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

Description:
The Structured Interview for Violence Risk Assessment (SIVRA-35) is a 35-item inventory that is used to assist behavioral intervention team members and clinical staff in conducting a more thorough and research-based violence risk assessment. The SIVRA-35 is designed to assess the risk and protective factors related to an individual’s willingness to engage in violence.

This course will provide an in-depth teaching of how to conduct an effective interview and gather information to score an individual using the SIVRA-35. This will include strategies for increasing likelihood of truthfulness, a discussion on how to phrase questions to probe for specific risk and protective factors, and the opportunity to watch demonstration videos and practice scoring them.

Learning Outcomes:
After completing this training, participants will be able to...
- Administer the SIVRA-35 tool in an interview through narrative, structured questions with individuals exhibiting a range of concerning behaviors
- Conduct a more standardized, research-based violence risk assessment with individuals determined to be at an increased risk
- Use a quantitative, numeric scoring key to assist in decision-making

Course Topics

Introduction and Overview:
- Assessment vs. Treatment
- Types of Assessments: General Risk Assessment, Psychological Assessment, Threat Assessment, Violence Risk Assessment

Violence Risk Assessment Process
- Objective Risk Rubric
- When to conduct a Violence Risk Assessment
- Who should conduct a Violence Risk Assessment
- Mandating an Assessment
- How the results of a Violence Risk Assessment are used
Components of a Good Violence Risk Assessment

Conducting an Effective Interview
- Preparing for the Interview
- Rapport Building & Active Listening
- Collecting Information
- Questioning Tips & Considerations
- Effective Questioning Techniques
- Assessing Credibility

Gathering Collateral Information
- Gathering Background Information
- Contextual Considerations
- Mitigating Bias and Prejudice within Violence Risk Assessments

Applying the SIVRA-35
- Overview of the Tool
- Scoring Rules
- In-depth Review of the 35 Risk Factors for Scoring

Video Demonstration of the SIVRA-35
Participants will watch one to three video demonstrations of a SIVRA-35 interview and assessment. Following each video, participants will work in groups to practice scoring the interview and determining an overall level of risk. The presenters will facilitate a discussion of the accurate score for each video and the rationale behind the scoring of each item.

Note: Training 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.