



## Early Psychosis and the Justice System: Prevention and Intervention Strategies

April 21, 2021

### DETAILS & LOGISTICS

**Time:** 2:00pm—3:30pm EDT  
**Where:** Virtual (Adobe Connect)

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Although most people living with mental illness are never violent, individuals with mental illness are currently overrepresented in the United States' criminal justice system. Many criminal justice professionals interact with people diagnosed with mental illness and it is important that effective prevention and intervention strategies are in place. This webinar will highlight a population that has been a focus of early mental health intervention and justice involvement prevention -- youth in the early stages of psychosis (e.g., people experiencing subthreshold or full symptoms of delusions, hallucinations, disorganization, etc.). Research has found that criminal justice involvement for such youth is related to negative clinical and recovery outcomes. This webinar will also highlight the unique needs of this population, the stigma faced by this group, and general prevention and intervention strategies.

### OBJECTIVES

- Define psychosis and early-stage psychosis
- Understand the intersection of psychosis and the justice system
- Discuss the sequential intercept model as it relates to early-stage psychosis
- Identify prevention and intervention strategies

### SPEAKER



**Joseph DeLuca, Ph.D.**, is an NIMH-T32 Postdoctoral Fellow at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York City, specializing in psychosis-risk and the early stages of psychosis. He earned his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at the City University

of New York Graduate Center and completed his predoctoral internship at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Dr. DeLuca's research and clinical interests include screening and treatment for psychosis-spectrum symptoms, particularly with youth and families, as well as stigma, the role of culture and context in psychosis, and the intersection of mental illness and the criminal justice system.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Mental health professionals, mental health advocates, criminal justice professionals, and others who work with/on behalf of youth diagnosed with mental illness.

### SAVE THE DATES

**May 19, 2021, 11:00am—12:30pm**  
**Telehealth for Early-Stage Psychosis: COVID-19 and Beyond**

**June 23, 2021, 11:00am—12:30pm**  
**Combating Early Psychosis Stigma**

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