

### **UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

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## Building Our Skills to Help Others







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### **OVERVIEW**

- Leading Change Initiatives
- Richmond's Successful History w/ Initiatives
- Using Past Success As the Catalyst for Broader Reform
- Why Lead Change Initiatives?
  - Why Richmond CSU?
  - Why Your Workplace?
- Our Work with the University of Cincinnati
- Current Effort: Reclaiming Change Agent Role
  - Cont. to Implementing the Principles of Effective Intervention
  - Cont. to implement the Effective Casework Model
  - Transitioning from Probation Monitoring to Probation Intervention
- Development and Coaching
- On-going Quality Assurance & Next Steps



### Why?

- recidivism / outcomes
- embrace leadership role
- evolution of profession
- building on proud history and foundation
  - history successful initiatives
  - consistent with the court strategic plan
  - build on existing risk-based system



### WHY? Outcomes

- Absent Good Outcomes Nothing Else Matters
- Recidivism: The Gold Standard
- Must Be Guided By Numbers, Not Anecdote
- We Consider Our Numbers Our Report Card
- We Were Not Satisfied With Our Report Card
- Numbers Did Not Reflect Hard Work/Effort
- Tempting To Measure Success Based On Effort
- We Want to Focus on Outcomes Over Process



### WHY? I Am A Leader / You Are a Leader

- Leadership Comes With Responsibilities
- Leaders Set the Pace and Lead by Example
- Leaders Establish a Vision, Goals & Priorities
- Leaders Keep In Step With Their Profession
- leaders Develop Subject Matter Expertise
- Leaders Give Staff Needed Support/Resources
- Leaders lead even in the Face of Opposition
- Leaders Motivate/Compelling Reason to Change
- If Not You, Who?



### WHY? Evolution of Our Profession

- there is now a science to guide our profession
- there are years of research on 'what works'
- we must embrace the principles of effective intervention and ensure that Risk – Need – Responsivity are part of everything that we do
- We must ensure that our probation intervention is designed to change behavior and is focused in the right areas (e.g. thinking errors)



### WHY? Building On Our Foundation

### History of Success w/ Initiatives

- ·JDAI
- Transitional Parole
- Effective Casework Model (including YASI)
- Use Past Successes As Catalyst for Broader System Reform

## Consistent w/ Court's Strategic Plan and Governor's Priorities

Build on Existing Risk-Based System (program integrity)



### **Systems Change Grant**

#### **PROCESS**

- contracted for researchers to complete an independent study
- selected the University of Cinn (Dr. Edward Latessa)
- on-site research conducted (CPC Checklist)

#### **PRODUCT**

 228 page evaluation w/ systemic, operational and programmatic recommendations

#### **GOALS**

- roadmap for improved outcomes (implementation thru sustainability)
- CSU: refocus probation (from monitoring to intervention)
- CSU: reclaim change agent role



### Reclaim Change Agent Role

#### THE ROLE OF PROBATION OFFICER

- monitor? service broker? interventionist?
- absent a model, free agents
- core competencies

#### THE FOCUS OF PROBATION

- monitoring v. intervention
- focus on criminogenic needs / cycle of offending

#### THE ROLE OF PROBATION SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR

compliance monitor? coach? specialist?

#### THE ROLE OF PARTNER PROVIDERS

specialty



### **Staff Development & Coaching**

#### **ONLINE MODULES**

-Online Modules on Evidence-Based Practice

#### **EPICS**

- three days of training focused on Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS)

#### COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION

 two days of training focused on cognitive behavioral programming and intervention

#### **GROUP FACILITATION**

- one day of more advanced training for selected group facilitators



### Staff Development & Coaching (cont.)

#### **FOCUS GROUPS**

- weekly coaching and practice opportunities

#### **AUDIO TAPING**

- monthly submission of audio tapes of actual probation sessions
- uploaded to Univ of Cinn for scoring

#### COACHING SESSIONS

- monthly group feedback sessions via video conference
- collective feedback given jointly by Univ of Cinn and CSU Leadership
- feedback sessions specifically for members of leadership

#### SUPERVISORY FEEDBACK

- additional supervisory feedback during individual meetings



### **EPICs**

#### What is EPICS?

- Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS)
- a Structure for Probation Appointments

**CHECK IN** 

**REVIEW** 

INTERVENTION

**HOMEWORK** 



### Interventions

ABC MODEL of Decision Making (Cognitive Restructuring)

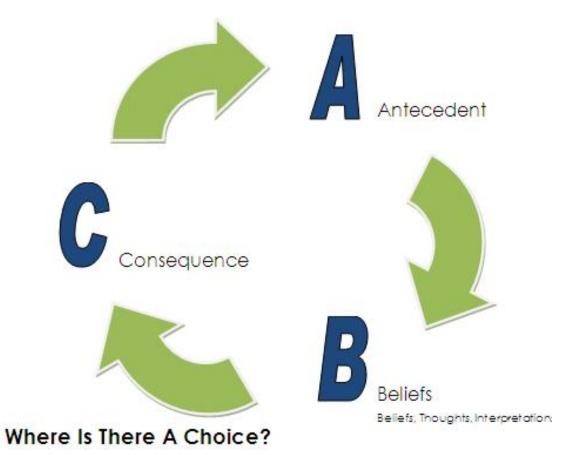
**Problem Solving** 

Structured Skill Building

**Cost Benefit Analysis** 



### **INTERVENTION 1: ABC Model of Decision Making**





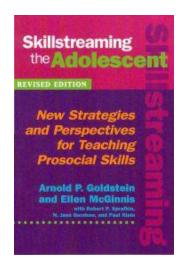
#### **INTERVENTION 2: STEPS OF PROBLEM SOLVING**

- 1. Stop and Think and Identify the Problem
- 2. Clarify Goals
- 3. Generate Alternative Solutions
- 4. Evaluate
- 5. Implement the plan
- 6. Evaluate the plan



### **INTERVENTION 3: Structured Skill Building**





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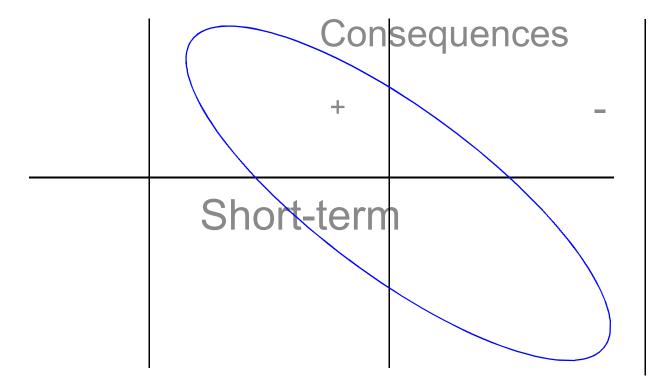
#### **Apologizing**

- Decide if it would be best for you to apologize for something you did.
- 2. Think of the different ways you could apologize.
- 3. Choose the best time and place to apologize.
- 4. Make your apology.



### **INTERVENTION 4: Cost Benefit Analysis**

Behavior: ANTISOCIAL





### Officer Rating Form: Session Structure/Intervention

CHECK-IN				
Enhances collaborative relationship/rapport with the client.	2	1	0	NA
Assesses for crisis/acute needs.	2	1	0	NA
Assesses for compliance with conditions.	2	1	0	NA
Overall Rating	2	1	0	NA
REVIEW				
Reviews short and long term goals of the client.	2	1	0	NA
Enhances learning through repetition and feedback.	2	1	0	NA
Asks about community agency referrals.	2	1	0	NA
Reviews homework from previous session	2	1	0	NA
Overall Rating	2	1	0	NA
INTERVENTION				
Demonstrates the ABC Model.	2	1	0	NA
Uses cognitive-behavioral concepts to recognize & explore antisocial thoughts	2	1	0	NA
Teaches new prosocial attitudes/thoughts	2	1	0	NA
Uses cognitive-behavioral concepts to recognize & explore risky situations	2	1	0	NA
Teaches new prosocial skills to manage risky situations (Skill: )	2	1	0	NA
Overall Rating	2	1	0	NA
HOMEWORK				
Graduated Rehearsal	2	1	0	NA
Helps the client to generalize learning to new situations.	2	1	0	NA
Assigns appropriate homework	2	1	0	NA
Overall Rating	2	1	0	NA



### Officer Rating Form: Behavioral Practices

Reinforces prosocial behavior or comments	2	1	0	N.A
Explores short and long term benefits of continuing prosocial behavior	2	1	0	NA
Overall Rating	2	1	0	NA
Disapproves of antisocial behavior or comments	2	1	0	N.A
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Explores short and long term benefits of continuing antisocial behavior	2	1	0	N.A
Overall Rating	2	1	0	NA
EFFECTIVE USE OF AUTHORITY				
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### How Did It Go? How's It Going?

#### **EARLY SUCCESSES**

- availability of grant
- buy in from judiciary
- support from state
- buy in from city
- buy in from partners
- existing Collaborative
- funds for training
- funds for supplies
- funds for materials

- buy in from some staff (supervisors & line staff)
- spotlighted existing skilled staff
- good attendance at focus groups
- willingness of clients/parents to be taped



### How Did It Go? How's It Going?

#### **BARRIERS / CHALLENGES**

- knowledge deficits
- staff buy in (resistance)
- confidence
- staff distrust re: outcomes
- timing of standards change
- learning curve (time for development)
- trust





- Unexamined practices / comfort with current routine
- role confusion
- fears of transparency
- reluctance to be a leader
- what's in it for me?
- vacancies





#### **SUSTAINABILITY**

- on-going coaching/practicing
- infrastructure: changes to EWPs, recruitment process & documents
- on-going development for staff and partners (refresher trainings)
- work plan developed around U of Cinn recommendations

#### **QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- development ongoing QA plan re audio taping and observation
- develop strategies for improved assessment scoring

#### PROBATION OPERATIONS

- selection of EBP group curriculums
- revised sanctions & incentives grid
- revised GILS systems guide
- development of assessment driven intervention guide (to guide enhanced case planning)



### **Questions?**

