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Behavioral Sciences and the Law:

Special Issue on Implementing Evidence-Based Practices in Forensic Settings

Call for Papers

Behavioral Sciences & the Law announces a forthcoming special issue on Implementing Evidence-Based Practices in Forensic Settings, to be edited by Christopher Slobogin, J.D., LL.M., and Gina Vincent, Ph.D. Research has consistently shown that simply knowing “what works” is insufficient for achieving positive participant or consumer outcomes. The *proper implementation* of what works is critical. Poor implementation can limit the effectiveness of any well-tested intervention or activity in actual practice. Publications of research targeting aspects of the implementation of evidence-based or promising practices, such as screening and assessment procedures, treatment interventions, and case or risk management frameworks, have been limited.

Implementation science developed as a method of putting an activity or program of known dimensions into practice (Fixsen, Naoom, Blase, Friedman, & Wallace, 2005). This area of research can be broadly categorized as studies examining either implementation-level outcomes (e.g., adherence, usability, whether staff complete the activity with fidelity) or intervention-level outcomes (e.g., recidivism, rates or length of incarceration or hospitalization, symptom reduction). This call for papers seeks original research reports, literature reviews and policy papers targeting any aspect of the following as applied to programs relevant to forensic assessment, treatment, or case management: (1) implementation strategies for improving screening, assessment, treatment interventions, and case planning or risk management practices; (2) current implementation practices in justice or forensic settings; (3) the impact of organizational culture on outcomes; (4) implementation-level outcomes of evidence-based interventions; (5) intervention-level outcomes of evidence-based interventions; and (6) rigorous continuous quality improvement or evaluation research.

Manuscripts should be 20 to 30 doubled-spaced typewritten pages and should comply with the editorial and referencing style of the most recent edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* or the Harvard Law Review’s *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* (but not both). Specific stylistic requirements can be found in a recent copy of the journal, or can be obtained via direct communication with the journal’s editors (Chris Slobogin, Charles Ewing and Alan Felthous).

To expedite processing, submit your manuscript electronically. Authors should use e-mail attachment, with the manuscript readable in Windows-based MS Word or Word Perfect formats. Manuscripts must be received before **August 15, 2020**. However, if you plan to submit or are thinking about submitting, we would appreciate knowing as soon as possible. Please submit electronically to:

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