

Reducing Recidivism in Jail Based Treatment Programs and Treatment Courts

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Objectives

- Clinical Profile for Antisocial Personality Disorder
 - Diagnostic information
- Strategies for reducing recidivism
 - Drug Treatment Court
 - Moral Reconciliation Therapy
- How to measure results
 - Pre/post tests
 - Independent evaluation

Centerstone of Indiana Overview of Services

- Addiction Recovery
- Children and Family
- Counseling
- Crisis/Urgent Care
- Forensic Evaluation
- Housing Inpatient
- Military
- Pharmacy
- Primary Care
- Psychiatric Care
- Social Services
- Vocation/Workplace

Monroe County Law Enforcement

- Drug Treatment Court
- Mental Health Court
- Reentry Court
- Veteran Treatment Court

Treatment Court Team Members

- Judge
- Director
- Case Managers
- Deputy Prosecutor
- Public Defender
- Treatment Representatives
- Field Officer
- Recovery Representative
- Community Liaison
- Law Enforcement
- VJO Specialist

Treatment Court Goal and Objectives

- Provide Support and a sense of family to ensure positive outcomes
- Provide an alternative lifestyle and life skills to participants
- Create, implement, and enforce policies and procedures to establish stability in participant lives
- Reduce the recidivism rates among participants throughout their lives

Treatment Court Eligibility and Participation Criteria

- No extensive history of convictions for a violent felony offense
- No outstanding warrants or pending terms of probation in other jurisdictions
- Willingness to enter a guilty plea to a felony offense with no agreement to sentencing should an unsuccessful discharge result
- Employment which is conducive to participation in a treatment court
- Willingness to work on the issue that lead the participant to treatment court-Treatment for the issue (mental health and substance use)
- Ability and willingness to pay for program costs
- Ability and willingness to attend weekly court hearing
- High Risk/High Need

Jail Based Treatment Eligibility and Participation Criteria

- Recovery Works eligible
 - Have funding left
- Ability to read and write well enough to do homework
- Willingness to work on treatment needs
- Be approved by jail commander

Reducing Recidivism in Offender Populations

- What is recidivism?
- How do we measure
- What works?

Characteristics of Antisocial Personality Disorder

- History of Antisocial Personality Disorder
 - Psychopath
 - Sociopath
- Diagnostic Criteria
- Symptoms/what we see in our work

Prevalence of Antisocial Personality Disorder

- General Population
- Corrections
- Co-occurring disorders

What works to reduce recidivism

- Academic Education
- Vocational Education
- Moral Reconciliation Therapy
- Reasoning and Rehabilitation
- Cognitive Restructuring
- Cognitive Behavioral Treatment of Sex Offenders
- Multisystemic Therapy for Juveniles
- Drug Courts
- Community Treatment
- Incarceration Based Drug Treatment

What is Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT)

- MRT is a systematic, cognitive-behavioral, step-by-step treatment strategy designed to enhance self-image, promote growth of a positive, productive identity, and facilitate the development of higher stages or moral reasoning.
- Outcome studies show that MRT significantly increases moral reasoning levels, enhances life purpose, facilitates increased social support, and gives participants more perceived control over their lives. Consistent research outcomes from a host of MRT implementations shows that MRT participants have significantly lower levels of rearrests and reincarcerations.

Reasoning behind MRT

- If an offenders level of moral reasoning could be raised, it would reduce the likelihood of the person re-offending
 - If moral reasoning changed, the behavior would change

Seven Major Treatment Elements of Moral Reconciliation Therapy

- Confrontation and Assessment of Self
- Assessment of Current Relationships
- Reinforcement of Positive Behavior and Habits
- Positive Identity Formation
- Enhancement of Self-Concept
- Decrease Hedonism
- Develop High Stages of Moral Reasoning

The results!

- Data has been collected by utilizing the Texas Christian University's Criminal Thinking Scale (TCU_CTS) (a 36 item scale used to measure criminal thinking given as a pre- and post-test).
- A reduction in total score has been linked to a reduction in recidivism, increased problem solving court success, and a decreased likelihood to commit new offenses.
- Discussion of scores (total scores and specific domain scores)

Discussion of Program Evaluation of Monroe County (Indiana) Drug Court

- Sample
- Results

Works cited

Video

- Testimonial video that mentions MRT.

Questions

- Questions from the audience