Correctional-Based Interventions: Treating Criminal Justice Involved Populations

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Learning Objectives

- Describe the components of a comprehensive regional approach to addressing addiction-related issues aimed at mitigating stressors on correctional, medical and judicial systems.
- Apply various evidence-based treatment models to their specific populations, facilities and regions.
- Recognize the monetary, safety and systematic benefits to presenting the best evidence-based programing in a correctional setting.
- Outline challenges faced by secular and nonsecular programs and explain what is not working in many secular programs for treating criminal justice involved populations.
- Explain the importance of relationships with those in recovery.
- Identify the benefits of a holistic approach.
- Discuss how the Kenton County Detention Center’s Jail Substance Abuse Program and Hollywood Impact Studios’ programs are replicable and scalable to meet the needs of other communities.
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Bio Psycho Social Spiritual

Bio
• Substance-Use Disorders are chronic, progressive, and potentially fatal.

Psycho
• Cognitive Behavioral Therapies address the connections between criminal and addictive thinking and behaviors.

Social
• Therapeutic Community living environments require social cohesion and interaction.

Spirit
• Connections to community and fellowship strengthen the recovery lifestyle.
Medication Assisted Therapies

- Bupenorphine w / Naltrexone
- Bupenorphine
- Methadone
- Naltrexone
Criminal Justice Kentucky Treatment Outcome Study - 2017

Monetary
- 1 : 4.52
- 66.9% were employed
- 78.2% reported providing financial support to their children

Safety
- Less Incidents
- Less Contraband
- Less Violence
- 80.0% received services they needed to get better

Systems
- 56.0% had not been re-incarcerated.
- 82.3% were living in stable housing
- 79.4% considered the treatment program to be successful
Scalability and Replication

- Leadership
- Evidence
- Willingness
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- Los Angeles County Jail - Largest in U.S. (17,000-20,000)
- Our “In-Jail Program” has had over 700 men go through our classroom since 2009.
- 98% of our guys have substance abuse issues
Positive aspects of our program

- A faith-based ministry that costs the taxpayers/county nothing.

  - 100% volunteers – Hollywood professionals – most important people of faith.

  - Impact – Being volunteers gives credibility. No agenda – no other reason than we care about them and want them to succeed.
It is not about us…
Not about Hollywood…
Not even about education…
It’s about God!
MEETING THEM WHERE THEY ARE IN LIFE
Unique creature in Christ

- “Train up a child in the way they should go, And when they are old they will not depart from it.” - Proverbs 22:6

- We treat each guy as that unique person and help them figure out the way THEY should go…
HOLISTIC APPROACH

- We look at the whole person…
- Their – MIND – issues/triggers/upbringing
- Their – BODY – addictions
- And their – SOUL – their relationship with God … or not – Moral Rehabilitation
We recognize that all have struggles – all have fallen short...
What makes our approach unique

- RELATIONSHIP – DISCIPLESHP
- Starting inside jail and
- then we stay with them on the outside...
HOLLYWOOD IMPACT STUDIOS / LASD ALUMNI PROGRAM – Second Program

- In 2012 the Sheriff’s Department asked us to take over their Alumni Program. It is a support group for the families of those incarcerated and for those men (and women) coming out of jail and prison.

- It meets every Tuesday from 7PM to 9PM at Grace Baptist Church.

- At NO COST to the taxpayers.
Safe Support Group

- A place for family members of incarcerated
- Working with our formerly incarcerated to find:
  - Housing/sober living
  - Jobs
  - Recovery programs/meetings
- All in a Bible-based environment
- Relationships continue in fellowship/support and…
Giving Back
This approach is paying dividends…
RESULTS/STATS

- RECIDIVISM (within 1 year of release)
  - NATIONAL – 56.7% (National Institute for Justice)
  - L.A. COUNTY – 50.4% (CDCR)

- As a result of our two programs…
  - 308 graduates – (Sampling)
  - Tracked 2009 – thru 2015 (Semester 1 thru 18)
14.6%
Why? How?
NOT ALL GOOD NEWS

- 11.9% of our guys get re-Arrested/return to substance abuse issue after 2-3 years

- WHY?
They stop following what was working

- Thinking they’ve got it now…
- Stop going to meetings
- Stop going to church
- Going back to old relationships
- Get on GR/Disability
- Forget those triggers will never leave.
“One beer away...”
But because we all fall short…
We don’t forget our guys
even when they fall…
The first two programs are not enough…
(In-Jail & Alumni)
WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO SOLVE ISSUES

- Help transition back into society.
- Help acquire jobs skills.
- Help with issues like:
  - No bank account.
  - No Driver’s license
  - Resolving past issues that landed them in jail.
We want to continue to walk with them through meaningful relationships...
Our third program
Our program could be replicated

- It’s not just about Hollywood

- That is just the industry that’s in L.A.
  - It’s jail ministry/Church (volunteers) +
  - Recovery/vocational training +
  - Local industry (funding)
    - Automotive industry
    - Hi-Tech/Computer Industry
    - Oil
    - Etc.
We’re not from the therapeutic community
“Remember those who are in prison, as if you were their fellow prisoner, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.”

Hebrews 13:3

“Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me.”

Matthew 25:40
Q & A