

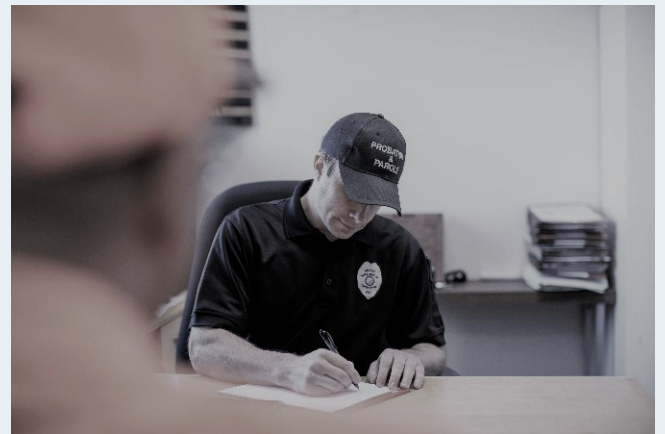


Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS) is the missing piece of IDOC's supervision strategies.

Our supervision strategies are rooted in good assessment of criminogenic risk and addressing related need. We are intent on developing effective rapport with our clients and we apply motivational interviewing to increase potential for change.

What's missing is a simple and proven way officers can help their clients by teaching them the skills that are needed for behavior change. **EPICS is that missing piece.**

Officers will begin EPICS training in the spring of 2022, and it will be fully integrated into our supervision strategies by 2023.



What is EPICS?

The EPICS model helps probation & parole officers apply principles of effective intervention and core correctional practices to their client supervision, and translates the risk, needs, and responsivity principles into practice.

It is designed to facilitate officer engagement with clients by **focusing the conversation on what matters most.**

Clients are given the opportunity to learn and practice the skills needed to make better decisions, leading to long-term behavior change.

Benefits of EPICS

- Officers trained in EPICS have high-risk clients with lower incarceration rates than officers who are not trained in EPICS
- Officers have a direct impact in guiding their clients through the change process

"We talk about public safety and increasing success all the time. Learning these effective interventions will be a game changer for all of us."

*- Brian Underwood,
Probation & Parole Division Chief
and EPICS Initiative Sponsor*