Working with Sex Offenders

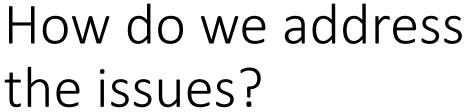
The Elements of a successful collaboration

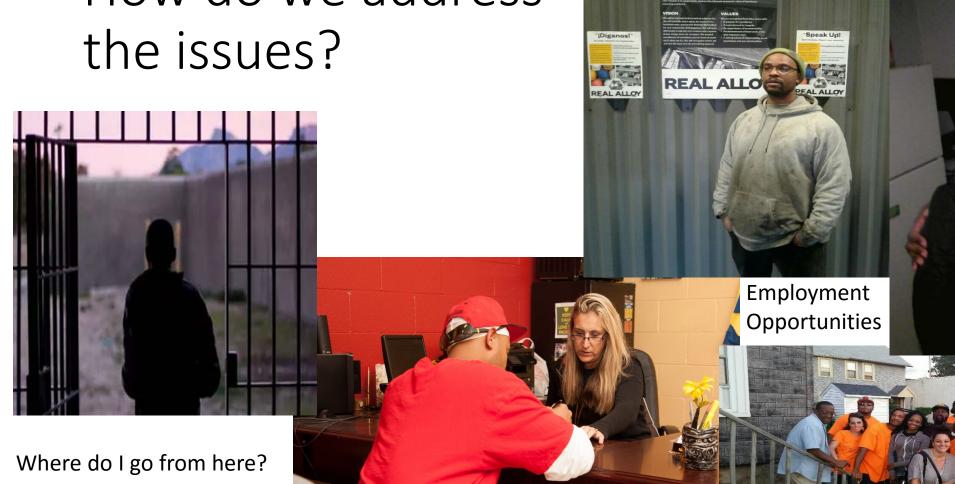
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WI-DOC – What matters to us

Introduction

 Nicole Brierly – DOC Probation & Parole – 12 years experience. BA Social Work UW –Whitewater, specialty case load of Sex Offenders, Mental Health, NGI and 980 offenders

• DOC Program Priorities

- SOT Treatment
- Thinking for a Change ©
- AODA, DV, Anger Management



RVM – What matters to us

- Introduction Heather Bennett, Program Coordinator 2nd Chance Re-Entry Program
 - BA Human Services (senior standing), Assoc. of Applied Science in Human Services, SAC-IT, MI Certified, AODA Certificate, Thinking for a Change Facilitator, Trainer of ORAS assessment system.
 - 3 years in Re-entry services, Support Specialist META House, Disability Services Gateway Technical College

Evidence-based practice

Consistent & Rigorous Application for Results

- Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS) The country's leading re-entry tool developed by the University of Cincinnati

 Three years experience using tool. RVM has been trained directly by the U of C staff.
- Motivational Interviewing (MI) The leading practice in creating behavioral & cognitive change

Faith-based foundation

Commitments that build trust and rapport for lasting change

- We believe that all people have gifts that will allow them to succeed
- We encourage people to focus on the "greater good"
- Faith in a higher power encourages hope and enables motivation
- Respecting participants as people first and offenders second
 - Relationships matter they are fundamental to trust and openness



Collaboratively – What matters to us

What is working for our programs

- 1) Collaboration
 - Agent and the offender
 - Agent and treatment providers
 - Agent and offender/family/community
- 2) Evidence Based Practices
 - Journals
 - Homework
 - Ongoing Assessment
- 3) Successes
 - Focusing on the positive
 - 4 to 1
 - Reducing recidivism
- 4) Housing



Pulling in the same direction

- 1) Shared Case Management
 - Risk, Need, Responsivity
 - Collaborative case management, planning
 - Working together to support plans that support each other
 - Eliminates triangulation
- 2) Safe and Positive Pro-Social Engagement
 - Self-help groups
 - Encouraging Family/social relationships when appropriate
 - Building in pro-social safe activities







Keys to Enabling Success



1) Communication

 Opening lines of communication between agent, participant and case manager

2) Trust

- Eliminating "Us vs. Them" narrative
- Developing relationships with participants to establish trust

3) Evidence-Based Practices

- ORAS
- STATIC 99 R/Compass
- Motivational Interviewing

Data – What do the numbers tell us?

1) Recidivism

- **0** gone back for a new sex offense
- <u>4</u> successfully completed supervision (<u>14.2%</u>)
- <u>3</u> returned to prison with new felony charges
- <u>3</u> returned to prison for ES violations only (no new charges)
- Only working with high risk offenders
- <u>10.7%</u> recidivism vs. State Average for high risk offenders <u>42%</u>

2) Dosage – a key to high risk re-entrants

- Average RVM dosage is 23.71 programming hours
 - Average programming contact = 6 months

3) Evidence based practice

Partnerships with orgs that share evidence-based values / practices creates positive results



Participant Stories

- 1) Prince Abbott Morning Session
- 2) Eric Fleming Morning Session
- 3) Chris Radcliff Afternoon Session
- 4) Alfred Waldrop Afternoon Session





Questions and Answers

Feel free to ask questions of the providers or the participants.





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