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Criminal Law: Study Findings on the Use of Risk and Needs Assessment Information

Summary

The California Risk Assessment Pilot Project, which was funded under a partner grant from the State Justice Institute and the National Institute of Corrections, explores the ways in which evidence-based practices, specifically the use of risk and needs assessment (RNA) information, can be incorporated into adult felony probation sentencing and violation proceedings to reduce offender recidivism and improve offender accountability. Probation departments in the pilot sites sentenced a significantly lower proportion of felony probationers to prison and jail compared to the rest of the state and findings support the validity of the RNA tools as a means to predict the occurrence of future noncompliant behavior. The final project report, *The California Risk Assessment Pilot Project: The Use of Risk and Needs Assessment Information in Adult Felony Probation Sentencing and Violation Proceedings*, is included as Attachment A.