

ELVIS SEVILLA, ABD

Department of Justice Consultant, Midwest Evaluation and Research



EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW

Midwest Evaluation and Research (MER) Consultant Elvis Sevilla, ABD, is a topical expert in criminal justice research with over four years of immigration case management experience. Sevilla has worked with organizations in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Office of Refugee Resettlement in case management operations in several immigration areas. Sevilla provides technical assistance in program operations, site implementation, and evaluations. Elvis also was a correctional officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for over five years, where he gained experience in the criminal justice arena.

Sevilla works under the DOJ line of business as a consultant at MER. MER provides capacity building and program evaluation and consulting exclusively to not-for-profit organizations (NGOs, foundations, schools, and government entities) in the arenas of responsible fatherhood programming, prisoner reentry programming, workforce development, and organizational effectiveness.

EXPERIENCE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND REENTRY PROGRAMMING

Project Lead Evaluator, Midwest Evaluation and Research (2023–Present)
Connections to Success (CtS), Project Show Me Success (SMS)

Sevilla leads the MER evaluation team in the independent external evaluation of a Department of Labor (DOL) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Pathway Home 4.

Project Lead Evaluator, Midwest Evaluation and Research (2022–Present)
Connections to Success (CtS), Project Return 2 Success (R2S)

Sevilla assists the MER evaluation team in the independent external evaluation of a Department of Justice (DOJ), Second Chance Act (SCA), and Community-Based Reentry Program. In this capacity, he also assists with the Random Controlled Trial (RCT) evaluation of the project.

Project Evaluator, Midwest Evaluation and Research (2021–Present)

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) of Lucas County, Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI)

Sevilla assists the MER team in its impact evaluation of a Justice Reinvestment Initiative grant.

Project Evaluator, Midwest Evaluation and Research (2021–Present)

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) of Lucas County, Northwest Ohio Innovative Reentry Initiative (NWOH IRI)

MER is the independent external evaluator for this Department of Justice (DOJ) grant and was subsequently awarded additional funding to participate in the national evaluation effort currently underway. This IRI project evaluation has

Elvis Sevilla has several combined years of experience in various industries including criminal justice, research and consultancy, immigration, and case management.

EDUCATION

- PhD, Criminal Justice, NOVA Southeastern University, Expected 2024
- MA, Criminology, University of Houston–Clear Lake, 2016
- BS, Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, 2010

conducted an overall reentry system assessment to identify strengths and gaps to help the grantee create an action plan to increase system capacity. MER is conducting an impact RCT evaluation of a pilot reentry program component.

Correctional Officer (2007–2013)

Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), of State of Texas

Sevilla provided safety and compliant security protocols among maximum security facilities, minimum security facilities, and offender transportation. He also led the entire facility as a central security picket to take charge of all ingress, egress, emergency protocols, and administrative liaison. Sevilla is a state-certified Spanish interpreter and has overseen the Spanish interpreter needs among offenders and staff during confrontations and case proceedings.

IMMIGRATION/CASE MANAGEMENT

Consultant (2021)

MVM INC

As an independent consultant, Sevilla helped lead a conceptualization and proposal writing process for grant funding from the Department of Homeland Security called Young Adult Case Management Program (YACMP) to establish a national effort to provide appropriate monitoring services and wrap-around case management of undocumented young adult migrants. Also, as a technical assistance consultant, Sevilla led several decision-making protocols with a pool of experts in developing national case management programming and office operations' technical assistance/program implementation resources.

Case Manager II (2021)

The Providencia Group (TPG)

Sevilla assisted Federal Field Specialists (FFS) by reviewing information from the records archive to identify individuals who may threaten national security and public safety. Sevilla examined the documents of potential sponsors for authenticity to assist in detecting fraud in the successful reunification process. He also completed the Child, Risk, and Sponsor Assessments per the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) policies and procedures. Sevilla provided post-release services available in the sponsor's community for the child and worked with Border Patrol in the placement process for the Unaccompanied Minor (UAC), completed and submitted a notice to the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR), and forwarded dockets to the Department of Homeland Security.

Senior Bilingual Immigration Case Specialist (2017–2021)

BI Incorporated

Sevilla assisted officers of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in facilitating participant enrollment and compliance in the Alternative to Detention Program/Intensive Supervision and Appearance Program (ISAP). He conducted intake interviews and orientation sessions with each ISAP program participant to determine fraud, bribery, larceny, embezzlement, false statements, and criminal violations toward the goals of DHS and USCIS and installed electronic monitoring equipment (GPS or telephonic) on ISAP program participants as necessary to monitor compliance. Sevilla also utilized law enforcement databases and e-searches to investigate participants' whereabouts or issues and analyzed statistical trends for agency target needs, issues, and account importing and merchandise. Sevilla provided effective case management techniques to gain rapport among program participants and provided wrap-around services.

TEACHING

Adjunct Faculty (2023–Present)

Myrtle Beach College

Sevilla planned and teaches an introductory course in Criminology, using instructional technology to enhance pedagogical techniques to promote critical thinking and resourcefulness among students for criminology careers and life skillsets.

TECHNICAL REPORTS & PUBLICATIONS

Sevilla, E. G. (2016). *Examining intelligence and impulsivity in relation to violence and delinquency*. (Publication No. 10307924) [Master's thesis, University of Houston–Clear Lake]. Proquest Dissertations Publishing.

Sevilla, E., Ashraf M. (2017). Heritability of Latino youth violence. *Journal of Forensic Sciences & Criminal Investigation*, 3(5), Article 555621. DOI: [10.19080/JFSCI.2017.03.555621](https://doi.org/10.19080/JFSCI.2017.03.555621)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

ASC – American Society of Criminology

Alpha Phi Sigma – Criminal Justice Honor Society