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Hot off the Press:

Pennsylvania Department of Corrections State Correctional Institution (SCI) Muncy recently completed a trial aimed at improving the behavior of incarcerated women. These efforts may benefit from consistency and speed in delivering modest sanctions for low-level violations. The Swift, Certain, Fair (SCF) model was tested and appears to be effective when used with incarcerated women.

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BetaGov Spotlight: Jason Potts

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Lieutenant Potts, of the Vallejo (CA) Police Department, partnered with BetaGov to develop a trial design and methodology. He wanted to know if an automatic license-plate reading (ALPR) system would work to alert them to stolen vehicles, among other notifications such as wanted subjects and lost or stolen plates.

Lt. Potts was also interested in testing whether officers arrest more subjects on a particular shift. Are less tenured officers more inclined to use the technology? Are younger or more senior officers more adept at locating stolen vehicles without the technology? Do the days of the week and two-person versus one-person cars affect the data?



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News and Updates

Congratulations to agencies that have recently launched BetaGov trials! Stay tuned to hear more about these trials and others that are currently being conducted.

Nebraska's Tecumseh State Correctional Institute developed a trial to assess the benefits of body-worn cameras. Kansas Child Support Services launched a text-message reminder trial for scheduled DNA testing.

How to Prepare for Your First Call with BetaGov

When you submit an idea for a trial with BetaGov, we'll schedule a call to learn more about your idea. From there, we can determine if your idea is appropriate for a randomized controlled trial design or if a different research design is more suitable.

Depending on whether your agency is already partnering with BetaGov, we may need to secure approval to run the trial. From there, we'll determine a trial start date and iron out the details of the trial design.



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