

Week 8 Overview + Course Materials: Addressing Mental Disorders in Community Corrections

Welcome to Week 8!

This week we will be discussing post-conviction supervision, also referred to as probation. We will discuss community re-entry for people with mental disorders. U.S. Probation Officers will be joining us this week for a panel discussion about supervising people with mental disorders in the community.

- Please take good notes during this lecture as they will come in handy for your final paper. I will provide a speaker worksheet during this presentation.
- Come ready to discuss the assigned article.

Learning Objectives:

- Discuss specific needs for people with mental disorders entering the community, and supports that may contribute to avoid recidivism.
- Describe the purpose of post-conviction supervision and its function for reentry.
- Identify various risk factors that may impact community safety and recidivism.
- Recognize common assessments used in the field to evaluate safety risks involving a person re-entering the community.
- Explain the role of medication use in assisting reintegration into the community.

Assignments Due by Week 9:

- Read [Chapter 8: Successful Community Reentry for People with Mental Disorders](#)
- Read article: [The Effects of Serious Mental Illness on Offender Reentry](#) (Federal Probation). This article discusses supervising people with severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI).