Managing Sex Offenders using the Principles of Risk, Need, and Responsivity: A Dynamic Supervision Model for Probation and Parole

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This workshop will integrate theory and practice to provide a model for proactive, dynamic community supervision for men who have been sexually violent. With more than forty years of research into the question of “what works” in correctional rehabilitation the principles of Risk, Need, and Responsivity (RNR) serve as a framework for prioritizing limited supervisory resources and individualizing management plans. Attendees will be educated regarding the RNR model and case studies will be presented and discussed to illustrate practical considerations for application of the RNR model in the context of probation and parole. This workshop is designed for probation and parole officers; however, it will also be of interest to clinicians and program administrators.

Learning Goals and Objectives:

- Understanding of the Risk-Need-Responsivity model and the research that supports its application to sex offenders.
- Be able to explain the Risk principle and understand its application to probation/parole.
- Identify criminogenic Needs that may represent appropriate targets for intervention and monitoring.
- Understanding of the Responsivity principle and how to use it to improve supervisory outcomes.
- Gain appreciation for the importance of interagency collaboration and information sharing.
- Gain awareness of the negative implications of failing to adhere to the RNR model.