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#### CREATING BEHAVIOR CHANGE AND TREATING THE SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL INMATE: A PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE BERNALILLO COUNTY METROPOLITAN DETENTION CENTER CORRECTIONAL PROGRAM, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

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#### Introduction

Treatment of drug offenders, especially those with serious mental health problems in a correctional setting, has been an ongoing struggle for the criminal justice system. Lessons learned during the 1970s and 1980s promoting comprehensive mental health services for the incarcerated population have produced practices which can enhance current services. Research on these modalities confirmed that treatment can make a difference. In the past year, the development of a program to provide these services to the correctional population by Correctional Healthcare Companies, Inc. (CHC) at the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) was a result of these efforts.

In 2013 an evaluation was contracted and designed by Glacier Consulting, Inc. to determine (1) if the MDC could expand its objectives in treating the seriously mentally ill inmates in acute care, RTU, and segregation Units with established therapeutic milieu; and (2) if a recent intervention to meet the needs of participants assessed with and likely concomitant drug abuse problems, produces enhanced results for program retention and completion. MDC began by establishing an implementation plan, including policies and procedures to direct initial efforts. Through a multi-method approach, CHC conducted assessments to determine eligibility of participants and characteristics of the different groups entering the program. Based on those assessments, all inmates in the program had multidisciplinary individual treatment plans. Preliminary results of this study explain accomplishments to date:

- The program is creating positive impacts on managing mental health issues, with increased compliance to medication treatment and counseling sessions.
- The program is seeing positive behavioral changes among the participants engaged in Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) sessions. MRT is creating an environment for inmates to handle mental health issues, and MRT participants are more compliant in taking prescribed medications.
- Inmates in segregation on a specialized mental health unit, many of whom had been on the acute units and in residential

treatment at the jail, demonstrated remarkable improvement in socialization and their capacity to participate in a therapeutic community after the initiation of MRT on that unit.

- The relationships between Psychiatric Services Unit (PSU) and program participants makes the inmates more successful when attending groups and progressing in their treatment plans.
- The program is effective for both female and male participants.
- Security staff buy-in of specialty housing for the segregated inmates has improved tremendously since the initiation of MRT programming as well as the other group therapies employed on that unit.

Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center of Bernalillo County, in its attempts to meet the needs of a highrisk, mentally-ill group with/or without substance use disorders, has witnessed improvements treating this population which have been impressive. Rehabilitating individuals that abuse drugs and commit criminal activities, along with managing their mental health problems, has resulted in producing more compliant and less oppositional inmates. The hope is they will continue to be useful citizens with increased positive results for public safety. The evaluation presents results from initial implementation of a correctional program, including MRT that is both efficient in its practices and effective in program delivery. We believe that it could be considered a model for other jurisdictions to improve other programs through the lessons learned by CHC efforts.

#### **Program Success and Accomplishments**

Glacier Consulting, Inc. focused on specific performance indicators to judge the effectiveness of a program, including:

- Units of Service Delivery
- Reduction in recidivism
- Management of mental health issues

For all of these measures, the MDC program exceeds its expectations for the objectives set for each of the critical indicators.

- Graduating clients -110 graduates as of 9/1/2013.
- Integrated and consolidated approaches to treatment and recovery which substantially reduced the cost of individual service delivery to clients;
- Delivered 41,863 client days including treatment, supervision, and ancillary services.

The issue of substance abuse is clearly a major problem whether a serious mental illness is diagnosed or not. In prior studies, the MRT intervention has shown to reduce drug dependency through behavior change and replacing it with developing purposeful lives.



NorthPoint assessment determines the risk level of those entering the program; level 1 are the highest security risks and level 9 is the lowest level of risk. The average risk level for those assessed with serious mental illness is slightly lower than the rest of the participants. Only thirty-five clients have a risk level of 5 or higher out of 157. Those with risk levels of 4 and below account for the large majority of clients, including: Level 4 = 23; Level 3 = 65; Level 2 = 32; Level 1 = 2.

As outlined in the evaluation of the Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) program at MDC (October 2013) by Glacier Consulting, Inc., the following questions regarding the effectiveness of the program were posed:

- 1. Has the MDC program been implemented as planned, and are services being delivered to program participants?
- 2. Does MDC reduce substance abuse and aid in the management of mental health problems?
- 3. Does MDC reduce recidivism compared to existing practices?

Following the completion of the evaluation and its enumeration of the successes of the MDC MRT program, MDC decided to look at the behavior of inmates participating (as defined by their attendance at a minimum of six group sessions) in the MRT program as measured by the number of reported incidents and posed the following questions:

1. Did the behavior of inmates participating in the MRT program change during and after their participation?

2. How did the behavior of inmates participating in the MRT program compare to a similar group of inmates on the same units over a comparable period of time?

As indicated in the data below:

- 1. The average number of incident reports for inmates prior to their participation in the program (2.73) decreased to 0.66 (a 76% decrease) during and after their participation in MRT.
- 2. The average number of incident reports for inmates on the same units over a comparable period of time who did not participate in MRT was 3.06 or a 78% difference compared to inmates who participated in MRT.

**Survival Analysis** 



Days NIC (Not In Custody) by Release -Median Days

GCI conducted survival analyses to determine the sustained effects of participating in the program. It is important to note that at this early stage of implementation the results represent trends and patterns in the outcomes which should be confirmed over time. For the overall analysis, three distinct groups appear indicating that some recidivate early, but that over time participants sustain their success into the future.

#### Days NIC by Medication Acceptance

Then we identified the most important indicator of success among this population to date; whether or not they accept the prescribed medications for their illness. A dramatic difference appears between those who accept their medications and those that do not in terms of sustained success.



#### Conclusion

The commitment and the delivery of services at the Bernalillo Metropolitan Detention Center for participants in the Moral Reconation Therapy program is promising. This first independent study of the program being implemented has shown signs of major change in the delivery of services to inmates that could not only help them but improve public safety after inmates are released into the community.

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## THE EFFECT OF MORAL RECONATION THERAPY ON ADOLESCENTS IN A GROUP HOME SETTING

by Ashley Jane Evans, S. S. P.

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A variety of risk factors have been found to contribute to juvenile delinquency and offending; it is important to consider these factors in prevention and intervention. Rehabilitation and treatment is one approach for addressing the growing concern of juvenile offending. Cognitive-behavioral therapy is a promising treatment approach for offenders. Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) is a cognitive-behavioral group therapy, designed to rehabilitate offenders and reduce recidivism.

The current study explores the effects of Moral Reconation Therapy on adolescents in a group home setting. Participants included 15 adolescents between the ages of 13 and 17, residing in a group home in the Southeastern region of the United States. The Behavior Assessment System for Children, Second Edition (BASC-2) was used as a pre-test and post-test measure to assess participants' self-reported changes in Locus of Control, Social Stress, Anxiety, Depression, Sense of Inadequacy, Sensation Seeking, Relations with Parents, Interpersonal Relations, Self-Esteem and Self-Reliance.

Overall results indicated that significant changes existed between pre-test and post-test measures in the areas of Locus of Control, Depression and Relations with Parents. Significant changes were also noted in the areas of Anxiety, Sense of Inadequacy and Self-Reliance, based on factors including the number of MRT Steps completed, type of offense committed, family disagreement factors, length of time spent in the program, and reported family problems. Recidivism data was available on 8 of the 15 participants; rates were found to be significantly below the state average for juvenile recidivism.

#### **Overall Results**

Overall results of this study indicate that participants experienced significant changes between pre-test and post-test scores, in the areas of Locus of Control, Depression and Relations with Parents. Significant changes between pre-test and post-test scores on the Locus of Control scale was seen in individuals who completed Step 7 of MRT or higher; committed both a status and a non-status offense or who did not commit any offense at all; indicated parental divorce, indicated greater family protective factors on the CPIC, reported no recent family problems and spent between 31 and 60 days in the program, at the group home. Participants who committed a status and non-status offense had the highest pre-test scores on the Locus of Control scale, indicating an external locus of control; post-test scores on the Locus of Control scale were found to be lower than post-test scores from the overall sample.

The research on MRT indicates that individuals experience the most significant changes once Step 7 is complete. However, the current study has found that significant changes existed for participants who completed Step 6 or less, in the areas of Sense of Inadequacy and Self-Reliance. When comparing pre-test scores for participants who completed Step 6 or less to participants who completed Step 7 or more, participants who completed Step 6 or less had more clinical scores on the Sense of Inadequacy and Self- Reliance scales, but demonstrated more positive changes than participants who completed Step 7 or more. Participants who completed Step 7 or more of MRT, demonstrated a significant increase on the Relation with Parents scale; however, both pre-test and posttest scores were lower (less adaptive) than the pre-test scores of participants who completed Step 6 or lower.

Significant changes were seen between pre-test and post-test scores, in the area of Anxiety, for participants who had not committed an offense (status or non-status), prior to intake into the program. For participants with greater protective scores on the CPIC, significant changes were found on the Anxiety scale and the Sense of Inadequacy scale. For participants who spent between 31 and 60 days in the program at the group home, significant pre-test and post-test changes were found on the Anxiety, Depression and Sense of Inadequacy scales.

No statistically significant changes were found between pre-test and post-test scores on the Social Stress scale of the BASC-2. Although a decrease was found between pretest (52.47) and post-test (47.53) scores, the change was not statistically significant. It should be noted that both pre-test and post-test were within the acceptable level and were not indicated as areas of concern. However, results indicate that participants likely felt slightly less tension or stress in their personal relationships following program completion.

No significant changes were found between pre-test

and post-test scores on the Sensation Seeking scale of the BASC-2; in fact, pre-test and post-test scores were found to be nearly identical. It should be noted that the pre-test (50.47) and post-test (50.67) scores were not rated as areas of concern. Burnette et al. (2004) found significant positive changes in the area of sensation seeking; it is likely that the pre-test scores were rated as areas of concern and that following treatment, the scores were found to be in the acceptable range. The participants in the Burnette et al. (2004) study were reported to have had substance abuse issues, which is often highly associated with maladaptive sensation seeking behaviors. The participants in the current study entered the program with acceptable levels of sensation seeking behaviors, and therefore, maintained appropriate levels of these behaviors throughout their stay in the group home.

No significant changes were found between pre-test and post-test scores on the Interpersonal Relations scale of the BASC-2. Pre-test (49.20) and post-test (50.93) scores were rated in the acceptable range, suggesting no concern. There was a slight increase from pre-test to post-test; however, the change was not found to be statistically significant. No significant changes were found between pre-test and post-test scores on the Self-Esteem scale of the BASC-2. Pre-test (44.07) and post-test (50.20) scores were rated in the acceptable range, suggesting no concern. Pre-test and post-test scores indicate that the participants in this study entered the program with healthy levels of interpersonal skills and feelings of self-esteem. Participants left the program with more adaptive levels in each of these areas; however, these changes were not found to be statistically significant.

Overall, it does appear that many of the participants in this study experienced positive changes, as indicated by pre-test and post-test scores on the BASC-2. The most significant change seen was in the area of Locus of Control. This change can be beneficial in reducing recidivism, as participants are more aware of how the choices they make, impact the outcomes of situations. The change in Locus of Control appears to be highly correlated with the principles taught in Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT). Participants who completed Step 7 or higher of MRT showed more significant changes on the Locus of Control scale; significant changes were also seen on the Relations with Parents scale. Significant changes were also noted on other BASC-2 scales, including: Anxiety, Depression, Sense of Inadequacy, Relations with Parents and Self-Reliance. However, the changes varied significantly based on several factors, including CPIC scores, parental marital status, length of time spent in the program, type of offense committed and history of family problems. The recidivism data available also indicated a significantly lower rate for program participants, than for juvenile offenders who had committed minor offenses, as reported by the state.

#### Recidivism

In the current study, ten participants (66.7%) committed an offense (status, non-status or both) prior to intake into the program. Of the 10 participants, recidivism data was available for 8 participants, with length of time since leaving the group home ranging from 6 months to 14 months.

Of the ten offenders in this study, four committed a status offense prior to intake into the program. Recidivism data was available for all four participants; ten months or more after leaving the program, recidivism data indicates that none of the four participants had reoffended.

Of the ten offenders in this study, six committed a non-status or a non-status and a status offense, prior to intake into the program. Recidivism data was available for four of six of the participants, ranging from 6 months to 10 months. After four months, three out of four participants had not reoffended.

Of the ten offenders in this study, three completed Step 6 or less of MRT and seven completed Step 7 or MRT or higher; participants who completed Step 6 of MRT or less did not reoffend. One individual who completed Step 7 or higher of MRT reoffended.

Recidivism data was available for 80% of individuals with involvement with the Department of Juvenile Justice. The 6 to14 month recidivism rate for participants was 12.5%. The North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Committee (2011) reported recidivism rates on juveniles between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007. The sample included 6,639 juveniles. 71.1% of the juveniles committed minor offenses, similar to the offenses committed by participants in the current study. The overall recidivism rate for juveniles who had committed a minor offense was found to be 54.5%, with an average of 11 months until the first recidivistic event. The results of a Chi Square Goodness of Fit analysis indicate that the recidivism rates in the current study are significantly lower than those reported by the North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Committee,  $X^2(1, N=8) = 4.50$ , p = .034.

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## Research Brief

## **Promising Arizona Program for Treating Domestic Violence: Changing Strategies to Improve Outcomes** by Robert A. Kirchner, Ph.D. Glacier Consulting, Inc.

#### Introduction

This article reports the results of a secondary analysis of data collected on two separate interventions that are designed to change behaviors and reduce domestic violence instances in the community. The analysis is designed to answer specific questions comparing two different intervention modalities and the effects resulting from completing the programs. Glacier Consulting, Inc. (GCI) was given the data on participants that completed each program and concluded the results presented next.

#### **Comparative Analysis of the Duluth Model and Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT)**

First, the analysis produced results for the Duluth Model approach utilized in an eclectic counseling approach in the domestic violence (DV) program. The DV program was based on the theoretical framework of the Duluth Model, encompassing the Amend and Emerge Models of Domestic Violence Treatment and the research of Donald Dutton, Ph.D. Our analysis reviewed the cases of 175 participants that completed the program, and found that the recidivism rate was 41% over the two year (24 month) period following completion of the program.

Next, we reviewed the cohort of 155 individuals that completed the MRT intervention implemented in July 2011 by the Correctional Healthcare Company, utilizing the MRT Domestic Violence treatment program. The program is divided in 24 modules with each module completed in a group session. Of the 155 program participants that completed the program with an average of one and half years (18 months), the recidivism rate to date is 14%.

#### Conclusion

These results confirm that the overall effects for MRT in domestic violence intervention promotes outcomes that protect against recidivism versus the Duluth Model for implementation in the Glendale, Arizona Court System..

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