Getting Started: Best Practices and Common Challenges for New PRSS Programming

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Welcome

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Introductions

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Learning Objectives

- This session will:
  - Explore methods of bridging the link to connect people to trustworthy community resources.
  - Highlight tips for establishing a valid program through identifying and building stakeholder relationships.
  - Discuss the movement toward a “connection” model and away from an “enforcement” model of recovery.
  - Identify steps for establishing an evidence-base to secure and maintain programmatic funding.

Discussion

- When your organization first began implementing PRSS, how did you ensure participants were being connected to community resources that were relevant and consistent in meeting their needs?
- Was it important for your organization to build relationships with stakeholders in the early phases of implementing PRSS?
- You both work closely with peers from a law enforcement perspective. How does the "enforcement" model align or conflict with the recovery-orientation necessary to effective peer implementation?
- What steps have your organizations needed to take to ensure you are moving toward establishing an evidence-based peer program?

Questions and Answers

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