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## Hello, Pracademics!



Hello Practitioner Partner,



### Hot off the Press

Pennsylvania State Correctional Institution Smithfield recently completed a trial to assess the benefits of increasing gang monitoring via use of a full-time intelligence officer. In addition to identifying and reducing drug and violence-related threats before they occurred, the trial led to the largest Suboxone seizure in Smithfield's history.

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## Learning Corner

MIT economist and J-PAL director Esther Duflo explains in this TED Talk how RCTs are helping policymakers fight global poverty.



## News and Updates

Sgt. Jason Potts of the Vallejo (Cali.) Police Department relates his experience with evidence-based policing in the latest American Society of Evidence-Based Policing (ASEBP) [newsletter](#). With support from BetaGov, Sgt. Potts is testing the effectiveness of automatic license plate readers. He emphasizes that research need not be complicated or slow.

BetaGov offers the opportunity to become a *pracademic* by attending Pracademia webinar training. The next event will be on Tuesday, June 13 at 1:00 pm EDT.

Contact Kelly Smith at [kelly.smith@nyu.edu](mailto:kelly.smith@nyu.edu) to register.

## BetaBlog: “Don’t Apologize”

BetaGov case manager Ellyn Schwaiger discusses innovation in the public sector and the impact our partners have on their clients and communities.

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Have an inspired pracademic day!

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