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The Vera Institute of Justice served as the independent evaluator of the nation's first social impact bond, an innovative form of pay-for-success contracting that leverages private funding to finance public services to fund the Adolescent Behavioral Learning Experience (ABLE) for youth at Rikers Island. Vera employed a quasi-experimental design to determine whether participation in the ABLE program led to reductions in recidivism for youth passing through the jail. Vera determined that the program did not lead to a reduction in recidivism for program participants.

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