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Risk, Need, and Responsivity (RNR): From Principles to Practice

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This workshop will focus on the practical application of a widely accepted theory of criminal conduct known as the Risk-Need-Responsivity (RNR) model in guiding offender management and rehabilitation. The RNR principles are well-supported by empirical research and endorsed by many correctional organizations across North America and other parts of the world. After summarizing the history of RNR and the science behind it, this “how to” session will focus on translating RNR principles into practice; describing what that looks like; and examining the potential challenges of implementation. It is designed primarily for practitioners who may be familiar with the model, but have yet to figure out its application to their supervisory and clinical work.

Learning Goals:

- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to explain the Principles for Effective Correctional Rehabilitation (the RNR model).
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to describe the empirical support for the RNR model.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to gain appreciation and application knowledge of the risk principle to assigning level of service to sex offenders.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to recognize what are and what are not criminogenic needs .
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to identify specific responsivity issues.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to apply appropriate interventions to address criminogenic needs and responsivity issues.

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