Special Issue

Strengths-Based Perspectives on Supporting People with Mental Illnesses or Intellectual Disabilities Who Have Offended

Message from the Guest Editors

Persons with mental illnesses and/or intellectual disabilities (PMI/ID) are highly represented among offender populations. As these persons are considered legally unaccountable for their actions, they can be considered as "patients" as well as "offenders". Due to the mental illness and/or intellectual disability (or a combination of both), these persons often have specific support needs. In general, three perspectives in order to deal with PMI/ID can be discerned: a forensicpsychiatric care perspective, a risk-oriented perspective, and a strengths-based perspective. Whilst we do not neglect the value of the first two perspectives, this Special Issue specifically focusses on the development and application of strengths-based approaches in the forensic field. We would like to invite researchers to contribute innovative work to be considered for publication in this Special Issue. Submissions can include original research articles, review studies (systematic reviews or meta-analyses), theoretical contributions or brief reports.

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