

The Resource Team: Innovations

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Level

Intermediate

Room

Track

Clinical/Policy, Administration & Legislation

CE

CPA/BBS/CJER

Bio

Matthew Borba, PhD currently serves as the Chief of Mental Health at Salinas Valley State Prison, a high security men's facility in Soledad, CA. In this role he oversees the multiple inpatient and outpatient mental health treatment programs within the institution. He has also been active on the board for Division IV (Psychologists in Public Service) of the California Psychological Association since 2023.

Narrative

Mental health staff in correctional settings have an important role to play in treating illness but also have an important role to play in supporting all staff, including peace officers, in being active participants in the daily rehabilitation of residents and in being active pro-social role models for residents. This presentation outlines the development of the Resource Team model, its relationship to staff and resident health and wellness, and to positively influence the culture of corrections. It considers how the Norwegian Correctional Service developed this team model over the past decades and how California has recently adapted it for this state's unique challenges. It invites participants of all disciplines to consider how active interdisciplinary collaboration and coordination in the rehabilitation of residents benefits the mission of each of the parties involved. Finally, this presentation equips participants to consider how the foundations of this model might be applied to a variety of correctional settings.

Learning Objectives

1. Describe the genesis of the Resource Team model
2. Compare and contrast California state prisons with the Norwegian Correctional System
3. Describe the Resource Team model and its goals (at SVSP and other prisons)
4. Describe the role of interdisciplinary collaboration developed in California Resource Teams
5. Analyze how this model might be adapted to other correctional settings