

# Motivational Interviewing for Justice-Involved Populations

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## Overview

This is a training program in the theoretical understanding and practical application of an evidence-based clinical method of motivational interviewing (MI) to empower individuals under criminal justice supervision, who often also experience serious challenges such as substance use disorders, mental health conditions, psychosocial dysfunctions, etc.- to make positive behavioral changes. The first step of the training will be a review of the principles of behavioral change, the spirit and fundamental skills of motivational interviewing, and practical exercises to help participants strengthen empathy skills, recognize and elicit change talk, and roll with resistance. Research evidence will be reviewed for the efficacy of MI and for the importance of building therapeutic relationships in individuals' outcomes. The second step in the training will be focused on integration of motivational interviewing skills with other strategies, such as cognitive-behavioral strategies – the two treatment modalities with strongest empirical support of effectiveness in empowering justice-involved persons and assisting them with psychosocial adjustments. Click here to see the [training outline](#).

## Learning Objectives

- Demonstrate the ability to respond to individuals with reflective listening statements
- Describe all the aspects of the spirit of MI
- Identify the differences between MI and other counseling strategies
- Identify, elicit, and reinforce change talk within an individual's speech.
- Understand the basic and intermediate skills in motivational interviewing
- Apply MI skills in the context of criminal-justice environments, understanding systemic limitations

## Audience

All BHS therapists, counselors, family & support partners, case managers, and other direct service providers working within the behavioral health system of care .

## Training

## Date

## Time

Overview	Thursday, April 4, 2019	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Skills Training A	Tuesday, April 23, 2019	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
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Skills Training B	Tuesday, April 23, 2019	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Participants will receive 11 CEs upon completion of ALL training activities. No partial CEs will be given. Please arrange accordingly with your supervisors before enrolling in the series.

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