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Evidence Based Practices and Substance Use in Corrections

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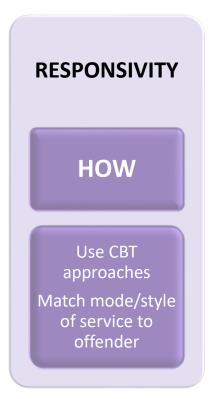


A large body of research has indicated...

The most effective correctional programs are based on some principles of effective interventions













The Risk and Need Principle Risk and Need Factors:

Criminal History

Antisocial Attitudes/Cognitive-Emotional States

Antisocial Peers

Temperamental and Personality Factors

Family and Marital Factors
Education and Employment
Substance Abuse
Leisure and Recreation





The RNR Model and Substance Use Disorders

Substance use on its own is a risk and need

Substance use can be a barrier to treatment





What Works in Substance Use Treatment

- Adhere to the principles of effective intervention
 - Evaluate an individual's risk and needs
 - Substance use specific assessment
 - Target those with higher needs in substance use
 - Address current substance use before providing treatment

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Substance use treatment, drug use, and recidivism

- Effective services include:
 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
 - Social learning techniques
 - Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
 - -CBT + MAT
 - Therapeutic Communities
 - Contingency Management
 - Drug Courts





Important Factors

Fidelity matters

Target other criminogenic needs

Dosage (hours of treatment)*

Aftercare





Dosage

- Limited research on exact dosage (hours)
- General rule of thumb:
 - Low risk: ~100 hours of treatment
 - Moderate risk: ~200-250 hours of treatment
 - High Risk: >250 hours treatment
- 3-9 months of services





THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

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