

Rethinking Community Supervision: Moving from a Referee to a Coach Model

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As probation departments begin to re-evaluate their work, there is a significant shift in the role they can play with those under supervision. Agencies have historically been asked to play a referee-type role, monitoring the rules and conditions and blowing the whistle when observing the justice-involved individual stepping outside the lines. But there has been a recent call to transform probation officers from referees to coaches. Coaches' role is to help their players win. To do so is to be able to assess talent quickly, design plans to help build strengths while minimizing the risks, reinforce, cheer, and hold accountable. This presentation will provide the framework for rethinking probation's role at the table as one of coach versus referee.

Dr. Brian Lovins, Principal with Justice Systems Partners, will explore with attendees how innovative strategies can result in greater public safety and higher success rates. Dr. Lovins will provide tips for policymakers and practitioners who, by implementing policies and practices based on evidence, from graduated responses to motivational interviewing, can continue the trend toward smaller and more effective systems of community supervision.

Join us for this exciting presentation on Wednesday, September 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (ET) and Thursday, September 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This is a two part series and will provide attendees with 6 hours of EBP continuing education.

Dr. Brian Lovins is a Principal for Justice System Partners (JSP). He earned his PhD in Criminology from the University of Cincinnati. He is currently President-Elect for the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA). Prior to JSP, Dr. Lovins worked for Harris County CSCD as the Assistant Director. He was tasked with developing and implementing agency wide change plans to drive increased successful completion rates. In addition, he has the Associate Director for the University of Cincinnati's Corrections Institute—the School of Criminal Justice's training and research department. He has developed a state-wide juvenile risk assessment (Ohio Youth Assessment System: OYAS) and adult risk assessment (Ohio Risk Assessment System: ORAS), as well as validation of a series of pretrial risk assessments. Dr. Lovins has been invited to present to over 200 agencies and routinely trains agencies in the principles of effective intervention, risk assessment, and the delivery of cognitive-behavioral interventions.

Dr. Lovins has received the Dr. Simon Dinitz Award for his work and dedication in helping correctional agencies adopt evidence-based programs and the David Dillingham Award, as well as a being recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus from the University of Cincinnati. His publications include articles on risk assessment, sexual offenders, effective interventions, and cognitive-behavioral interventions.