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Hello Pracademics!



Director's Note: Springing Forward

As we head into spring (for many of you bundled up in freezing temps, this may seem unimaginable...), it is a good time to look ahead. At BetaGov it has been an enormous pleasure to meet so many innovative and data-driven pracademics. You are an inspiration to us. To our new strategic partners and sponsors who are about to join us on the next exciting phase of our journey, we would like to say a big thank you for your support.

Over the next few *Hello Pracademics!* we will share details of our new adventures, including work in policing, prosecution, corrections, and victim services, and we will introduce the eight new sites we are partnering with to innovate and test responses to the opioid epidemic.

learning with you over this coming year.

Warm regards,
Angela Hawken



Hot off the Press: Electronic Cell Checks

Government agencies are increasingly embracing technology. Nebraska's Tecumseh State Correctional Institution tested an electronic cell-check system for residents housed in a special management unit. Cell checks are essential for resident safety. This RCT found that automated reporting resulted in more-timely cell checks.

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Learning Corner: Innovation Can Be a Lonely Enterprise

Director Angela Hawken discusses how the challenges of being an innovator include the need to find like-minded colleagues so that trailblazing is not such a lonely endeavor.



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News and Updates



This month we are proud to announce a

new law enforcement collaboration with the National Institute of Justice to support [NIJ LEADS Scholars](#) as they implement field experiments in their jurisdictions. As part of this effort we are pleased to

announce three BetaGov Policing Fellows: Renée Mitchell, Jason Potts, and Jeremiah Johnson. These fellows have worked with us on field experiments and are on the frontlines of shaping evidence-based practice in policing. They will advise us as we expand our policing portfolio.

The American Society of Evidence-Based Policing conference is May 20–21 in Cincinnati. [Join us!](#)

Partner Spotlight: Renée Mitchell

How can police officers innovate? Renée Mitchell, Sergeant with the Sacramento Police Department, provides a glimpse of her experience testing innovations.

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Have an inspired pracademic day!

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