**Session Title:** Overview of the Juvenile Justice Mental Health Program and Unique Roles for Behavioral Health Professionals

**Date of Session:** October 31, 2023 at 4:15pm

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**Audio-visual needs:** PowerPoint and Internet connection for possible video streaming

**Session description:**

In this session, there will be an overview of the Juvenile Justice Mental Health Program (JJMHP) under Yale Behavioral Health. You will learn about the development and implementation of services for pre-and post-adjudicated youth throughout the state of Connecticut which includes a review of the risks, needs, and responsivity model (R-N-R). The session will also discuss the unique roles for behavioral health professionals in juvenile corrections. Lastly, the presenter will focus on the role of a psychologist as program director of the JJMHP contract and how diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) are incorporated in all dimensions of this work.

**Session/learning objectives (**at least 3 and no more than 5 using the following format)

At the conclusion of this session, fellows will be able to:

1. Understand the juvenile justice system within the state of Connecticut and implications for practice
2. Know about the different roles for psychologists and other behavioral health professionals in the juvenile justice system
3. Identify ways to apply diversity, equity, and inclusion within multiple dimensions of juvenile justice work

**Recommended readings:**

Andrews, D. A., Bonta, J., & Wormith, J. S. (2006). The recent past and near future of risk and/or need assessment. *Crime & Delinquency*, *52*(1), 7-27. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0011128705281756>

(This article is by the researchers who formalized the risk-needs-responsivity model and some more recent criticisms and considerations since its development in 1990)

McCormick, S., Peterson-Badali, M., & Skilling, T. A. (2017). The role of mental health and specific responsivity in juvenile justice rehabilitation. *Law and Human Behavior, 41(1),* 55-67.

(This article reviews the use of the R-N-R model and matching youth to services based on mental health and criminogenic risk needs)

Aalsma, M. C., White, L. M., Lau, K. S., Perkins, A., Monahan, P., & Grisso, T. (2015). Behavioral health care needs, detention-based care, and criminal recidivism at community reentry from juvenile detention: A multisite survival curve analysis. *American journal of public health*, *105*(7), 1372-1378. <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2014.302529>

(This article takes a look at behavioral health services in Indiana and its impact on recidivism)