

## ***BLENDING VOICES. STRENGTHENING LIVES.***

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### **Linking Treatment Programs and Community Integration: Considerations and Best Practice**

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This workshop covers issues related to successfully transitioning from prison treatment to release into the community including; preparation for release, moving to more open conditions, release itself and management/support within the community. Successful treatment to reduce future sexual offending is reliant on successful transition into the community to assist in the maintenance and application of treatment gains. While treatment providers are not responsible for supporting individuals beyond the remit of individual treatment provision, poor reintegration into the community presents a significant moderating variable on the effectiveness of treatment. We argue that treatment providers should prepare the individual for transition to such community services and ensure a consistent, easy transition which facilitates successful community integration. This workshop will present current information on how the problems in transition may be exacerbated by common misconceptions and clinical mistakes. We will examine what possible moderating factors should be considered to improve the accuracy of individual risk management and to act as moderating / mitigating factors when evaluating programme effectiveness. Workshop participants will be asked to consider what specific factors and issues impact on successful transition to the community including issues related to; 1) accurate and realistic expectations about release, 2) functional release plans, 3) clear objectives about community integration, 4) social / community support that is available / facilitated, 5) risk and protective factors functionally related to community integration.

This workshop is rated: Adult & Youth | Intermediate | Clinical & Research

#### **Learning Goals:**

- To better understand the range of empirical studies related to successful transition into the community.
- To understand how treatment success may be impacted on by poor transition, integration and community support.
- To identify those factors which should be considered more closely to improve individual transition to the community while acting as potential moderating / mitigating factors to future improve program evaluations.

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such as eye-tracking to assess inappropriate sexual interest and the evaluation of interventions to impact on prisoner engagement, wellbeing and successful reintegration into the community.