

Developing Critical Community Partnerships to Reduce Recidivism

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TASC's Work

- Over 30 years of experience integrating justice and health in Illinois
- TASC = bridge for people involved in both
 - criminal justice system
 - substance abuse treatment system
- TASC case management
 - keeps people engaged in treatment = improves their chance of successful recovery
 - accountable to the criminal justice system

Critical Community Partnerships



Partnerships

- Types of partnerships
 - Contractual
 - Verbal
 - Assumed

Partnerships

- Stages of partnerships
 - Establishing
 - Restoring
 - Maintaining / sustaining

Building Capacity



Building Capacity

- Capacity-building
 - preparing the community and its members to undergo and affect change
- Ongoing partnerships are **CRITICAL** to building capacity

Building Capacity

- Guiding principles of strength-based capacity building
 - Every person has the potential for making meaningful contributions to daily community living
 - Each of us has a place at the community table
- These principles apply to ex-offenders, treatment providers, AND community stakeholders

(Cornell University, 2005)

Building Capacity

- Needs assessment
 - Why?
 - Identify assets
 - Identify deficits and challenges
 - Utilize assets to address deficits and challenges

Building Capacity

- Collaboration
 - Why?
 - Build consensus
 - Garner buy-in
 - Consensus-building and buy-in will improve your chances at reaching your goal of reduced recidivism

Building Capacity

- Address the barrier of stigma
 - Addiction
 - Ex-offender
- Ex-offender-PHOBIA
 - Check in with self
 - Check in with community

Questions?

Thank you!

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