

Latinx Masculinity and Treatment of Violence in Correctional Practice

Level

Intermediate

CE

CPA/BBS/BRN/CJER

Track

Clinical

Bio

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Rogelio currently works as a Clinical Psychologist for the Federal Bureau of Prisons at the Federal Corrections Institute in Terminal Island, California. He holds dual licenses as a Clinical Psychologist and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. His primary clinical work involves psychological treatment for male federal inmates on management of chronic mental illness, crisis intervention, violence and suicide prevention, anger management and community reintegration. He is also an Adjunct Faculty member at Pepperdine University's, Graduate School of Education and Psychology.

Prior to his career with the Bureau of Prisons, Rogelio worked as a Marriage and Family Therapist in community mental health and private practice, focusing on clinical treatment of complex trauma, dual diagnosis, chronically mentally ill, Latino men and couples. He provides consultation and training for community organizations on issues related to criminal behavior, masculinity development, anger management, trauma, play therapy, multicultural therapy and risk assessment. His research interests are in the area of men and masculinities, violence prevention, domestic violence and qualitative research methods.

Narrative

Violence prevention is a significant area of focus for clinicians working within various correctional environments. Evidence-based practices to prevent, treat, and predict violent behaviors have been employed within the correctional clinical practice arena from standardized approaches developed for general populations. In order to provide tailored clinical interventions to address prison violence in men it is important to consider the intersections of gender socialization, culture and contextual factors for specific populations. The Latinx community has continually been overrepresented within the correctional systems of the United States and developing strategies for violence treatment and prevention may lead to more efficient clinical interventions for this population.

In this presentation participants will gain in depth understanding of how various factors of the Latinx prison male population combine to often develop and sustain violent behaviors. Through

case examples and analysis of current clinical strategies, participants will learn sequenced lines of interventions to facilitate treatment of violence with Latinx incarcerated men.

Learning Objectives

Describe three examples of the level of influence that correctional environments have on aggressive and violent behaviors.

Identify three social, contextual and clinical factors that increase the potential for violence among Latinx male populations.

Develop three strategies to evaluate violence potential in Latinx incarcerated men.

Explain three clinical interventions to de-escalate violence and engage Latinx men in treatment for violence prevention.