

# Workshops

Tuesday, February 10, 2009  
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## “In Search of the Perfect Caseload”: An Update and Lessons Learned From the NIJ-Sponsored Evaluation of Caseload Size and Evidence- Based Practices Implementation

For many years, corrections professionals and policy makers have debated how large supervision caseloads ought to be. The National Institute of Justice has funded a study to evaluate the effects of caseload size and evidence-based practices on recidivism for medium and high-risk probationers. This workshop will discuss issues related to measurement of EBP components, how data systems can be useful in tracking EBP skills and effectiveness and some preliminary findings of this evaluation.

### Training/Learning Objectives

- Discuss the issues involved and the study’s potential impact on future policy decisions regarding caseload size.
- Describe the relevance and application of the research to one’s own work.
- Recognize how data systems can improve outcomes research and how each individual influences the success of these systems.

### Presenters

**Sarah Kuck Jalbert**, Associate, Abt Associates (MA)

**Michael Kane**, Assistant Project Manager, Crime and Justice Institute (MA)

**Kenny Holloway**, Assistant Deputy Director, Division of Community Corrections (OK)



## Family Ties and Intervening in the Cycle of Intergenerational Crimes

Multnomah County’s Family Supervision Services Unit (FSU) will share its model with conference participants on successful strategies to enhance community safety by reducing and intervening in the intergenerational cycle of criminal behavior and family violence. The strategies presented assist with promoting positive changes in offenders, impacting family relationships, recidivism and compliance with conditions of supervision.

### Training/Learning Objectives

- Describe strategies for providing coordinated supervision and case management through multi-disciplinary teams.
- Discuss the importance of evidence-based practices in relation to parenting skills; children witnessing violence and family dysfunction; children witnessing the arrest of a parent.
- Recognize how EBP to assess risk and needs and to generate case plan.

### Presenters

**Don Trapp**, Community Justice District Manager, Multnomah County Dept. of Community Justice (OR)

**Lonnie Nettles**, Community Justice Manager, Multnomah County Dept. of Community Justice (OR)

**Todd Roberts**, Multnomah County Dept. of Community Justice (OR)



## Gender Specific Issues in Caseload Management

This workshop will explore issues of gender specific needs and behavior of offenders as they affect case management. It will also explore the difference in male and female offender behavior with the assigned office as well as explore how offenders may be treated differently by the officer based on gender. Ideas will be shared and discussed as they relate to what works and what can contribute to issues with male officer/female offender and female officer/male offender relationship.

### Training/Learning Objectives

- Recognize gender-specific issues that may be developed between offender and officer.
- Describe your role as an officer and how it can impact on officer success.
- Discuss case management strategies that have been effective with women.

### Presenters

**Hellen J. Carter, Ph.D.**, Director of Research and Development, National Curriculum Training Institute (AZ)

**Jane L. Ball**, Vice President, National Curriculum Training Institute (AZ)

### Moderator

**Wanda Morton**, Deputy Chief, Cook County Adult Probation Department (IL)



## Victims First – The Canadian Perspective

Steve Sullivan, the Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime, will provide a historical perspective of the victims’ rights movement in Canada and the current priorities of this newly created office.

### Training/Learning Objectives

- Discuss the history of victim’s rights in Canada.
- Describe the rationale for the creation of the Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime.
- Recognize the OFOVC’s mandate, key priorities and activities.

### Presenter

**Steven Sullivan**, Ombudsman, Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime (CN)



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## Pay Now or Pay Later: Why Focus on Crime Prevention?

Learn about what agencies around the country are doing about crime prevention and why they are choosing to invest in front-end strategies such as Children of Promise. The APPA Crime Prevention curriculum will be featured. *This workshop is sponsored by the Community Justice and Prevention Committee.*

### Training/Learning Objectives

- Learn about crime prevention strategies that community corrections agencies are operating.
- Find out how crime prevention fits into a community corrections framework.
- Learn how crime prevention is justified in an EBP environment.
- Find out about the APPA crime prevention materials.

### Presenters

**Jean Kuehl**, Assistant Director, Correctional Services, 6<sup>th</sup> District, APPA, Committee Chair (IA)

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



## Combining Officer Supervision Skills

This workshop presents a new model of offender supervision based on four key research literatures. The model shows how the principles of risk, need and responsibility can be applied directly with offenders on a daily basis through a specific set of officer skills.

### Training/Learning Objectives

- Explain the rationale for shifting the approach of offender supervision from strictly terms and conditions to focusing on criminogenic needs.
- Review the findings of four bodies of research related to offender supervision and recidivism reduction.
- Describe four officer strategies/skill sets which improve officer satisfaction and offender outcomes.

### Presenters

**Brad Bogue**, Director, Justice System Assessment & Training (CO)

**Liz Craig**, Training Director, Justice System Assessment & Training (CO)

### Moderator

**Denise Jordan**, Training Specialist, Cook County Adult Probation Dept. (IL)



## The Long and Winding Road: Cognitive Restructuring Group Reporting with DUI/DWI Offenders

The probation field has few proven therapeutic intervention strategies for repeat DUI/DWI offenders. However, the EBP paradigm shift has focused attention on research-driven modalities for all community corrections populations including DUI/DWI offenders. This workshop will introduce two cognitive-restructuring modalities utilized for offender group reporting. Cognitive models show promise in the ability to change what offenders think, feel and do. Can probation agents efficaciously deliver cognitive programs while balancing a multitude of responsibilities? What are some guidelines administrators can benefit from to implement a large-scale cognitive restructuring program in a community corrections setting?

### Training/Learning Objectives

- Discuss how cognitive models can serve dual purposes: satisfy reporting requirements and promote offender change.
- Describe how cognitive-behavioral groups can be facilitated efficiently.
- Identify strategies for managing caseloads through cognitive-behavioral group reporting strategies.

### Presenters

**Sharon Hoffman**, Assistant Director, Social Service Dept., Circuit Court of Cook County (IL)

**Tom Ambrose**, Senior Training Coordinator, Institute for Legal, Legislative & Policy Studies, University of Illinois at Springfield

**James Edwards**, Deputy Director of Clinical Services, Social Service Dept. (IL)



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