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Today's Speakers

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Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this presentation, participants will be able to:

- Understand the role of a correctional officer within an RSAT Program.
- Describe how cross-training between correctional and treatment staff can improve program outcomes.
- List three benefits of correctional officer involvement in RSAT programming.

From the Promising Practices
Guidelines for Residential
Substance Abuse Treatment



From the Promising Practices Guidelines:

- CBT and cognitive behavioral interventions (CBIs) ... should be practiced and reinforced by all program staff, **including treatment personnel and correctional officers.** (p.8)
- MI can be integrated into ... daily interactions between all staff — **including correctional officers** — and participants to help move them toward desired prosocial change. (p.10)
- It is important that participants are positively influenced and encouraged by their peers, **as well as by specially trained correctional officers** and other treatment staff. (p.19)
- It is not uncommon, especially in TCs, **for RSAT officers to facilitate groups and administer screenings**, thus it is advisable for officers to be trained in these instruments and curricula. (p.32)

*It is **imperative** that correctional officers (who, in most facilities, **spend more direct face time with participants than treatment staff do**) reinforce behavioral standards and activities promoted by RSAT program expectations and treatment staff. (p.20)*

QUESTIONS

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- **In revision:** Co-Occurring Disorders and Integrated Treatment Strategies
- **Seeking input:** Role of Correctional Officers

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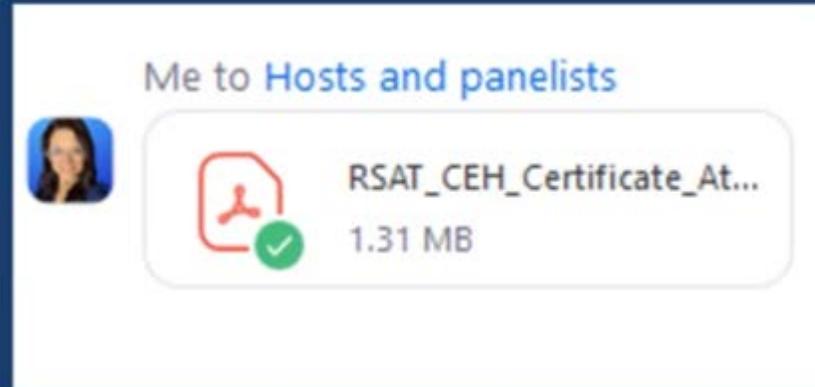
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