

Workshop #8
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**SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT & TREATMENT ACT:
IMPACT ON INSTITUTIONAL TREATMENT**

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Workshop Description

The New York State Department of Correctional Services has overhauled the treatment delivered to sexual offenders in order to advance its evaluation and treatment during incarceration. In this presentation, NYS DOCS will review the major changes that have been implemented after SOMTA to improve treatment outcomes. The major elements that will be covered include:

- administration of individualized, objective risk assessments;
- use of evidenced based-supported treatment approaches;
- matching treatment intensity with offender need;
- adoption of evidence based/ best practice treatment models;
- improved record keeping and treatment guidelines; and
- a shift to a motivational treatment style.

Additionally, the Sex Offender Management and Treatment Act authorizes the New York State Office of Mental Health (NYS OMH) to accept custody and confine individuals in secure treatment facilities for the purposes of providing care, treatment, and control. NYS OMH currently operates two sex offender treatment programs within the secure treatment facilities of Central New York Psychiatric Center and St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center. The second part of this session will provide participants information on the NYS OMH secure treatment program for civilly confined individuals. Specifically, participants will learn about the:

- secure treatment program framework;
- phases of treatment;
- treatment tracks;
- assessment tools used to assess risk, needs, and treatment progress;
- treatment challenges;
- annual review process; and
- discharge planning.

The session will also provide information related to the challenges faced by residents (i.e., civilly confined individuals) as they transition from secure treatment to the community as well as the challenges faced by the NYS OMH as they implement a secure treatment program.