations, housing restrictions, substance abuse, mental health problems, and strained family relationships. The project is designed to reduce recidivism for the target population by identifying needs, providing targeted evidence-based programs, and coordinating pre- and post-release services that will assist inmates transitioning from prison to the community.

- Principal Investigator: Secretary Julie Jones, Florida Department of Corrections

### **Designing, Developing, and Delivering an Online/Classroom Explosives Analysis Course (\$520,557, 2008–2010):**

The purpose of this National Institute of Justice Forensic Science Training Development and Delivery Program funded project was to design, develop, and deliver curriculum for explosive analysis via classroom and online learning. Topics included polarized light microscopy, wet chemistry, and instrumental methodology. Virtual exercises were created for students to complete before attending in person classes. Project included a 'Web' or 'virtual library' (i.e., Information Resource Center or IRC) element encompassing relevant glossaries, policies and procedures, journal articles, documents, guides, images, and charts/tables/graphs, all organized in a knowledge-based schema providing easy-yet-secure access for students/users before, during, and after training.

- Principal Investigator: Dr. Carrie Whitcomb, UCF National Center for Forensic Science

### **Designing, Developing, and Delivering an Online, Multi-media, CBRNE Course (\$452,468, 2008–2010):**

The purpose of this National Institute of Justice Forensic Science Training Development and Delivery Program funded project was to create a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Explosive (CBRNE) training program for forensic science professionals. This project offered Web based training regarding Classroom CBRNE awareness for evidence intake personnel and laboratory analysts. After completing the program, forensic facility personnel will be able to identify possible CBRNE evidence and handle it according to established procedures and/or protocols as outlined in the training modules.

- Principal Investigator: Dr. Carrie Whitcomb, UCF National Center for Forensic Science