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Research in Briefs

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Research in Briefs (RIB's) were developed to provide the field with practical, hands-on tools, which can be easily integrated and make an impact on the effectiveness of supervision. Here are some ideas to put the information into practice:

Probation Officers

- Practice one or two of the skills until you are proficient. Add skills to your repertoire, as you become comfortable with them.
- Share your successes with other officers.
- When you find a RIB, with direct application, forward it to fellow officers.
- If a RIB provokes more questions, contact us to request more information on the topic.

Supervisors

- Use an applicable RIB to spur discussion in a unit meeting.
- Develop regular trainings around RIB topics and suggested skills.
- E-mail your staff RIB's with specific application to their duties.
- Maintain a library of RIB's for quick reference.
- Refer to RIB information while staffing cases or reviewing audits.

Chief Probation Officers

- Disseminate RIB's to your staff for review.
- Use the content of RIB's as the topic of a staff meeting.
- Review RIB's for implementation of evidence-based practices.
- Reduce recidivism, increase efficiency, and bolster success with program suggestions.

A committee has been established to continue the development of Research in Briefs. Those interested in participating should contact Dana Wilks, Management Analyst, Evaluation Unit – Division of Probation Services
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