Advanced Structured Interview for Violence Risk Assessment (SIVRA-35)
Training & Certification Course Agenda

Description:
This one-day course will provide participants with a refresher overview of the SIVRA-35 tool and teach participants to plan and conduct SIVRA-35 interviews in a manner that results in obtaining more accurate and reliable information. This course is equal parts expert instruction and practical application, as participants practice their SIVRA-35 interview skills through role play scenarios and receive feedback on their approach from experts in the field. Participants should complete the SIVRA-35 course and be familiar with the tool prior to enrolling in this advanced course.

Learning Outcomes:
After completing this training, participants will be able to…
- Apply the SIVRA-35 to an in-depth case study and accurately interpret and score a case
- Conduct an effective SIVRA interview to obtain accurate and robust information
- Gather follow-up information and identify other key stakeholders to interview to check the accuracy of the information and gather additional insight for a case

Course Topics

SIVRA-35 Overview and Refresher
- Mandated Assessment
- SIVRA-35 Elements
- SIVRA-35 Score Interpretation

Conducting an Effective Interview
- Preparing for the Interview
- Credibility and Plausibility
- Gathering Good Information

Questioning Skills and Basic Guidelines

Cognitive Interviewing Model

Opening the Interview
- Explaining the Purpose of the Assessment
- Explaining How the Results will be Used
- Role Play
  - Draft talking points for opening the interview in groups
  - Practice role playing the opening spiel

**Case Study Role Play**
Participants will engage in role-playing exercises to practice conducting a SIVRA interview and will receive feedback on their interview and assessment techniques. This role play will include:
- Brainstorming and outlining initial line of questions based on referral
- Practicing initial lines of questions in an interview
- Reviewing information gathered and identifying missing information, areas of further exploration, and points of clarification
- Addressing the missing information and points of clarification
- Identifying additional sources of information and gathering collateral information

Note: The day will include one morning and one afternoon break (approximately 15 minutes each) and a one-hour lunch break. Training start and end times for in-person events are determined by the host site. All virtual training sessions take place from 10 AM – 5 PM ET unless otherwise specified.