

Carey Group Training Courses

A staged approach to competency development is the most effective way for agencies to implement evidence-based practices. Staff are more receptive to new information, adopt new practices more readily, and retain information and skills for longer when they can build on previous learning.

Course 1: Evidence-Based Practices Overview – *Target audience: Agencies and stakeholders who play a role or work with adults or youth involved in the justice system. Course customizable for supervisors, line staff, or stakeholders/service providers. Course length: 1 day*

Now, more than ever, it is critical for agencies to implement practices that, according to research, produce positive results in terms of behavior change, risk reduction, and improved outcomes for clients and communities. This course answers that need by explaining the research related to evidence-based practices and by giving participants specific do's and don'ts for providing effective client interventions and supervision. Concepts explained in this class are foundational to building capacity for future learning and skill development.

Course 2: Motivational Interviewing – *Target audience: Behavioral health, child welfare, corrections, and community corrections professionals who work with adults or youth. Course length: 2 days*

Motivational interviewing (MI) is a collaborative communication style that provides the groundwork for developing professional alliances, which is critical to helping people build skills and successfully implement risk reduction strategies. This hands-on course provides staff with the knowledge and understanding of how to use MI to increase engagement and to identify, elicit, and respond to change talk. Participants also practice skills needed to effectively address and respond to resistance toward change.

Course 3: Four Core Competencies – *Target audience: Corrections and community corrections professionals who work with adults or youth. Course customizable for supervisors, line staff, or both. Course length: 2 days*

Skills matter when it comes to reducing recidivism rates and increasing long-term positive behavior change. This course gives participants the opportunity to learn and practice skills related to four core competencies: developing professional relationships, creating effective case plans and case management strategies, conducting skill practice to address criminogenic needs, and using appropriate responses to shape behavior.

Course 4: Tools Training – Carey Guides, Brief Intervention Tools (BITS), and Driver Workbook – *Target audience: Corrections and community corrections professionals who work with adults or youth. Course customizable for supervisors, line staff, or both. Options: Carey Guides, BITS, and/or Driver Workbook courses. Course length: 1 or 2 days*

The Carey Guides, Brief Intervention Tools (BITS), and Driver Workbook are cognitive behavioral tools that make it possible for professionals to identify and address the most influential criminogenic needs that lead to risk reduction and case management concerns. Staff interactions will become more impactful after taking this hands-on course where they will learn about and practice using these tools to successfully move people through the change process.

Course 5: Effective Case Planning and Management – *Target audience: Corrections and community corrections professionals who work with adults or youth. Customizable for supervisors, line staff, or both. Course length: 1 or 2 days*

From the “why” to the “how,” this course connects all the dots when it comes to effective case planning and management: engaging clients, interpreting and sharing assessment results, identifying the driver and skills to develop, and collaborating with clients to create meaningful case plans that will serve as a roadmap to success. Skills learned in this course, which is adapted to reflect agency policies and practices, are fundamental for staff who supervise, guide, and move people toward positive change.

Course 6: Supervisor’s EBP BriefCASE – *Target audience: Supervisors, facilitators, leads, and staff development personnel of corrections and community corrections agencies working with adults or youth. Option: Manager’s EBP BriefCASE to help executive-level staff advance their evidence-based organizations. Course length: 1 or 2 days*

This skill-based course will develop participants’ capacity to use the Supervisor’s EBP BriefCASE—a high-quality booster curriculum—to teach staff, coach them, and reinforce their use of evidence-based practices. During the course, participants will become familiar with the contents of the BriefCASE, practice facilitating several modules, and leave prepared to use the BriefCASE at future staff learning events, whether for new hires, rotations, or refresher trainings.

Course 7: Risk Reduction Coaching for Supervisors – *Target audience: Supervisors of corrections and community corrections professionals who work with adults or youth. Course length: 1 day*

Supervisors play a critical role in helping their staff incorporate and transfer skills learned in training to everyday practice. This course helps supervisors develop the qualities and abilities needed to provide ongoing support, coaching, and feedback to help staff successfully integrate skills related to risk reduction into their work.

Course 8: Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) – *Target audience: Leadership, managers, and quality assurance staff of corrections and community corrections agencies working with adults or youth. Course length: 1 day*

Most change efforts fail because important implementation and post-implementation strategies are overlooked, but this doesn’t have to be the case. Through a process of continuous quality improvement, agencies can ensure ongoing success in achieving recidivism reduction goals. This course assists participants in developing an action plan that provides them with a roadmap, tools, and strategies critical to ensuring fidelity to evidence-based practices.

Booster Training: Protect your investment and show staff you are committed to implementing practices and building on skills learned in prior courses by providing booster training. Booster trainings increase sustainability and allow staff the opportunity to advance their knowledge, share experiences, ask clarifying questions, and strengthen their confidence and ability to deliver interventions more effectively. It is recommended that staff complete booster training 6–12 months following initial training.

Carey Group offers booster trainings for most core courses. We also provide two courses that specifically serve as boosters:

Achieving Risk Reduction Through Effective Staff Interventions – *Target audience: Corrections and community corrections professionals who work with adults or youth. Course customizable for supervisors, line staff, or both. Course length: 1 day*

This course, which reinforces learnings from the Evidence-Based Practices Overview and Four Core Competencies courses, outlines seven key steps to helping people who are justice-involved with behavior change and reviews research associated with the risk, need, and responsivity principles; effective interventions; professional alliance; and behavior management practices. Participants practice using risk reduction tools and identify interventions that are and are not effective in reducing recidivism. Each element learned in this course can be applied in one-on-one interactions to improve client outcomes.

Reducing Recidivism 20 Minutes at a Time – *Target audience: Corrections and community corrections professionals who work with adults or youth. Course length: 1 day*

This course answers the question, “I know what I am supposed to do, but how can I do it in the short amount of time I have?” Like a great recipe, this course takes all the ingredients and steps needed to help people build skills that lead to behavior change and puts them together in a way that bears desired results. Participants will discuss their successes and challenges, brainstorm strategies to overcome barriers, identify skills needed to address criminogenic needs, learn the steps for teaching and practicing skills, and conduct an appointment from start to finish using a structured format.

Train-the-Trainers (TTT): Our train-the-trainers courses are a great way for agencies to sustain their training efforts and reinforce a culture of learning. Agency trainers will be trained on a high-quality ready-made curriculum that will ensure consistency in staff education. A Carey Group master trainer will review each module in the curriculum, participants will have multiple opportunities to present various sections of the material, and the master trainer will ensure that participants leave ready and prepared to conduct the training. All of Carey Group’s courses, except for Motivational Interviewing, are available as TTIs.