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Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and the Risk-Need Responsivity (RNR) Model: Exploring and Exposing the Lack of Interplay Between an Over-Represented Population in the Criminal Justice System, and Corrections Primary Model of Supervision

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This is in an on-demand training event worth 3.0 CEUs

Training Description

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is an umbrella term utilized to reflect the range of manifestations resulting from prenatal exposure to alcohol. FASD is a lifelong disorder that can cause a host of emotional, behavioral, social, and physical health consequences. Research has found that a high percentage of individuals with FASD come into contact with the criminal justice system. As such, it is imperative for professionals working within the criminal justice system to have an understanding of this disorder and learn about what resources, services, and interventions are most appropriate for this highly vulnerable population. One such approach is the Risk-Needs-Responsivity (RNR) model. The RNR model of supervision is widely accepted and embraced within the world of Corrections. The three underlying and interrelated principles of Risk, Need, and Responsivity yield impressive effect sizes around recidivism reduction when implemented with fidelity. Although the Responsivity principle includes language and guidance surrounding the tailoring of services based on specific characteristics and learning styles of the client, little is known as to the relationship of these three principles with criminal justice-involved populations impacted by FASD. As such, the primary focus of this training is to examine the use of the RNR model and its application to the assessment and management of criminal justice-involved populations diagnosed with FASD.

Training Objectives

1. Define FASD and examine the implications this disorder has on the criminal justice system
2. Provide a foundational outline of the principles of RNR model
3. Examine available research literature pertaining to FASD and the RNR model
4. Learn about key principles underlying the Risk-Need-Responsivity (RNR) model and its application to the assessment and management of criminal justice-involved populations diagnosed with FASD

Presenter Biographies

Jerrod Brown, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor for Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota and has extensive experience teaching courses at the undergraduate and graduate level. Jerrod has also been employed with Pathways Counseling Center in St. Paul, Minnesota for the past seventeen years. Pathways provides programs and services benefiting individuals impacted by mental illness and addictions. Jerrod is also the founder and CEO of the American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies (AIAFS) and the Editor-in-Chief of Forensic Scholars Today (FST). Jerrod has completed four separate master's degree programs and holds graduate certificates in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Other Health Disabilities (OHD), and Traumatic-Brain Injuries (TBI). Jerrod is also certified as a Youth Firesetting Prevention/Intervention Specialist, an Anger Resolution Therapist (CART), a Thinking for a Change (T4C) Facilitator, a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Trainer, an Autism Specialist, and a Mental Health Integrative Medicine Provider (CMHIMP).

Joseph Arvidson, MS, GCERT, is Executive Director of The Paragon Group, LLC. The Paragon Group strives to promote and advance evidence-based practices in the arena of criminal justice. Their scope of services include speaking engagements, training and consulting as to RNR and desistance-based models. Mr. Arvidson's training and consulting clientele have ranged from Federal Probation to local for profit and non-profit agencies. His career in Corrections spans over 30 years. He has extensive experience training and facilitating a variety of Evidence Based Practices ranging from Cognitive Skills programs, Motivational Interviewing, and Risk Assessment. He is a Master Trainer of the Level of Services/Case Management Inventory and trainer of the Dynamic Risk Assessment for Offender Reentry tool. Mr. Arvidson has been an adjunct faculty member at Concordia University and Metropolitan State University since 2000, where he teaches a number of graduate and undergraduate level Criminal Justice courses. Mr. Arvidson received both his B.A. and M.S. degrees from St. Cloud State University in the discipline of Criminal Justice Administration. He also attained a Graduate Certificate in Project Management from Metropolitan State University. He currently serves as member of Concordia University's Criminal Justice Executive Advisory Board. Mr. Arvidson is co-host of The Criminologists podcast.

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Training Schedule:

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Three Hours of Training Presentation – Handouts Provided
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