

Eau Claire Criminal Justice System Evidence Based Decision Making Initiative

A Research based Criminal Justice System = Less Crime/fewer Victims

This initiative puts forward the belief that risk and harm reduction are fundamental goals of the justice system, and that these can be achieved without sacrificing offender accountability, public safety or other important justice system outcomes



EBDM ONE LESS Principles...

1. The professional judgment of criminal justice system decision makers is enhanced when informed by evidence-based knowledge
2. Every interaction within the criminal justice system offers an opportunity to contribute to harm reduction
3. Systems achieve better outcomes when they operate collaboratively
4. The criminal justice system will continually learn and improve when professionals make decisions based on the collection, analysis, and use of data and information

Eau Claire County Guiding Principles

- Assessment tools should be utilized to identify risk to re-offend, criminogenic needs and appropriate programming
- Intense programming is reserved for medium and high risk offenders
- Programming for medium and high risk offenders focused on individual criminogenic needs
- Responses to misconduct should be swift, certain and proportionate
- Positive reinforcements are more effective than sanctions and should outnumber them
- Programming delivered in natural settings are more effective than programming in institutional settings

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October 2010-Eau Claire County selected as **ONE of SEVEN** seed sites in the **NATION** for Phase II of the EBDM initiative
August 2011-Eau Claire County selected as **ONE of THREE Nationwide** to move forward to Phase III of the EBDM initiative
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