

Combatting Recidivism

Level

Intermediate

CE

CPA/BBS/BRN/CJER

Track

Clinical

Bio

Rhonda Higgins, PsyD

Rhonda is a Clinical and Forensic Psychologist who has proudly served Justice Involved Mental Health (JIMH) populations in the County of Los Angeles since 2001, following the completion of her undergraduate studies in Psychology in 2001. Upon earning her PsyD in 2012, Rhonda served as a member of an interdisciplinary recovery team at South Florida Evaluation and Treatment Center (SFETC) in Florida City, Florida. As a psychology resident, she oversaw 2 adult psychiatric units, Incompetent to Stand Trial and Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity. SFETC prepared her for her directorial role in justice involved mental health as a Program Administrator for the largest justice involved mental health and clinical case management program in Los Angeles County, Telecare CORE LA.

Rhonda's 7-year tenure at Telecare provide her the opportunity to further enhance JIMH population(s), while ensuring safety and successful rehabilitation in the community. She currently consults with JIMH service providers on combatting recidivism and has partnered with the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health, UCLA, and Mental Health Los Angeles training programs for peer support specialists. Rhonda's current role is an opportunity for her to contribute to the forensic psychology profession and to inspire the next generation of JIMH professionals to embrace concepts of member-centered care, recovery, empowerment, cultural humility, community partner collaborations, and community-based service models that emphasize diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Narrative

Requested

Learning Objectives

Describe three ways the impact of traumatic experiences have on parolees' transition to the community.

Provide three examples of safety considerations for the JIMH population that support successful reintegration.

Identify three criminogenic needs that inform your practice within JIMH.

Describe three key components of recovery-oriented treatment plans that help combat recidivism.