**Evidence-Based Practice for Massachusetts**

**Funding Professional Excellence**

**in Correctional Activities**

***Aim****:* calibrate correctional spending to 7 criteria promoting public safety.

1. Provide ***productive engagement***, not warehousing, during the period of incarceration.
2. Provide ***security staffing levels*** matching population levels and facility design to ensure safe correctional environments.
3. Deliver evidence-based criminogenic ***Risk-Need-Responsivity*** interventions (RNR) focused on:
	1. RISK: programs match ***who*** receives interventions, aligning with the profile of the inmate population
	2. NEEDS: programs strategically address ***what*** correlates with justice involvement, namely “big eight” criminogenic factors—*behavior, personality, cognitions, associates, family, work / education, leisure activities, and relationship to substances*.
	3. RESPONSIVITY: programs occur in ways designed for ***how*** the populations served best learn, including culturally attuned, gender-responsive, trauma-informed care.
4. Promote interventions based on published data for effectiveness with justice-involved adults, providing ***sufficient dosage and program fidelit*y**.
5. Start ***reentry planning*** on day one, including and not limited to community provider in-reach.
6. Continue ***regional solutions*** supporting local needs, resources, and opportunities—maximizing strengths in correctional practice.
7. Correlate and adjust interventions to ***positive outcomes*** such as reduced recidivism, improved facility climates, and increased community support engagement post-release.

**Sources**: See next page.

References

Andrews, D. A., & Bonta, J. (2016). The psychology of criminal conduct (6th ed.). New York, NY: Routledge Publishing. <https://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9781107415324.004>

Ashe, M. J. (2014a). Guiding principles of best correctional policy and practice, as developed by the Hampden County model, 1975 – 2013: Ludlow, MA. Retrieved from http://hcsdma.org/

Ashe, M. J. (2014b). To improve public health and safety, one sheriff looks beyond the jail walls. Health Affairs, 33(3), 511–514. https://doi.org/10.1377/hlthaff.2013.1396

Ashe, M. J., & Lyman, M. (2016). Hampden County Sheriff’s Department and Correctional

Center’s 2014 & 2012 releases. Ludlow, MA. Retrieved from [www.hcsdma.org](http://www.hcsdma.org)

Bandura, A. (1977). Social learning theory. Prentice-Hall Series in Social Learning Theory (Vol. viii). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1460-2466.1978.tb01621.x

Barnes, G. C., Hyatt, J. M., & Sherman, L. W. (2017). Even a little bit helps: An implementation and experimental evaluation of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for high-risk probationers. Criminal Justice and Behavior, 44(4), 611–630. https://doi.org/10.1177/0093854816673862

Because Gender Matters. (2017). Retrieved from <http://cjinvolvedwomen.org>

Begun, A. L., Early, T. J., & Hodge, A. (2016). Mental health and substance abuse service engagement by men and women during community reentry following incarceration. Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research, 43(2), 207–218. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10488-015-0632-2>

Christensen, G. E. (2008). Our system of corrections: Do jails play a role in improving offender outcomes? Crime And Justice. Washington, DC. Retrieved from <https://s3.amazonaws.com/static.nicic.gov/Library/023357.pdf>

Cramer, M., & Russell, J. (2016, November 25). Spotlight: Mental health and prisons, the new asylums. The Boston Globe.

Decou, K., & Van Wright, S. J. (2012). A gender-specific intervention model for incarcerated women. In L. Landsberg, G., Smiley, A., Bloom (Ed.), Serving mentally ill offenders: Challenges and opportunities for mental health professionals (1st ed., pp. 172–191). New York, NY: Springer.

Desmarais, S. L., Johnson, K. L., & Singh, J. P. (2017). Performance of Recidivism Risk Assessment Instruments in U.S. Correctional Settings. Handbook of Recidivism Risk/Needs Assessment Tools, 13(3), 1–29. <https://doi.org/10.1002/9781119184256.ch1>

Forman, B., Jones, J., & Hiller, A. (2016). Mounting an evidence-based criminal justice response to substance abuse and drug offending in Massachusetts. Boston, MA. Retrieved from https://massinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Mounting-an-Evidence-Based-Criminal- Justice-Response-to-Substance-Abuse-and-Drug-Offending-in-Massachusetts.pdf

Forman, B., & Widmer, M. (2017). Getting tough on spending: An examination of correctional

expenditure in Massachusetts. Boston, MA.

Van Wright, S. J. (2019) Evaluating What Promotes Pro-Social Learning in Justice-Involved Adults: A Quantitative Study of Outcomes after Release from Short-term Confinement. Doctoral Dissertation, American International College.

SJV 01/05/22 P:\Programs\Special Commission\

Executive Summary on E B P in Corrections.docx