Appropriateness Statement Outline

Practice evidence level – whether or not the research evidence support the effectiveness of the practice in producing positive supervision outcomes (see Table 2 for levels of evidence and definitions).

Summary of the Evidence

Brief summary of the practice, its effects (or lack thereof), and the evidence for it. This is intended as a snapshot for readers to quickly understand what the practice is and whether it is appropriate to use based on the available research evidence.

What Is The Practice?

In-depth summary of the practice and the evidence for/against it.

How Is It Used?

Overview of how the practice is typically used.

How Can It Be Used to Monitor Compliance?

Description of how the practice can be used to check if the client is being compliant with supervision conditions, if at all.

How Can It Be Used As A Supervision Tool?

Description of how the practice can be used in the general supervision process.

What Are the Costs Of The Practice?

The costs to the criminal legal system, supervision staff, and clients associated with the practice.

What Do Supervision Staff Think About the Practice?

Results from the project survey indicating whether supervision staff (officers, administrators, office staff, etc.) think the practice is appropriate and for whom (depending on risk level and subpopulation).

Compliance Level

The degree to which supervision staff think the practice is appropriate for clients depending on their compliance level (i.e., low compliance, moderate compliance, high compliance) with supervision conditions.

What Should You Expect When Using the Practice?

The anticipated outcomes of using the practice based on the available evidence.

Client Outcomes

Anticipated outcomes for clients.

Is the Practice an Evidence-Based Practice?

Whether or not the practice is supported by research evidence.

What Do People Formerly Involved in the Criminal Legal System Think About the Practice?

Results from the project survey indicating whether individuals involved in the criminal legal system think the practice is appropriate and for whom (depending on risk level and subpopulation).

Communication That Reinforces Officers' Role as Change Agent (Messaging)

Communication strategies that can help maintain and/or strengthen the officer-client relationship when the practice is used.

Special Considerations When Using the Practice With Subpopulations

Gang-Involved

Individuals who are associated with gangs

General Violence

Individuals who have committed general violent offenses (e.g., assault, robbery, etc.)

Intimate Partner Violence

Individuals who have committed intimate partner violence

Serious Mental Illness

Individuals with substance use disorder

Substance Use Disorder

SUD clients are often mandated to undertake treatment services. Because of this, officers should be hesitant in increasing the frequency of contact in order to not overwhelm their clients. Officers can monitor clients' participation in programming through collateral contacts or use less time-intensive contacts (e.g., phone, email) instead of making them come into the office more frequently.

Additional Information on the Practice

List of resources that interested readers can consult to learn more about the practice and the information presented above.

Similar Topics

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