Trauma Screening & Assessment in ATCCs

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Advantages to Being Trauma Informed

Increase safety

Avoid re-traumatization

Make appropriate treatment referrals

Decrease recidivism

Key component
Screening & Assessment

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Screening and Assessment

Screening for trauma symptoms

Screening for trauma history

Assessment of traumatic experiences/PTSD
Program Goals

Confirm PTSD Symptoms?

Gather a brief history of traumatic events?

Gather detailed information on traumatic experiences?

Conduct a diagnostic assessment?
GAINS Selection Process

Work with Queens Treatment Courts

Extensive literature review

Experiences of other courts/programs

Familiarity with types of populations in treatment courts
Trauma Symptom Screening

**PTSD Checklist-Civilian Version (PCL-C)**

- 17-item, self-administered
- Corresponds to key PTSD symptoms
- Severity score
- Quick, easy, free – English & Spanish

**Impact of Events Scale (IES)**

- 22-item, self-administered
- Results in 4 PTSD subscales
- Quick, free, available in many languages
Trauma History Screening

Life Events Checklist (LEC)
- 17-item, self-administered, English-only
- Brief history of traumatic events

Trauma History Screen (THS) – modified
- 13-item, self-report, asks about 11 events
- Yes/no – # times, details such as age, distress

Life Stressors Checklist-Revised (LSC-R)
- Self-administered, provide details, rate each
- Choose 3 most upsetting events

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Trauma Assessment

Post-traumatic Diagnostic Scale (PDS)
- 49-item, self-administered
- PTSD symptoms related to single event
- Tracks PTSD criteria
- Proprietary, MH professionals or researchers

Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale (CAPS)
- 30-item, structured interview, “gold standard”
- Assesses symptoms, functioning, improvement, & severity/frequency of PTSD symptoms
- Free, available in many languages

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Conclusion

Do your homework
Know your population
Know your program goals
Know what trauma treatment options exist and how to refer/link
Get help: GAINS & NCPTSD

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