

Community Corrections Peer Review Project

The Oregon Association of Community Corrections Director (OACCD) in partnership with the Oregon Department of Corrections (ODOC) has developed a peer review process for assessing community corrections agencies. The review is meant to serve as a guide to agencies, who seek to implement evidence-based practices (EBP) as an overall strategy to reduce recidivism. The final report is designed to provide feedback to community corrections agencies and ascertain how well evidence-based practices are being utilized, identify areas that need improvement, and provide specific recommendations that can help enhance existing services.

The assessment tool used is entitled, “*Assessing Evidence Based Practices in Community Corrections*,” and was created based upon research and work conducted by the National Institute of Corrections, Crime and Justice Institute, as well as Thomas White, of the Connecticut Judicial Branch. The assessment and scoring criteria were developed by a Peer Review Workgroup, which included members of OACCD and ODOC, and was based on a comprehensive review of existing literature relating to evidence-based practices for community corrections, offender programming, as well as a review of other relevant information relating to agency management, effective collaboration, and research-based strategies for corrections.

The assessment is divided into four sections representing critical areas, which impact the successful operation of a community corrections agency and the implementation of EBP: Section I: Agency Management; Section II: Collaboration; Section III: Offender Supervision and Case Management; and Section IV: Offender Treatment Interventions.

The Peer Review Team typically consists of six members, however, may vary depending on the size of the agency. Team members conduct interviews with agency participants, community partners, and offenders (see list below). Additionally, file reviews and data from other sources are used to reach a consensus and provide the information and recommendations indicated in the final report. Data reviewed includes the Community Corrections Plan, State Outcome Measures, LSCMI Assessment Reports and the various CPC’s on Treatment Programs.

Agency Participants:

Community Corrections Director
Parole and Probation Supervisor
Parole and Probation Officer(s)

Community Partners:

County Sheriff
District Attorney
Presiding Judge
Jail Commander
Primary Treatment Provider(s)

Miscellaneous:

Offenders (HI and MED)

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