



Restrictive Housing Systems Study:

Program Validation and Best Practices Recommendations

Part II: Technical Assistance for Implementation

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Introduction and Agenda

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- Former Commissioner of Corrections (CT)
- 30+ Years of Experience
- European Models
- Progressive Programs

Philosophy & Approach

- Reconceptualizing the Continuum of Custody
- Review of Conditions and Incentives
- Moving Away from Discipline
 - Risk-Needs-Responsivity (RNR)
- Time-In-Cell Only One Indicator
 - Intent: Meaningful Engagement
- Eliminating Restrictive Housing
- Enhancement of Programming

Milestones & Ongoing Engagement

• Report released publicly	6.29.2021
• Part II Executed	8.16.2021
• Project Kickoff	9.30.2021
• Site Visits	10.4-8.2021
• On-Site Data Meeting	10.22.2021
• Workshop Series	10.29 & 11.1.2021
• Expansion of Core Group	12.13.2022
• Executive Team Meeting	2.1.2022

- Data Linkage Established
 - Evaluability Report
 - Subsequent Reports

- Integrated Team
- Special Programs Department
- Close Coordination

Milestones & Ongoing Engagement

- Individual Implementation Meetings with 9 Facilities 2.22-3.15.22
- On-Site Behavior Assessment Unit training – Inst. Training Officers 3.17.22
- On-Site Behavior Assessment Unit training – Southern Region 3.17.22
- Site Visit to Souza Baranowski Correctional Center 3.18.22
- On-Site Behavior Assessment Unit training – Northern Region 3.21.22
- Launch of Behavior Assessment Units – Medium 4.4.22
- Launch of Enhanced SAU Level 1 4.25.22
- Launch of Behavior Assessment Unit – Maximum 5.17.22

Behavior Assessment Units (BAU)

- Operational Movement Away from Restrictive Housing
- Decreased Time-In-Cell
- Increased Access to Phone, Showers, Recreation, Groups
- Shift to Curiosity and Identification of Needs (RNR)
- Interdisciplinary Appraisal Team (IAT)
- Disposition Based on IAT Review (Incident, Criminogenic Need, Clinical Need, etc.)
- Clinical and Criminogenic Factors Determine Disposition

Secure Adjustment Units (SAU)

- The Responsivity Principle (RNR)
- No Longer Diversion - Person-Centered Process and Programming
- Referral by IAT to Classification Based on Identified Risks & Needs
- Full Continuum of SAU for all Risk & Need Levels (Closes the Door to DDU)
- Floor Matches BAU Conditions (Time-In-Cell & Engagement)
- Tracks and Phases Matched to Identified Needs (Individualized Program Plans)
- Dispositions Referred to Classification Boards

On the Horizon

- Developing Dispositional Categories from IAT
- Developing Evidence-Based Programming Within SAU
- Enhancing Data-Collection and Reporting
- Expansion of SAU to Include SAU Levels 2 and 4
- Training Staff this Summer
 - BAU Clinical Input and Dispositions
 - SAU Level 2 and 4 Operations and Programming
 - Classification



Questions & Discussion

Thank You

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