

Panel Discussion - COVID-19, Decarceration, and Behavioral Health

Academy for Justice-Informed Practice <academy@cucs.org>

Mon 6/1/2020 12:30 PM

To: Rita Cronise <rmc277@shp.rutgers.edu>



COVID-19, Decarceration, and Behavioral Health: *Where We Are and Where We're Heading*

Tuesday, June 9th — 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Online Webinar

Join us for a discussion about the impact of COVID-19 on the criminal justice and behavioral health systems of New York City. We'll be talking about some challenges and strategies for lawyers to effectively engage with and serve clients. We will also be talking about some challenges and strategies for pretrial release, diversion, ATI programs, reentry programs and community-based service providers. Conversation will address:

- Engaging clients, using technology and when clients don't have access to technology
- Navigating client interviews over video
- Building a relationship without face-to-face contact
- Collecting collateral information
- Obtaining consent
- Risk screening, assessment, and intervention when interacting with clients remotely
- Connecting clients to appropriate behavioral health resources with city-wide shutdown and reduction of services

Moderator:

Merrill Rotter, M.D. *Senior Forensic Advisor to the Commissioner NYS OMH and Director of the Division of Forensic Services at Bronx Psychiatric Center*

Panelists:

Melodie Foellmi, Ph.D. *Senior Clinical Director of Forensic Mental Health at EAC*

Elizabeth Ford, M.D. *Chief Medical Officer at the Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services (CASES)*

Colleen King, J.D. *Senior Staff Attorney – Mental Health Team at Brooklyn Defender Services.*

[Register Here](#)

***Please note: This workshop does not provide social work or CASAC CE credit.**

About the Academy

The **[Academy for Justice-Informed Practice \(the Academy\)](#)** is a workforce training initiative targeting a wide array of professionals in New York City working with individuals with behavioral health needs and criminal justice involvement. We partner with experts from across disciplines to develop and deliver quality training programs that advance leading-edge information, teach best practices and foster collaboration between professionals across systems. All of our programs are free of charge. We believe

that an educated workforce is critical to reducing recidivism, enhancing public safety and fostering recovery among justice-involved people with behavioral health needs.

// CONNECT WITH US //



Visit our website

**center for urban community services | 198 E. 121st Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY
10035**

[Unsubscribe rita.cronise@rutgers.edu](mailto:rita.cronise@rutgers.edu)

[Update Profile](#) | [About Constant Contact](#)

Sent by academy@cucs.org