

Utah's Response and Incentive Matrix: Stakeholder Perceptions

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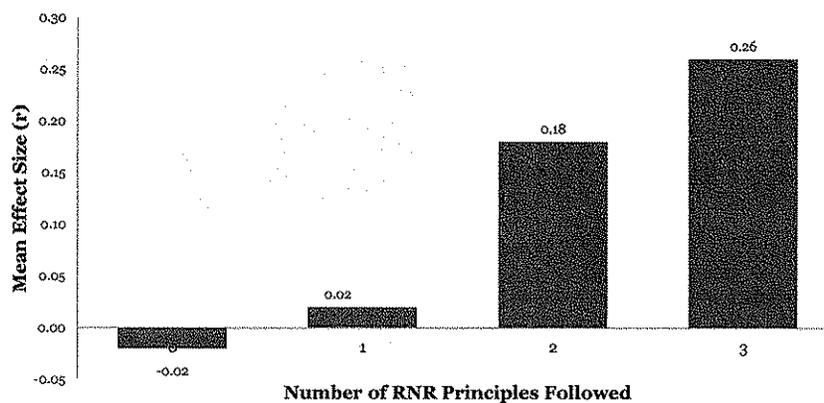
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Risk Reduction

- Assign treatment and supervision resources based on assessed risk of recidivism
- Target dynamic needs that have demonstrated association with recidivism
- Responses rooted in principles of behavior modification:
 - Swift
 - Certain
 - Consistent
 - Proportionate

Effects of RNR

from a databank of 374 controlled experimental tests of the effects on recidivism of various offender treatment interventions



Data Source: Andrews, Dowden, & Gendreau, 1999
Adapted from Figure 2.3 in Andrews & Bonta, 2006

Implementation of Evidence Based Practices (EBP)

- Despite EBP being part of professional discourse for 2+ decades:
 - Criminal Justice Drug Abuse Treatment Studies project showed low levels of EBP implementation (Taxman & Belenko, 2012)
 - Parole agencies showed low levels of implementation of EBPs (Jannetta et al., 2009)
 - Center for Addiction and Substance Abuse found low levels of EBP adoption by addiction treatment facilities (CASA, 2012)

Burrell & Rhine, 2013

5 Strategies for Implementation of EBP

1. Investment of time is critical for successful implementation
2. Training alone is not sufficient
3. Risk/Need assessment is the *foundation* of EBP
4. Measurement is essential
5. Collaboration is a core strategy for successful implementation

Burrell & Rhine, 2013

RIM Pilot: Stakeholder Perceptions

- Stakeholders
 - Communication
- Agents
 - Theoretical framework
 - Systemic issues
- Offenders
 - Limited exposure

Current Project

- Stakeholder Surveys
 - Statewide
 - AP&P Agents, Judges, Attorneys, Board of Pardons & Parole Hearing Officers
 - In-person training, presentation of results in each region
- Offender Interviews
 - Northern Region (50)
 - Region 6 (25)

Stakeholder Surveys

- Endorsement of the principles of effective correctional interventions
- Problems using RIM
- Perception of impact

Judges, Attorneys, Board of Pardons & Parole Hearing Officers

- Trust in risk assessment to inform decision-making
- Communication
- Collaboration

AP&P Agents

- Appropriate treatment targets
- Timing and nature of response to offender behavior
- Purpose of contact
- Problems with implementation

Offender Interviews

- Familiarity with treatment plan
- Familiarity with response options for positive and negative behavior
- Time between behavior and response
- Perception of ratio of rewards to sanctions
- Perception of criminal justice system
 - Fairness
- Perception of AP&P agent
 - Quality of relationship