

# Decision Points



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*Decision Points Authors and Correctional Management Institute of Texas*

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT) at Sam Houston State University, in collaboration with the authors of *Decision Points*, provide an evidence-based correctional program constructed to address offender risk, needs, and responsiveness.

*Decision Points* is an open-entry cognitive behavior intervention program designed for delivery with youth and adult populations in contact with the justice system. *Decision Points* is built on the principle of the “Strategy of Choices”. The program equips participants with alternative ways to examine their thinking and the related actions that lead them into trouble. *Decision Points* can be delivered as both a brief intervention and a more intensive intervention with extended program length.

Authors of *Decision Points* include Juliana Taymans, Ph.D., Jack Bush, Ph.D. and Steve Swisher, M.Ed, MS, nationally known for their program development of *Thinking for a Change*, along with Charles Robinson, who has worked in probation services at the federal and county levels.

## HOW DOES THIS BENEFIT MY AGENCY?

If your agency nominees are accepted to attend the *Decision Points* training, you will have trained facilitators qualified to and capable of delivering *Decision Points* within your agency’s offender programs. As an open-entry/open-exit program, *Decision Points* can be delivered as a brief intervention or more intensive intervention with extended length, allowing for your agency to have increased capacity to provide offenders with the skills they seek for improvement. **Please note, *Decision Points* is designed to be co-facilitated to a group of no more than 8 participants.**

## UPCOMING TRAININGS

*Decision Points* facilitator training will be held in Huntsville, Texas, May 21-23, 2018. Nomination forms must be submitted by April 9, 2018 . The cost of this training is \$875 and includes lunches and training material.

## ELIGIBILITY

This training is available to employees of both in-state and out-of-state correctional agencies and jurisdictions, including community corrections, jails and prisons, as well as, private facilities. Any person who foresees this program being beneficial/applicable to their organization, may be nominated.

## HOW WILL NOMINEES BE SELECTED TO ATTEND?

CMIT will review nominations and select qualified participants that represent a diverse selection of regions and agencies. Agencies must nominate at least two individuals whose schedule can accommodate co-facilitating the program together.

## GUIDELINES

**Step 1 – Nomination:** This training will be limited to 18 participants. To be considered for enrollment, agency staff must be nominated by their director. Directors must nominate at least two staff members to attend *Decision Points*, as the program is designed to be co-facilitated. Once CMIT receives the Nomination Form, an email will be sent to both nominees, as well as their director, acknowledging the receipt of their nomination. CMIT will review nominations and select qualified participants.

**Step 2 – Registration:** Nominees will either receive a letter of acceptance or decline to attend this training. Those who are accepted into the program will be provided with a link to register.

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# Decision Points Nomination Form



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Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*This program is designed to be co-facilitated. Two members from your staff must be nominated to be eligible to attend.\*\*\*

## Nominee A:

Name (Last, First) \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
How Long has this staff member been employed with your agency? \_\_\_\_\_

Has this employee previously facilitated a cognitive/treatment program?  Yes  No

If Yes, please name the programs which they have facilitated:

## Nominee B:

Name (Last, First) \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
How Long has this staff member been employed with your agency? \_\_\_\_\_

Has this employee previously facilitated a cognitive/treatment program?  Yes  No

If Yes, please name the programs which they have facilitated:

## Agency Director Information

Are you and the above nominated staff members willing to allow Decision Points Authors or program evaluators to evaluate Decision Points groups facilitated by your agency?  Yes  No  Maybe

If "Maybe", please explain:

I understand by nominating two staff members from our agency, this does not guarantee enrollment. I understand that there is a high demand for this training, so if our agency is approved for enrollment, both nominees and I will receive notification and we will be responsible for registering within a certain period. If our agency is no longer able to attend this training, we will inform CMIT coordinator as soon as possible so other agencies may attend. We also understand this training is designed to be co-facilitated, so both nominees must be available to attend.

Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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