Translating research to practice: The role of evaluation for policy formulation, clinical applicability and intelligent – led prevention strategies and early detection

This workshop shall be divided into three interrelated sections. The first section is devoted to the exploration of the scientific and applied research and its role in increasing the effectiveness of prevention strategies, assuring quality and raising standards. The second section involves the importance of the systematic evaluation and monitoring at the forefront of the social policy development and formulation of evidence based practices. Finally, the third session introduces an innovative conceptual database framework based on an automated optical representation of dimensional diagnostic indicators that could contribute to the identification of individual vulnerabilities. The tool enables automated data collection and real time graphical representations of service users or target group profile. This provides a framework to bridge the gap between research and practice, as beyond a valuable research tool (automated administration, data safety etc.), it also offers a unique optical presentation of key indicators of individuals dimensional profile relevant to their severity levels, psychosocial adaptation and personality.

Finally, this conceptual database framework also entails a powerful incentive for clinicians and prevention personnel participation, as it clearly indicates practical applicability of the data for conceptualization, planning and identification of red flags and warning signs. Its implementation could allow researchers to identify vulnerable individuals who are more prone or vulnerable to develop drug problems, reformulate their prevention planning and enhance targeted intervention. Main themes of the training involve: the current state of evidence base - evaluation as a process tool for conceptualizing and formulating prevention intervention and treatment planning; Treatment engagement as a multidimensional construct: Key indicators of favorable outcome; The role of contemporary psychodiagnostic database framework in designing prevention strategies and clinical interventions; Exchange of know-how and exploration of the economic impact in terms of prevention and treatment effectiveness, organizational functioning and service delivery.

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