

Title

Therapeutic Responses in Treatment Court to Positive and Problem Behavior

Presenters/Bios

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Length: 75 min

Session Description

This session identifies therapeutically based responses to positive and problem Behavior, including incentives and sanctions, therapeutic adjustment and adjustment of supervision. The session describes use of an assessment-based team approach in making decisions and responding to behavior. The assessment-based approach includes use of risk/need assessments; biomedical considerations; environmental, behavioral and cognitive conditions and complications; as well as readiness to change. Additional factors to be discussed include other factors that might impact behaviors or responses to behavior, such as relapse or potential for other problems; recovery and living environment; and community interventions/activities. The session will provide a deeper understand of strategies to support positive behavioral change in treatment court.

Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to:

1. Identify the use of risk/need assessments in developing participation plans and goals.
2. Discuss the elements of an assessment-based team approach to responding to behavior.
3. Understand effective practices as regards use of sanctions and incentives in treatment court.

References

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