

## Assessment Discussion Questions

- What does “risk” mean to you?
- How do you explain the assessments to individuals on your caseload?
- How and when do you assess responsivity factors?
- What screeners do you use?
- How and when do you assess a person’s strengths?
- What are some typical strengths are you looking for?
- How do you assess a person’s criminal thinking?
- How do current agency processes get in the way of assessing the factors discussed in the eLearning lesson?
- How do you know what services or treatment people have tried before?
- How comfortable to you feel taking a trauma-informed approach?
- Which interviewing skills do you feel most confident in? Which least confident?
- What interview mistakes do you feel you make most often?
- How confident do you feel discussing the results of assessments. How do you generally go about discussing the results?
- How many of you have tried tracking a person’s problem cycle?
- How do you currently assess a person’s behavioral patterns?
- How do you assess what motivates a person, what triggers them, their current life situation, their stressors, their strengths?

## Assessment Discussion Prompts

Tell us about...

- a time you felt you completed the risk/need assessment especially well. What was different about this time?
- your attempts to track a problem cycle. How did it go?
- a time you “normalized” a person’s problems. What did you say? How did you do it? Or tell us about some common problems individuals on your caseload have and let’s practice normalizing those problems.
- a time you “externalized” a person’s problems. What did you say? How did you do it? Or tell us about some common problems individuals on your caseload have and let’s practice externalizing those problems.
- a time you searched for exceptions to problem behavior. What questions did you ask?