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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE EXAMINES WAYS TO ESTIMATE TRUE FINANCIAL COSTS OF CRIME

WASHINGTON – The Office of Justice Programs’ National Institute of Justice today published an article that explores ways to understand what information is needed most by those who serve victims of crime, and examines how to quantify crimes committed by institutions, such as businesses and non-profits, while recognizing that it is often individuals who ultimately suffer.

The article emphasizes the importance of including victims in prospective research. Making better data available to policymakers and practitioners can lead to more equitable crime victim support, including direct victim compensation and other services. The research provides recommendations to help practitioners have more confidence in cost estimates, use cost estimates to answer policy and practice questions, and describe cost estimates to others.

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