Practical Program Evaluation for Criminal Justice

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Introduction

The Criminal Justice Service provided by the Palm Beach County government encompasses several programs that are aimed at increasing the access of citizens to justice, ending the social problem of crime by identifying the problems and proving solutions in its distinct demographics, for instance, bringing justice to children and the elderly (Palm Beach County, 2017). In other words, it provides skills and technical assistance to citizens necessary for seeking future careers hence impacting the individuals wishing to advance their studies benefit from the programs.

 However, the mission and vision of this program are to enable the reader to familiarize themselves on how the principles of accountability, fiscal roles and evidence-based practice are applied to plans concerning criminal justice reform (Vito, G.F. & Higgins, G. E, 2015, P2-P2).

The book outlines applicable as well as the methodology on how initiatives prior to its adoption and monitoring are determined. In this book, the outcome evaluation helps evaluate the impact of the program as well as determining how much it achieved its goals. The findings or results of the research are key since they are adopted so as to offer guidance decisions to those in charge of making decisions of the policymakers on whether to maintain, expand, or end the program (Vito, G.F. & Higgins, G. E, 2015, P5-P1 and 2).

 In an effort to achieve the above-intended goals, the Palm Beach County CJS has organized its services around the issues in the criminal justice system that affects the community. As a result, the mentoring, legal representation, counseling, and psychological testing and evaluation are designed in order to achieve specific outcomes. Consequently, crime prevention, child protection and support system for the social problem are realized. Meanwhile, an assessment of the specificity and measurability of the goals of the CJS are aimed at focusing on its outcomes (Bergseth, &Bouffard, 2012).

In summary, the above information clearly shows the importance of CJS programs in the community through its sub-programs in improving the effectiveness of the criminal justice system in the county. Basically, focusing on the goals of the program enhance the measurability and evaluation based on outcomes. Also, the program result assessment would perhaps incorporate and evaluate the use of qualitative research techniques and several types of research designs based on credibility, clarity, and fairness.

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