UC Corrections Institute presents

Ohio Risk Assessment System

The Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS) is a dynamic risk/needs assessment system to be used with adult offenders. It offers criminal justice actors the ability to assess individuals at various decision points across the criminal justice system. More specifically, the ORAS is comprised of 5 tools: 1) pre-trial; 2) prison intake; 3) community supervision; 4) reentry from a long-term prison stay (4+ years); and 5) reentry from a short-term prison stay (< 4 years). In order to use the ORAS, agencies must be trained. There is no cost to use the ORAS after training takes place. The training provides an overview of the assessment tools and techniques for administering and scoring the individual assessments. In addition, the training will review how to use the scores obtained from individuals' ORAS assessments to develop case plans for reducing offender risk. This is a 2-day training. A "train-the-trainer" is also available, which allows agencies to facilitate their own ORAS trainings.

END USER

The end user session is two days of training for a maximum of 30 trainees, and is outlined below:

Day 1: Introduction to the Ohio Risk Assessment System; Review and practice scoring—Pre-Trial, Community Supervision, and Community Supervision Screener
Day 2: Practice Interview Skills; Review and practice scoring—Supplemental Reentry, Reentry tools; and Review "assessment driven" case planning; take certification test

TRAIN-THE-TRAINER

The train-the-trainer session is five days of training for a maximum of 12 trainers. To qualify as a candidate for this session, the trainee must have taken the end-user ORAS training and completed at least 20 assessments on "real offenders." The training is outlined below:

Day 1: Review of the ORAS (scoring for each tool and areas of concern for trainers) and PowerPoint
Day 2: Training tips (UC master trainers will provide "tips and tricks" to training; review frequently asked questions; and review two day end-user training agenda); begin "mock training" (break into groups, present sections of the Power Point to each other; receive feedback)
Day 3: Continue "mock training" with Power Point slides; practice facilitating scoring and videos (practice justifying scoring items for each video); take certification test
Days 4/5: Trainers will deliver an end-user training to "real" trainees

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