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PREVENT CRIME AND SAVE MONEY

A Paper "Prevent crime and save money: Return-on-investment models in Australia" written by Jessica Heerde, John W Toumbourou, Sheryl A Hemphill, Ha Le, Todd I Herrenkohl & Richard F Catalano has recently been published by the Australian Institute of Criminology ISSN: 0817-8542

Finding effective ways to prevent crime is important. A project was designed to demonstrate the feasibility of combining data from a 12-year Australian longitudinal study with prevention strategy investment data in order to estimate potential returns, including a reduction in intimate partner violence and prison entry.

The project investigated the return on investment achievable in Victoria with a \$150 million investment in a mix of six evidence based prevention strategies.

The study estimated that the 10-year lag effect of investing an extra \$150 million was a five percent reduction in incarceration and a four percent reduction in cases of intimate partner violence involving physical force. The net return from the \$150 million investment in prevention was conservatively estimated at \$191 million. It appears feasible and cost-effective to prevent intimate partner violence, while also reducing incarceration rates.

The full paper can be downloaded from <https://aic.gov.au/publications/tandi/tandi545>

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

The University of New England School of Law and UNE Criminology is holding a conference on Rural Crime and the Law on the 29th and 30th November 2018. The aim of the conference is to examine the efficacy of current laws and policy relating to rural crime and the criminal justice response to identify what works and what does not, where the gaps exist between the law and community expectations and seek ways to improve practice by all stakeholders in rural Australia.

More details are available on the conference web site <https://www.une.edu.au/rural-law-conference>

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