



Relationship of Mental Health Services Utilization with Successful Reentry and Reintegration into Society among Female Probationers and Parolees in Mississippi



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Introduction

- Probationers:** Offenders placed on community supervision in lieu of incarceration by courts.
- Parolees:** Adults conditionally released to community supervision by parole board decision or by mandatory conditional release after prison term.
- U.S. 2007: 987,427 female probationers
98,923 female parolees
- Mississippi Female:
2007: 5,052 probationers, 427 parolees
2009: 5,324 probationers, 601 parolees
- High re-arrest rates associated with low employment and income. (Freudenberg et al., 2005).
- Parolees who attended a clinic following release from prison were 37 percent less likely to be returned to prison within 12 months than were parolees who did not attend (Farabee, 2006).
- Successful reentry and reintegration requires mental health services (Golembeski & Fullilove, 2005; Solomon et al., 2004).

Purpose:

This study examines mental health services utilization and successful reentry and reintegration relationships among female probationers and parolees in Mississippi.

Methods

- Non probability, convenience sampling of 667 female probationers and parolees**
- I.R.B. approvals obtained from Mississippi State Department of Health and Department of Corrections.
- Surveys distributed by Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) Probation/Parole Officers during reporting in compliance with court orders.
- Mental health services utilization analyzed with current employment and income using SPSSTM 17.0.

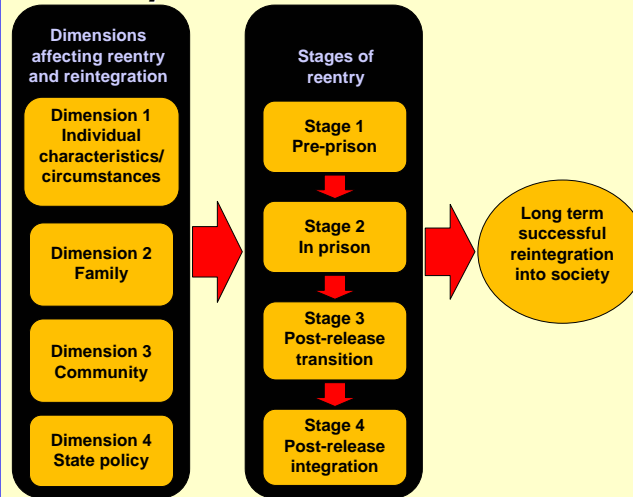
Tool and Data Collection

- Background Information
- Family Background
- Drug and/or Alcohol Use
- Assessment (resources, treatment programs)
- Self-Administered Questionnaire completed and mailed to Researchers

Data Analyses

- Crosstabs with frequency distribution and Chi-Square analysis
- Binary Logistic Regression Analysis

Conceptual Model**



Conceptual Model of Individual Transition From Prison to Community

Chi square and Regression Analyses of the Associations of Mental Health Services Utilization with Successful Reintegration among Female Parolees and Probationers

Services Utilization

Services Utilization	n*	% total	χ^2	p	REINTEGRATION (Current Employment)			
					OR	CL (95%)		p
					LL	UL		
Professional (Psychiatric, Psychologist, etc.) Help	349	64.75	10.667	0.001	0.856	0.510	1.438	0.558
Inpatient Mental Health Care	341	64.46	13.153	0.001	1.140	0.677	1.918	0.622
Alcohol/Narcotics Anonymous – Twelve Step Program	376	64.49	1.510	0.227	1.263	0.738	2.160	0.394
Family/Social Services Agency	339	64.69	0.917	0.365	0.551	0.312	0.972	0.040
Alcohol/Drug Rehab Programs	369	64.74	0.594	0.481	1.288	0.622	2.666	0.495
Halfway House/therapeutic Communities	339	64.94	0.038	0.884	1.184	0.664	2.112	0.567
Spiritual (Clergy/Priest/Rabbi/etc)	337	65.18	0.852	0.364	0.583	0.359	0.948	0.030
REINTEGRATION (Income in past 12 months)								
Professional (Psychiatrist, Psychologist, etc.) Help	111	20.48	0.921	0.359	1.050	0.568	1.940	0.876
Inpatient Mental Health Care	109	20.49	4.887	0.040	0.614	0.313	1.204	0.156
Alcohol/Narcotics Anonymous – Twelve Step	128	21.84	4.728	0.036	1.200	0.642	2.241	0.568
Family/Social Services Agency	105	19.92	0.128	0.787	1.592	0.821	3.090	0.169
Alcohol/Drug Rehab Programs	123	21.47	5.228	0.025	0.948	0.402	2.235	0.903
Halfway House/therapeutic Communities	107	20.38	1.860	0.173	0.734	0.357	1.507	0.399
Spiritual (Clergy/Priest/Rabbi/etc)	105	20.19	0.227	0.759	1.077	0.598	1.941	0.805

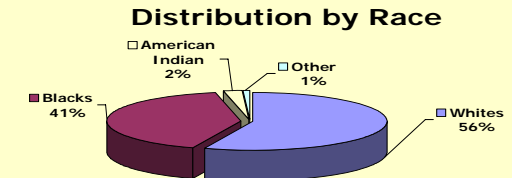
* Yes response; ** Visher and Travis 2003; OR: Odds Ratio; CL: Confidence Limits, LL: Lower Limit; UL: Upper Limit.

Conclusions:

- Professional Help (-)
- In-patient Mental Health Care (+)
- Family/Social Services Agency (-)
- Spiritual Services (-)
- Rehab Programs (+)



Results:



Use of Treatment Programs by Race

