

Civil Commitment: Legal Issues and Programming

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This session is designed to provide background and general information regarding Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) laws and programs throughout the United States. The session will be broken into three presentations: (1) Legal Aspects of Civil Commitment which will provide the workshop attendee with historical information regarding SVP laws including the commitment process, annual evaluations, legal challenges and future directions and issues, (2) Civil Commitment – What the data shows is intended to provide information on the “fit” between the current commitment criteria and those currently committed, (3) Inpatient/Residential Programs will review specific issues related to running inpatient programs including missions, policy, procedures, legal considerations, interagency functioning, and treatment/management of special sub-populations, and finally (4) Conditional Release Programs will focus on programs specifically developed to supervise conditionally released SVPs, including the multiple challenges of balancing public safety with reintegration.