

Workshops

Tuesday, February 10, 2009
1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Gangs and Guns: Involving Probation and Parole in Firearm Interdiction

This workshop will focus on programs and strategies for pretrial, probation and parole officers that have been effective in supervising high risk firearm offenders and members of security threat groups. Through the demonstrated partnership between the U.S. Attorney's Office, and the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, South Carolina was selected as the first PSN Peer-to-Peer model training site. South Carolina's Project CeaseFire has resulted in over 2,000 federal firearms prosecutions since 2001. The 2211 Offender Program established a protocol insuring South Carolina offenders supervised in the community, and found in possession of firearms or ammunition, are referred to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for possible federal prosecution.

Training/Learning Objectives

- Discuss the history and goals of the national PSN initiative.
- Recognize the American Probation and Parole Association and other national partners role in the national PSN initiative.
- List current South Carolina PSN anti-gang and gun violence reduction initiatives.

Presenters

Stacey D. Haynes, Project Ceasefire Coordinator (SC)

Rhonda Grant, Board of Probation, Parole, and Pardons Services (SC)

Cathy Bowman, Research Associate, American Probation and Parole Association (KY)

Moderator

Michelle Metts, Research Associate, American Probation and Parole Association (KY)



Men Are From Earth. Women Are From Earth. Deal With It.

Physiologically, both genders have been designed by evolution to accomplish the same tasks in slightly different ways. Neither gender is superior to the other, they're just different. This workshop will explore research that shows why females may possess better communication skills than their male counterparts and may be better able to avoid potentially dangerous situations in the field. Conversely, males are physically stronger and may be more likely to use actions rather than words.

Training/Learning Objectives

- Discuss the research on the male vs. female brain.
- Recognize the relevance and application of the studies in relation to your own work.
- List some firearm equipment options for females.

Presenter

Barbara Ortolano, Officer Safety Specialist, Supreme Court Education Services Division (AZ)

Moderator

Wanda Morton, Deputy Chief, Cook County Adult Probation Dept. (IL)



Girls Self-Efficacy Training – A Gender Responsive, Cognitive Behavioral Intervention

What do you get when you blend gender responsive strategies with cognitive-behavioral interventions? Girl's Self-Efficacy Training (GST)! GST is an exciting new program designed to match the unique response juvenile female offenders have to the risk factors for delinquency. The model is grounded in current theory and research on juvenile female offender risks and needs, while blending cognitive-behavioral strategies to reduce re-offending.

Training/Learning Objectives

- Recognize the importance of including cognitive behavioral strategies with gender responsive programming.
- Discuss the theory and strategies associated with the three modules of GST and how they match girl's needs.
- Describe how GST can be implemented in juvenile justice settings.

Presenter

Darin Carver, LCSW, Program Administrator, Project Empower (UT)



Automating the Interstate Transfer: A New Way of Doing Business

The Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System (ICOTS) is a web-based application used by states to facilitate the movement and tracking of offenders who transfer between states. This workshop includes a live demonstration and discussion about the history of ICOTS. It also contains a description of its goals, data elements, security standards and other information needed by those who use and rely on ICOTS to transfer offenders across state lines.

Training/Learning Objectives

- Discuss how ICOTS is used to transfer and manage offenders who relocate to another state.
- Review ICOTS security, privacy and data elements.
- Identify future applications and uses for ICOTS.

Presenter

Sam Razor, Project Manager, Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (KY)



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Veteran Offender Re-entry Success Strategies

During this workshop, participants will be provided with an overview of veteran offender issues; a presentation on the Southeastern Regional Military Confinement Facility located in Charleston, South Carolina; and strategies for successful veteran offender re-entry.

Training/Learning Objectives

- List at least three issues unique to the veteran offender.
- Identify at least three strategies for successful veteran offender re-entry.
- Describe at least three post-release referral resources available to veteran offenders.

Presenter

Walter Sipple, Parole & Release Director, Naval Consolidated Brig (SC)



Juvenile Probation and Mental Health: Creating Better Linkages for Youth

This workshop will highlight the work of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change Mental Health/Juvenile Justice Action Network to improve services and policies for youth with mental health needs involved with the juvenile justice system. Emphasis will be placed on the use of specialized mental health probation officers providing pre-adjudicatory diversion and case management services.

Training/Learning Objectives

- Describe the MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change initiative.
- Review the latest mental health prevalence data among youth in the juvenile justice system and discuss why mental health is such a critical issue to juvenile probation.
- Discuss one of the most innovative diversion initiatives coming out of the Mental Health/Juvenile Justice Action Network.

Presenters

Joseph J. Cocozza, Ph.D., Director, National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice (NY)

Kathleen Skowrya, Associate Director, Mental Health/Juvenile Justice Action Network (NY)

Erin Espinosam, Planning and Behavioral Health Specialist, Juvenile Probation Commission (TX)

Moderator

Ray Wahl, Juvenile Court Administrator (UT)



Reflections of a Pro-Social Culture: Unlocking the Potential of Alameda County Probation Department

Alameda County Probation Department is setting a new industry benchmark regarding the development of correctional professionals. Over the past year, Alameda County Probation Department has been leveraging proven skills from the fields of organizational development, industrial psychology and sociology in an effort to cultivate a pro-social organizational culture. Alameda County institutional supervisors and administrators are learning techniques to become extraordinary leaders and managers, while juvenile institutional officers are undergoing training to become more psychologically savvy when addressing the emotional and behavioral needs of challenging youth. Come and learn what Alameda County Probation Department is doing and view the preliminary data that suggest change is occurring.

Training/Learning Objectives

- Describe organizational development and articulate the key components of organizational change.
- Discuss fundamental components of organizational culture and techniques to assess these components.
- List three or more interventions that produce a change in organizational culture.

Presenters

Dr. Shawn L. Frugé, Chief Executive Officer of FPA (CA)

Dr. Alexis N. Green-Frugé, Chief Operating Officer of FPA (CA)



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