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Hello Practitioner Partner,



Hot Off the Press

Pennsylvania's State Correctional Facility (SCI) Pittsburgh recently completed two trials aimed at improving outcomes among inmates with severe mental illness. The first trial tested the use of candy as an incentive to increase out-of-cell time in a diversionary treatment unit. The second trial tested the use of lavender aromatherapy in a secure residential treatment unit. Both interventions showed some promise, although since neither trial used a randomized controlled design, it is difficult to draw conclusions about their effectiveness.

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Learning Corner

Your trial is completed. Your results have been evaluated. To your great excitement, the intervention you tested has been undeniably successful. What comes next? One option is to publish a research paper so that your peers around the country can learn more about your trial and how they can experience the same success in their agencies. Our BetaGov team is happy to help you. Here is [a list of guidelines](#) to get you started.



News and Updates

BetaGov staff recently returned from visiting practitioner partners at several different Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) facilities. If you are interested in additional on-site support for your trial, please [contact us](#).

Partner Spotlight: Smartphones for Probation Officers

Riverside County Probation Department [recently completed a randomized controlled trial](#) (RCT) that involved using text messaging to communicate with probationers. Division Director Rudy Lovato and Deputy Probation Officer Jose Valdez discuss trial challenges, how the data made a department-wide impact, and surprising results that changed the way probation officers communicate with their clients.

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Have an inspired pracademic day!

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