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Assessments.com Initiates California User Forums to Promote Quality Assurance in EBP for Juvenile and Adult Probation

BOUNTIFUL, UT – Assessments.com (ADC) has initiated two separate User Forum opportunities for our California clients:

- One for County Probation Departments implementing our adult risk/needs assessment, the STRONG (Static Risk/Offender Needs Guide)
- One for those working with our juvenile instrument, the PACT (Positive Achievement Change Tool)

An initial statewide meeting was held in January at probation's CAPSA conference. Regional meetings are now occurring each month, with the April meetings concluding just last week.

"The forums provide an important and on-going opportunity for counties to find solutions to the real world problems they confront as they go about the hard business of implementing Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) within their departments," said Sean Hosman, ADC's Chief Executive Officer. "The forums are providing a simple way for counties to help each other just by sharing their own experiences, ideas, policies and procedures. Although the principles of EBP are proven to work, full implementation and sustainability can be difficult to attain and more easily managed through lessons learned by others. With support from ADC staff, as well as colleagues throughout the state, all parties are proving to benefit."

In addition to serving as a practical means to help achieve continuous quality improvement (CQI) for the counties, the forums also provide a great venue for ADC to receive constructive feedback as part of our own CQI process. User Forums are held monthly via teleconference per the schedule below. For more information or to find out how to participate in these forums, please contact Jonna Koehn at jkoehn@assessments.com.

1st Monday of the Month:
9:00 Juvenile Central Region
10:00 Juvenile Southern Region
11:00 Adult Southern & Central Region

1st Thursday of the Month:
9:00 Juvenile Northern Region
10:00 Adult Northern Region

Assessments.com’s clients in California include the following:

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| Alameda County | Lassen County | San Jose Salvation Army |
| Amador County | Los Angeles County | San Mateo County |
| Butte County | Madera County | Santa Cruz County |
| Calaveras County | Marin County | Shasta County |
| Colusa County | Mariposa County | Sierra County |
| Corrections Standard Authority | Mendocino County | Siskiyou County |
| Del Norte County | Merced County | Solano County |
| El Dorado County | Mono County | Sonoma County |
| Fresno County | Monterey County | Stanislaus County |
| Glenn County | Nevada County | Sutter County |
| Humboldt County | Plumas County | Tehama County |
| Imperial County | Rite of Passage | Trinity County |
| Inyo County | Riverside County | Tulare County |
| Kern County | Sacramento County | Tuolumne County |
| Kings County | San Benito County | Yolo County |
| Lake County | San Diego County | Yuba County |
| | San Joaquin County | |

About Assessments.com

Established in 1998, Assessments.com has worked with over 100 adult and juvenile criminal justice departments and private providers across the U.S., implementing a full continuum of Evidence-Based Practices (EBP). ADC solutions include validated assessments, risk-related triage protocols, assessment-driven case planning, staff skill development (such as Motivational Interviewing and cognitive-behavioral training), organizational development, and re-engineering of processes and policies for quality assurance and sustainability. ADC's smart technology and time-tested software add additional value by increasing efficiencies, enhancing effectiveness, and saving taxpayers' dollars through automated processes, simplified reporting, information-sharing and coordination of services, and improved measurement of performance and outcomes.

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