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In 1995, as part of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment's Addiction Technology Transfer Center Criminal Justice Initiative, a comprehensive cross-training curriculum, *Criminal Justice and Substance Abuse: Working Together for Change*, was developed by the Mid-Atlantic Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) at Virginia Commonwealth University. The resulting 15-module curriculum, popular with both trainers and audiences, was instrumental in increasing cross-discipline training efforts nationwide.

Several factors contributed to the need for a revised version in 2001, including new research findings, significant developments in the practice of both Corrections and Treatment, and feedback requesting additional topics, activities, and more versatility. The result was *Criminal Justice and Substance Abuse: Working Together for Change (Revised)* which included many of the original key topic areas, although altering presentation methods and emphasis. With the advent of the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative (SVORI), the curriculum has been revised again to best meet the needs of the SVORI grantees. This version is entitled *Criminal Justice and Substance Abuse: Working Together for Change (Adapted for the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative-2005)*.

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Overview of Training

TRAINER REQUIREMENTS

Training Teams

Because the training audience includes both Substance Abuse Treatment and Criminal Justice staff, it is highly recommended that the curriculum be delivered by **a team of co-trainers** whose combined expertise and diversity make them credible with all disciplines represented. More important, the team will provide a working model for the participants of the type of collaborative and respectful professional interaction between systems that is the ultimate goal of this training effort. In addition, a team can better meet the demands of the training.

Process-Training Expertise

Several modules involve activities that elicit and examine participants' emotional responses. It is important that at least one of the trainers is proficient and comfortable facilitating this type of training. Otherwise, the training will not be a safe experience for the participants.

AUDIENCE SIZE

The purpose of the training needs to be kept in mind when determining audience size. It is essential that there be a fairly balanced representation of Criminal Justice and Substance Abuse Treatment participants. To facilitate genuine discussion, interaction, exploration challenges, and brainstorming of solutions, there should be no more than 35 participants, though 25 is optimal.

LENGTH

Each module is self-contained and can be delivered separately with minimal adaptation. However, the curriculum as a whole is designed to be delivered over 11.5 hours during two consecutive days.

TRAINER GUIDE

Modules

The trainer guide is divided into 6 modules. Each module contains a general overview of the training, a listing of materials and equipment needed, as well as a complete training script, overheads and appendices.

Training Script

The page is divided into two columns. The left column describes trainer activity and time allotted; the right column provides the script. The training script for each module provides the trainer with context and a basis for development of his or her presentation. *It is not intended to be read aloud word for word.*

Adaptations, such as providing examples from personal experience, addition (or deletion) of material appropriate to specific needs in the audience, and use of the trainer's preferred vocabulary and style of expression are expected.

ROOM SETUP

Videos are shown several times during the training, so unobstructed view for all participants is important. Room setup needs to provide adequate writing surfaces for participants and must also allow for small groups to work together with adequate work surface. Tables that comfortably fit 5-6 persons are ideal.