

The Why and Possible How of Providing Gambling Treatment in a Correctional Setting

Objectives

1. Participants will increase their understanding of the challenges associated with providing gambling treatment within correctional settings.
2. Participants will identify and describe the connection between problem gambling and other behavioral health issues.
3. Participants will discuss strategies for providing effective gambling treatment to marginalized communities.
4. Participants will increase their understanding of addictive disease and its relationship to problem gambling.
5. Participants will gain an understanding of how correctional settings operate and how this impacts treatment delivery.



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Program Description

This session examines the challenges of addressing problem gambling within correctional settings, including the influence of prison culture, criminogenic factors, psychiatric and substance-use comorbidities, racial and ethnic disparities, and limited access to treatment. Participants will explore how problem gambling intersects with other behavioral health issues and addictive disease, as well as common warning signs and population-specific concerns such as alternative currencies, gambling-related debt, impulsivity, and risks during re-entry. The session also reviews how correctional systems operate and how these environments shape assessment and service delivery. Attendees will discuss culturally responsive strategies and evidence-based approaches for providing effective gambling treatment to marginalized and justice-involved individuals.

Speaker Bio

William Hasan has worked in the community and social services field since 1993. He holds a BA in Psychology from Case Western Reserve University and an MA in Psychology from Cleveland State University. He has been a Licensed Social Worker since 1993 and a Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor since 2009, and he earned a Renewable Gambling Endorsement in 2025. William currently works full time as an Addiction Recovery Specialist II with MetroHealth Hospital's Department of Correctional Health and also provides counseling services as an independent contractor with the Black Mental Health Corporation. His professional interests include addiction, problem gambling, and advancing comprehensive gambling treatment services for marginalized communities.

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