

Commission on Sentencing, 64th Montana Legislature

“Behavioral Health and Substance Use Programming: background and best practices”
scheduled for 11-17-15 at 10:45 a.m.

Presentation bullet points for Timothy B. Conley, Ph.D. Please see attached references for links to select evaluation studies 2004-2015.

- Evidence Based Practice in a nutshell: please see slides as handout
- Summary and reflection on experience with about 15 MT evaluation studies
- SMART: Smart Probation: Reducing Prison Populations, Saving Money, and Creating Safer Communities (BJA and CSG)
 - Workload evaluation consisting of a ‘time study’ and an ‘adequacy of time survey; training in Evidence Based Practice offender assessment; Resource Officers
- STEPS program currently at MSP: please see research brief
- Any new EBP for SA treat should be externally evaluated and validated: at the least ongoing fidelity measures.
- Statutes and RFP contract language could include specific and mandatory outcome measures; require an EBP from Models of Practice certified and defined by funders such as SAMHSA, NREPP <http://www.nrepp.samhsa.gov/>

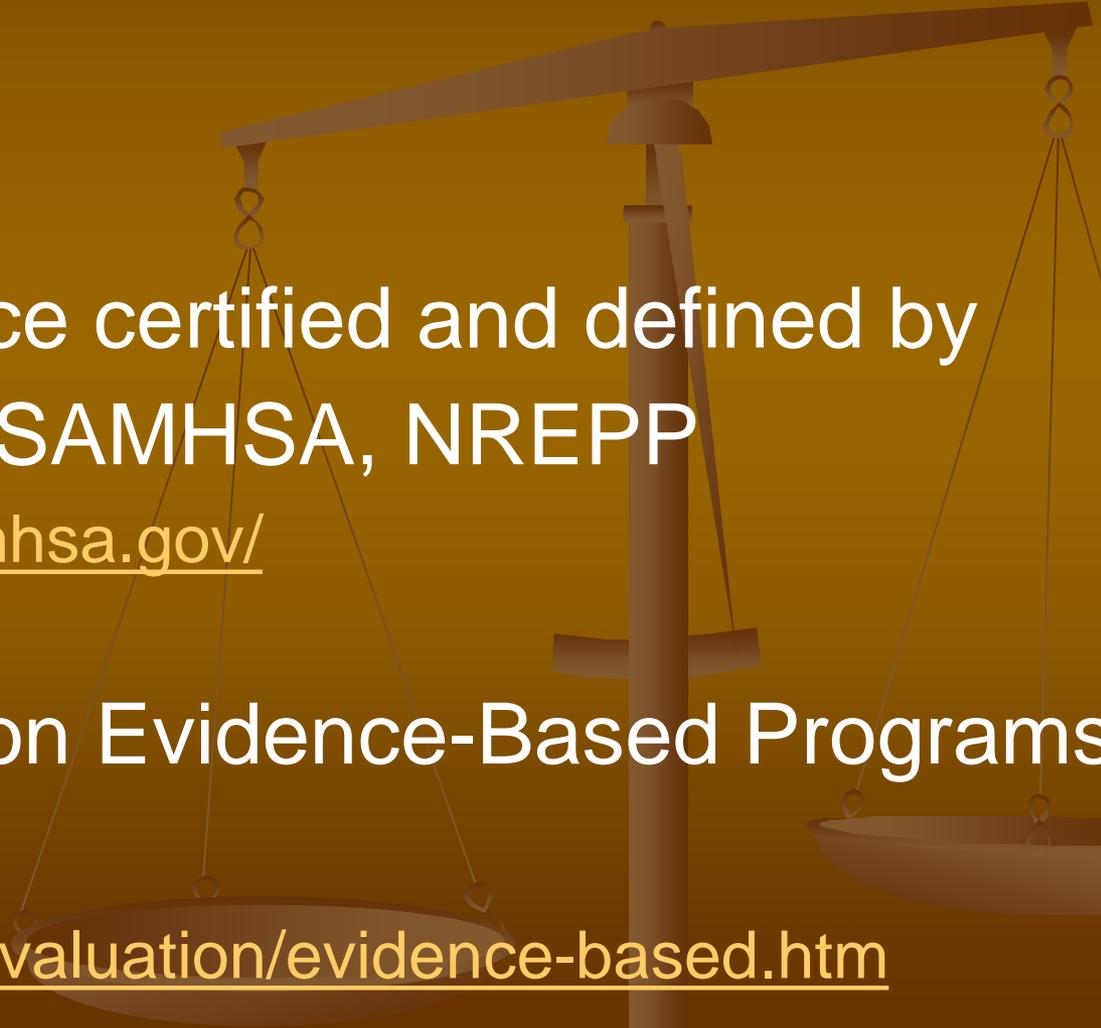
BJA Resources on Evidence-Based Programs and Practices
<https://www.bja.gov/evaluation/evidence-based.htm>

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Selected Evaluation/Outcomes studies 2004-2015; there are likely additional program evaluations that are not included on this list.

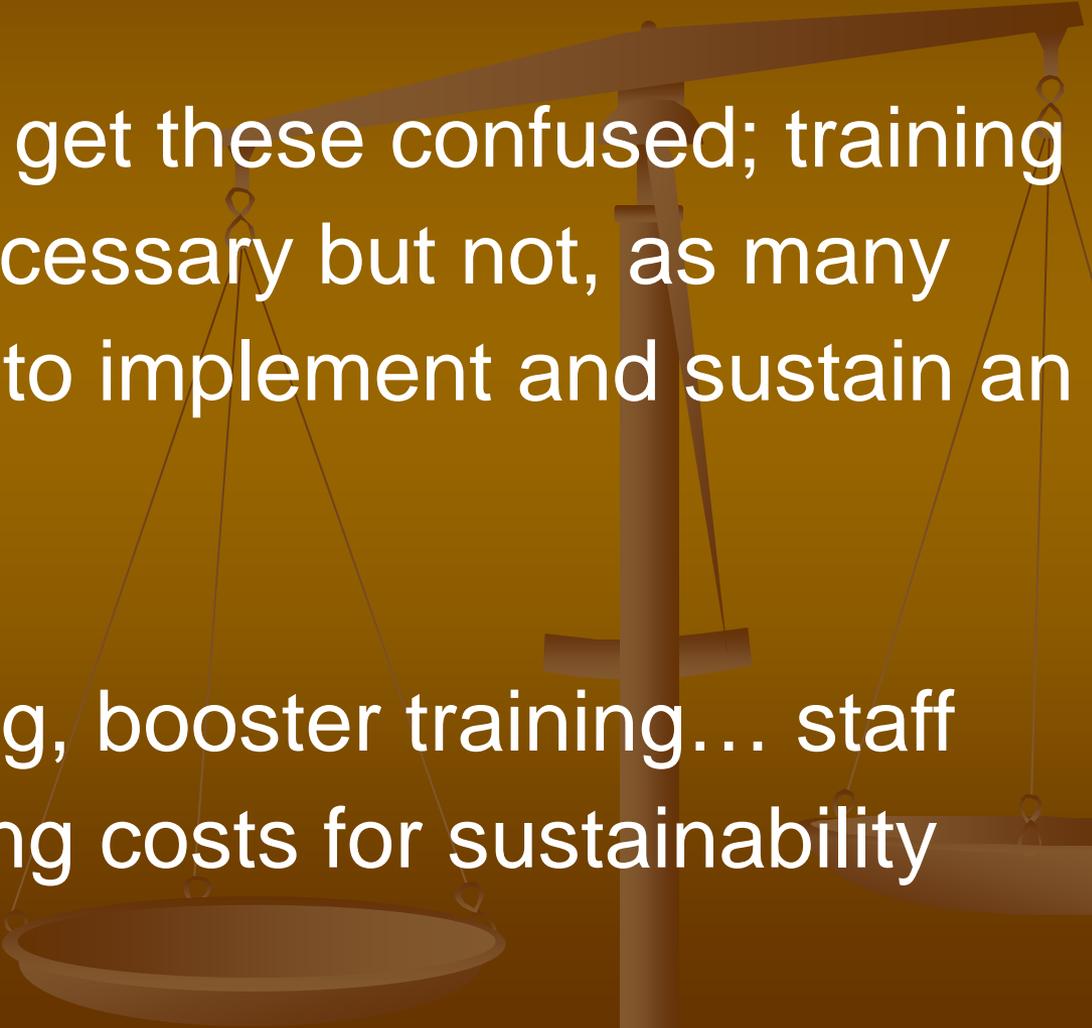
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Evidence Based Practice



- Defined as continuum – not an either/or designation
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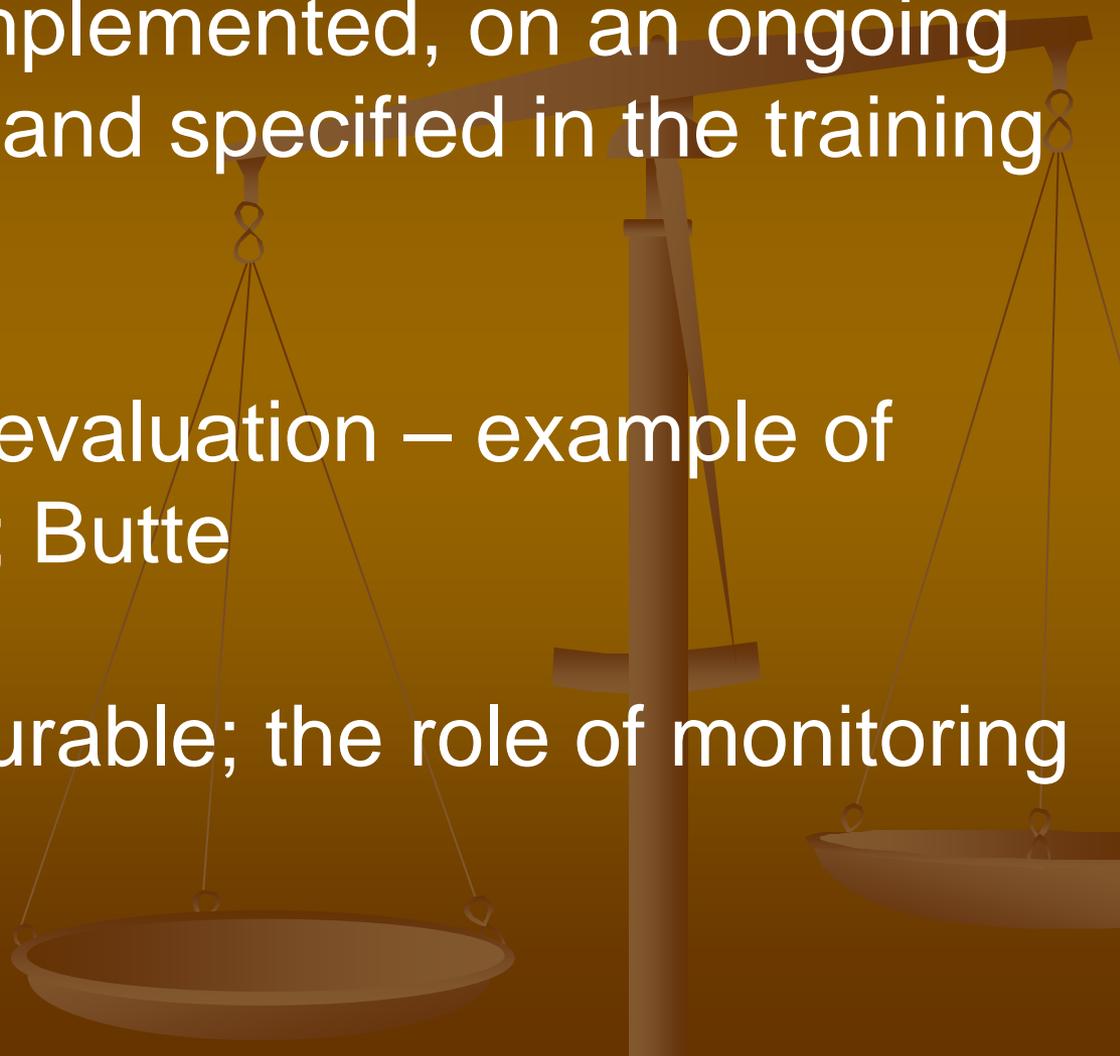
Training in vs. Implementation of an EBP

- Providers often get these confused; training in an EBP is necessary but not, as many think, sufficient to implement and sustain an EBP
 - Training, training, booster training... staff turnover, ongoing costs for sustainability
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EBP and Fidelity

Is the EBP being implemented, on an ongoing basis, as designed and specified in the training manual?

- Role of external evaluation – example of treatment courts; Butte
- Fidelity is measurable; the role of monitoring



Evaluation

External management of fidelity measures and other data associated with an outcome study; requires a certain level of research expertise

- Required and funded by Federal Grants
- Specify outcomes before implementation
- Both process (fidelity) and quantitative outcome

