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## Hello, Pracademics!



Hello Practitioner Partner,



### Hot off the Press:

RCTs abound in the Nebraska and Pennsylvania corrections departments. Omaha CC (NE) recently completed a trial testing in-custody Swift, Certain, and Fair (SCF), and Tecumseh SCI (NE) concluded testing a peer mentor program to encourage residents in restrictive housing to participate in programming to reduce misconducts. Results are forthcoming. SCI Coal Township (PA) launched a trial testing perceptions and impact of staff-suicide - prevention training.

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## BetaGov Spotlight: Denise O'Donnell

The Marron Distinguished Senior Fellow discusses her work as the former director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), new developments in criminal justice, and what excites her most about working with the BetaGov team.

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## News and Updates

BetaGov research assistance is open to educators! As part of BetaGov's goal to help practitioners in public-sector organizations test their own ideas, we are looking for new partners—teachers, administrators, parents, and students—who want to improve education.

We know that one of the best ways to find innovators is to reach out to our Pracademics. So if you know of likeminded innovators who are involved in education, please contact [Allison Weinger](#) or submit your idea [here](#).

## Learning Corner: Why Should You Use Randomized Controlled Trials?

Wondering if an RCT is the best way to test an idea at your agency? Wonder no more. An RCT is the gold standard for research, and research is worth doing right. Here are three reasons to run your own RCT.

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