

APPENDIX B: PROGRAM EVALUATIONS

Program evaluations typically address a broad range of questions and evaluate programs by assessing a variety of factors that may impact the results of a particular program. These program evaluations can be a key resource in determining whether programs and practices are achieving intended outcomes and can help leadership understand how best to strengthen and improve programs. Further, evaluations can help leadership determine how best to spend the DOJ's limited resources effectively.

The following table provides the current schedule of major DOJ program evaluations.

Program Evaluations				
Strategic Goal	Title	Focus/Issues to be Addressed	Type of Evaluation	Expected Completion
1	FBI's Management of Terrorist Watchlist Nominations	Effectiveness of FBI initiatives (implemented between 2009 and 2012) to ensure accuracy, timeliness, and completeness of FBI's watchlisting practices	OIG Review	Ongoing
1	Civilian Presence in Afghanistan	Multi-agency review - DEA is the largest DOJ component in Afghanistan	GAO Review	Ongoing
2	DOJ's Efforts to Address Mortgage Fraud	Overall efforts and coordination among DOJ components to address the mortgage fraud threat	OIG Review	Ongoing
2	Federal Coordination of Cybersecurity for State and Local Governments	Federal efforts to investigate cyber-based crimes	GAO Review	Ongoing
2	U.S. Counter-piracy efforts in East and West Africa	Role of INTERPOL's Global Database on Piracy in U.S. efforts in tracking and combatting maritime piracy	GAO Review	Ongoing
2	American Institutes for Research-SSYI Evaluation	Evaluation of Massachusetts (MA) Safe and Successful Youth Initiative (SSYI) aimed at reducing gun violence in the 11 most violent cities in MA	Quasi-experimental	2016

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2	Statistical Examination of Presidential Pardons	Statistical analysis of the Office of the Pardon Attorney pardon evaluation process to model the effect - if any - of race, ethnicity, or other characteristics of applicants	Independent contractor (RAND Corporation)	Ongoing
2	Providing Comprehensive Services to Domestic Minor Victims Of Human Trafficking	A demonstration program to provide comprehensive services to domestic minor victims of human trafficking. Goals: 1) document components of program implementation for each of three demonstration sites; 2) identify promising practices for service delivery programs for domestic minor victims of human trafficking; 3) inform delivery of current and future efforts by youth-serving agencies, law enforcement, and others serving domestic minor victims of human trafficking.	Independent Evaluation	Ongoing
2	Sexual Assault Forensic Medical Examination Telemedicine Center: An Innovative Pilot Project	Funding under this cooperative agreement will include a program evaluation designed to inform the development of the TeleNursing Center and to assess its effect on the delivery of quality forensic medical examinations in adult and adolescent sexual assault cases.	Independent Process Evaluation	FY 2016
2	Drug Shortages of Controlled Substances	The Diversion drug quota process determines the bulk amount of raw material required to make controlled substances per year to meet medical need. The review is looking at the reasons for reported shortages of controlled substances, including quota.	GAO Review	Ongoing

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3	Second Chance Act Parole Demonstration Field Experiment	The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) have teamed up with the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) to expand the body of evidence associated with improving outcome for offenders reentering the community. These Justice agencies will rigorously test using Random Control Testing, an innovative, research-based array of programming designed to improve parolee's motivation to change their behavior and to alter their criminal thinking using a desistance-based approach. BJA is offering technical assistance through NIC and funded sites to implement a demonstration field experiment to test the model to develop an evidence base that could be used for future program replication.	Randomized Control Trial – NIJ funded Independent Evaluator	Ongoing
3	DOJ's Use of Material Witness Warrants	How components use material witness warrants.	OIG Review	Ongoing
3	Acquisition and Management of Ammunition and Weapons	Focus on DHS and internal controls to manage purchases.	GAO Review	Ongoing
3	Special Housing Unit (SHU) Review and Assessment	Independent, comprehensive review of the Bureau of Prison's operation of restricted housing such as SHUs, Special Management Units, and the Administrative Maximum to identify best practices and potential areas for improvement in practice and policy within the Bureau's restricted housing operations.	NIC Review	October 2014