SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT TO SUPPORT JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS

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ABOUT RDA
Mission Statement

The mission of RDA is to promote the welfare of our communities’ vulnerable populations by contributing to the effective functioning of public and nonprofit service systems.
Session Objectives

Consider diversity of justice-involved population with SMI

Identify validated behavioral health screening and assessment tools, as well as criminogenic risk and needs assessment tools

Understand how to begin using mental health, substance use, and criminogenic assessments together to support treatment
Background
The Problem

- Over-Representation of Individuals with Mental Illness in Justice System
  - 2 million people with SMI booked into jails each year
    - 15% of men booked into jails suffer from SMI
    - 30% of women booked into jails suffer from SMI
  - People with SMI stay in jail longer than others
    - Fewer resources and less likely to make bail
    - Less likely to understand and abide by all rules
    - Rising number of individuals Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST)
Policy Initiatives and Program Models to Address the Problem

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Diversity of Population
Spectrums of Risk and Needs

Developing a shared understanding of definitions across spectrums of risk and needs
Standard Screening and Assessment

- Identifying Tools
- Using Screening and Assessments to Support Decision Making
Screening & Assessment - Why?

- Identification of SMI
- Coordination and Collaboration
- Structured Decision Making
What are CA Counties Doing?

- Variability in Approaches
  - Most using Homegrown Tools
  - Inconsistency and variability in tools used for screening and assessments across partners

- Why does this matter?
  - Using standardized screening and assessment tools:
    - Increases Efficiency
    - Promotes Collaboration
    - Standardizes Outcomes
Using Assessments to Determine Appropriate Treatment Options

**Substance Use Disorder (SUD)**

- **Low Criminogenic Risk**
  - Substance Use Services

- **Moderate to High Criminogenic Risk**
  - Medi-Cal Managed Care Provider Network

**Mild to Moderate Mental Illness**

- **SUD**
- **Serious Mental Illness, co-occurring SUD**

**Participants Receive Assessment**

- **Serious Mental Illness, co-occurring SUD**
  - **Low Criminogenic Risk**
  - Adult and Older Adult System of Care
  - **Moderate to High Criminogenic Risk**
  - Forensic Mental Health Services
Incorporating Standardized Screening & Assessment

What to Consider When Choosing a Tool?
- Time
- Cost
- Administration Requirements
- Partner Buy-In

What to Consider When Implementing a Tool?
- Training
- Motivational Enhancements
- Information Sharing
- Data Informed & Structured Decision Making
Discussion Questions

1. Are standardized screenings or assessments used in the County you work?
2. If they are not, is there movement towards implementing standardized screening and assessments?
3. What excites you when you think about implementing standardized screening and assessment? What, if anything, causes pause?
4. What challenges implementing standardized screening and assessment do you foresee?
5. If you were planning to incorporate standardized screening and assessment in the County you work, what steps would need to be taken to do so? What would some of your biggest questions be?
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