

**Developing Acceptable Use Policies (AUP) for Internet Access by Offenders
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This workshop revisits last year's presentation discussing the various issues presented when the clinician is working with the supervising entity (Department of Corrections, Court or Probation Departments) to allow an offender computer access, particularly use of the internet. We will revisit the inherent challenges when weighing the balance of security versus access and the challenges of risk management will be discussed. This presentation will be less focused on the rationale for allowing access (although we will review this) but focuses more on the pragmatics of implementing an AUP in a clinical setting. We will present guidelines for offenders wanting internet access, decision trees regarding which offenders to consider for access, present acceptable use policies and offer sample internet use safety plans. We will discuss what we have learned in the year since we last presented, including insights into what has gone right and what has not.

Security issues discussed will include the parameters of use including boundaries regarding acceptable use and location of use considerations. We will outline the advances in current monitoring software available and types of filtering, but will emphasize that the most effective monitoring tool is a healthy mind. We will outline the advantage and disadvantages of utilizing accountability software as well as blocking software and delineate the potential breeches in monitoring security. The presenters will again discuss methods of accountability including relevant polygraph testing. Clinician's will gain an increased knowledge that will assist them in working with supervising agencies in thinking critically about requests for access, developing acceptable use policies and creating internet use safety plans. This presentation was well received last year and we have been invited to present this at several state conferences. We have made some adjustments based on feedback and are focusing more on identifying client risk factors and developing criteria for recognizing when these risk factors have been sufficiently mitigated to indicate that internet access is a reasonable option. We will present the feedback that we have received from probation departments and outline the adjustments that we have made in the actually documents that we utilize.