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Risk/Needs/Responsivity – Putting it All Together in Community Based Supervision

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This workshop focuses on the practical application of the Risk/Needs/Responsivity model as a foundation for evidenced based community supervision. A review of what we know about persons convicted of sexual offenses and general versus sex offense specific risk assessments will be provided. A comprehensive look at Risk/Needs/Responsivity will help the supervising officer/agent incorporate the use of this model into a comprehensive supervision program. No matter what jurisdiction the participant works within this interactive session will help the supervising officer/agent understand the Risk/Needs/Responsivity model within the context of a comprehensive supervision program.

Learning Goals:

- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to describe the Risk/Needs/Responsivity model.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to describe the difference between general risk assessments and sex offense specific risk assessments.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to describe the comprehensive approaches to sex offender management.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to describe the different types of persons who commit sex offenses.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to identify the types of supervision practices that may enhance effectiveness based on the risk posed by the individual.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to describe how the RNR model fits into a comprehensive supervision program.

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Ms. Spidell joined the Office of Probation and Pretrial Services at the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts in March of 2006. Ms. Spidell is responsible for national policies and procedures regarding sex offender management, Indian country, cybercrime and juveniles within the Federal Pretrial and Probation system. Ms. Spidell is the primary liaison to the Federal Bureau of Prisons regarding issues related to sex offender management.