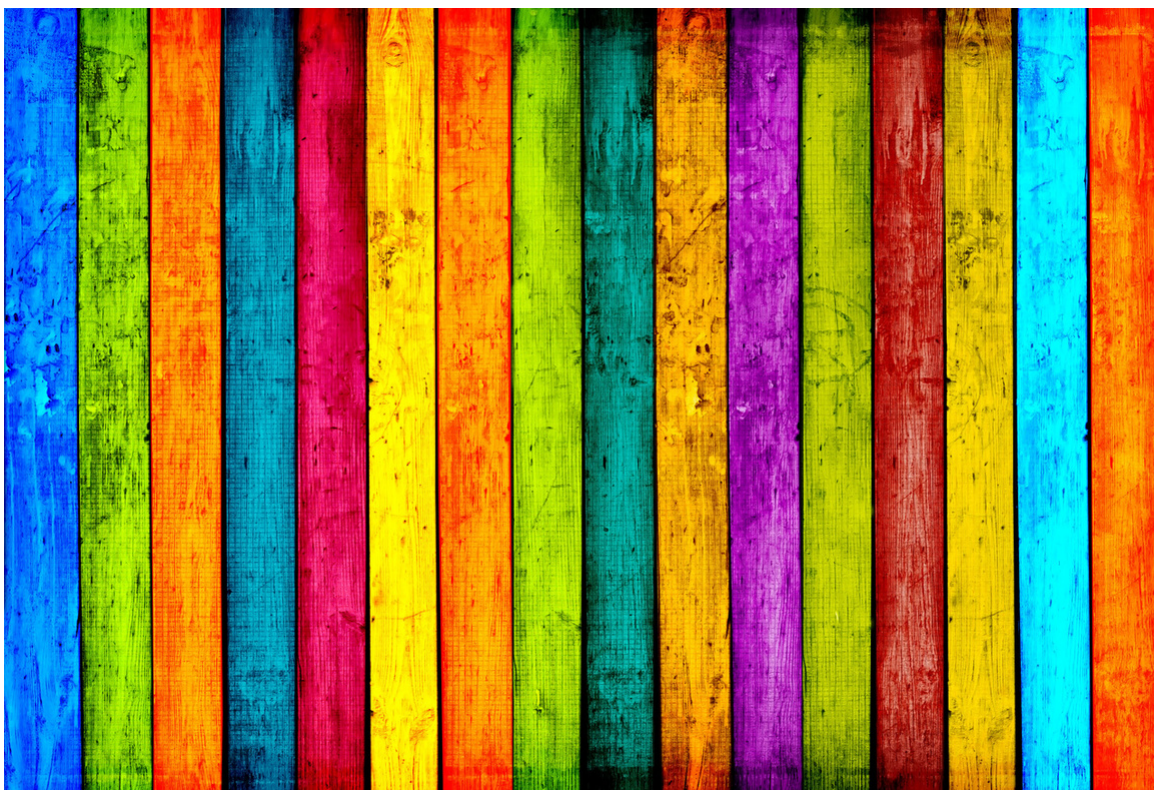


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### Hot off the Press: Pat Search Trial

*Pennsylvania Department of Corrections SCF-Forest* completed its trial of randomized pat searches on July 14. This trial investigated whether increasing the number of randomized pat searches each day would lead to an increase in contraband finds, and whether this would affect the number of misconducts documented each day, especially those related to drug and alcohol use. Analyses will use

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## Partner Spotlight: Sandra Kimmons

Director of Economic and Employment Services in the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) discusses the trial she led to test Kansas's application process for a cost-assistance program. While the results were unexpected, the trial led to agencywide improvement.

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## News and Updates

In early July, a team of NYU CUSP master's students partnering with BetaGov presented data analysis and visualization to the Santa Clara County (CA) District Attorney's Office. Their analysis is helping the office understand the factors influencing case-processing time and develop ideas for improving the process.

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## Learning Corner: BetaGov is Free!

How can BetaGov assistance be free to public agencies and nonprofits? Associate Director Dr. Maureen Hillhouse answers this frequently asked question.

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