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Building Bridges Between Juvenile Justice and Behavioral Health Systems: Addressing Missed Opportunities to Connect Justice-Involved Youth to Psychiatric Care

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Katherine Elkington, PhD, Professor of Medical Clinical Psychology, in Psychiatry, at Columbia University and a Research Scientist and the New York State Psychiatric Institute. She serves as the Director of the Center for Behavioral Health and Youth Justice (CBHJY) and is also a NYS licensed clinical psychologist. Dr. Elkington has over 15 years of research experience in justice settings, with research and clinical expertise in the prevalence, correlates, and prevention/intervention of mental illness, substance use/disorders and HIV risk behaviors among justice-involved populations, with a particular emphasis on youth. Most recently, her work has focused on the development and evaluation of implementation interventions to increase access to behavioral health and health services, of which a centerpiece is building cross-system relationships between justice and community treatment systems. She has served as the PI or co-I on numerous NIH- and CDC-funded awards.

Abstract: Dr. Elkington will describe the epidemiology of suicide thoughts and behaviors in justice-involved youth and discuss reasons for heightened risk in this population. She will also discuss the current state of the field with respect to failure in identification of behavioral health problems, referral and linkage to treatment among justice-involved youth. Discussion will center on the e-Connect system and Family Connect as two solutions to current screening and referral gaps, and will include recent findings from a clinical and pilot trials of these two programs. Finally, future directions and expansion of these approaches to other parts of the justice system as well as other youth serving systems that manage vulnerable youth will be discussed.

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Compare the high prevalence of behavioral health disorders and suicidal behavior among justice involved youth in contrast to the low service use
- 2) Discuss multi-level barriers to treatment for justice-involved youth
- 3) Describe current screening and treatment practices in juvenile community supervision agencies and innovations to this process
- 4) Utilize the behavioral health care cascade when conceptualizing cross-systems service referral, linkage, and uptake

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