

Administration of treatment programs for offenders with mental disorders.

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Abstract:

(from the chapter) This chapter addresses the administrative factors crucial in the treatment of offenders with mental illness. In most respects, treatment of this population is no different from that of people diagnosed with mental illness who have not been referred from the criminal justice system. All of the usual mental health, psychiatric, and hospital administrative concerns are equally applicable in providing services to forensic populations. In addition, however, there are a myriad of particular administrative considerations required by the various statutes under which a person may come into contact with the public mental health system, as well as those required by the settings in which treatment occurs. This chapter is organized around where the services are provided, rather than the clinical or legal status of the people served. The 1st section of the chapter describes some general philosophical and political issues that define the environment and context in which services are delivered. The 2nd section examines specific and practical administrative considerations offered to assist forensic mental health administrators in using their limited resources to the best advantage in serving both their clients/patients and the community, and to recipients of these services and their families. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2010 APA, all rights reserved)