

Introduction to the “Six Questions County Leaders Need to Ask”

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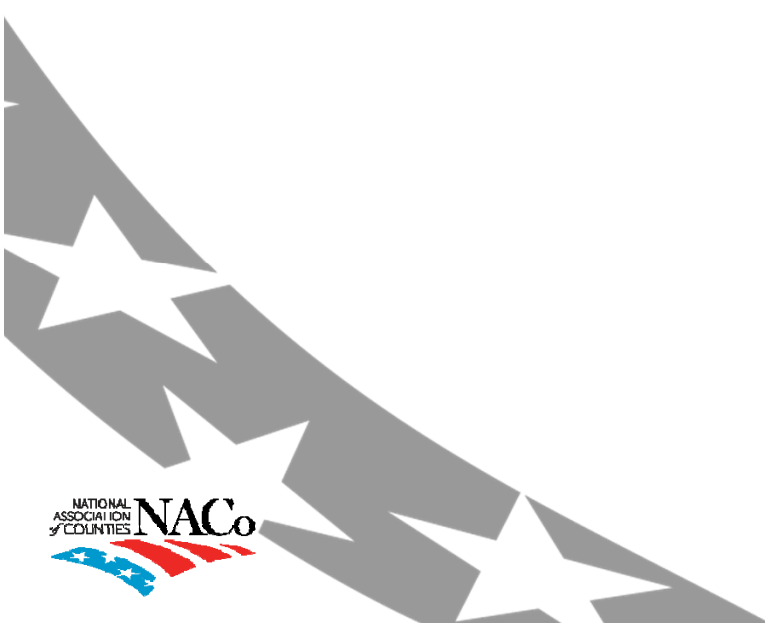
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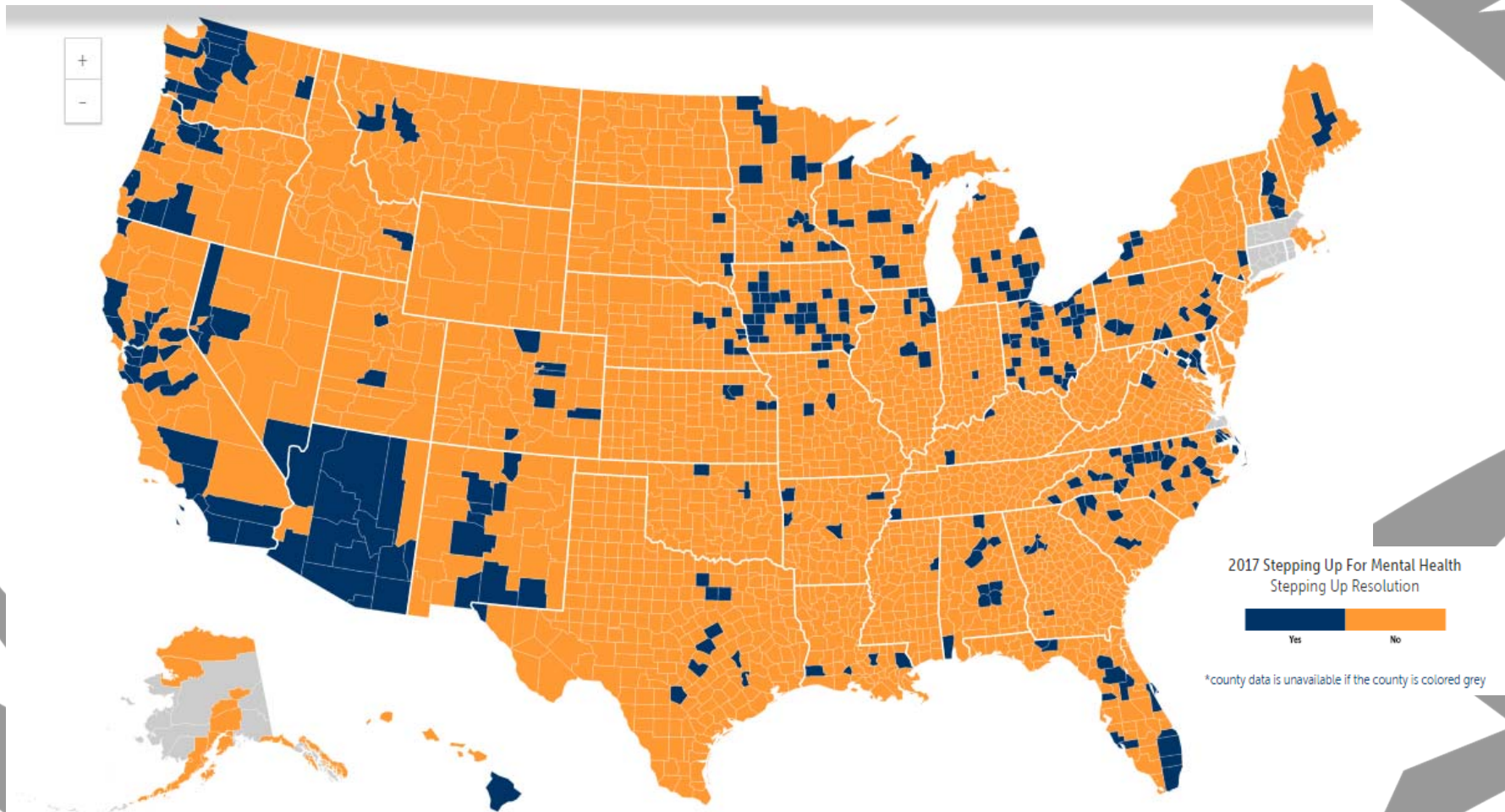
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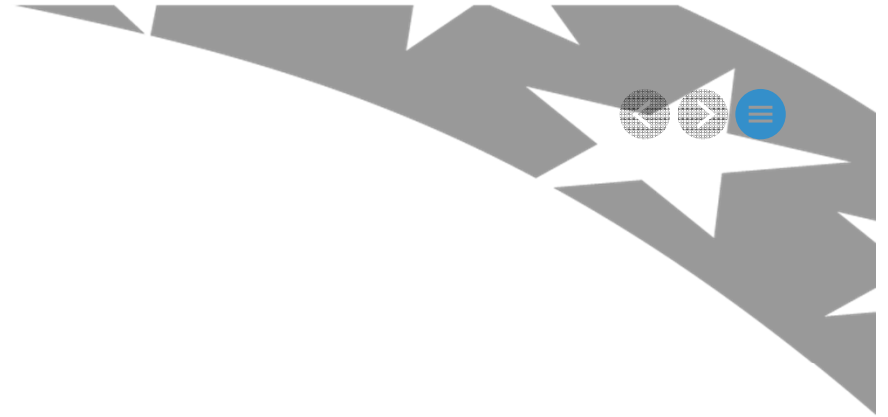


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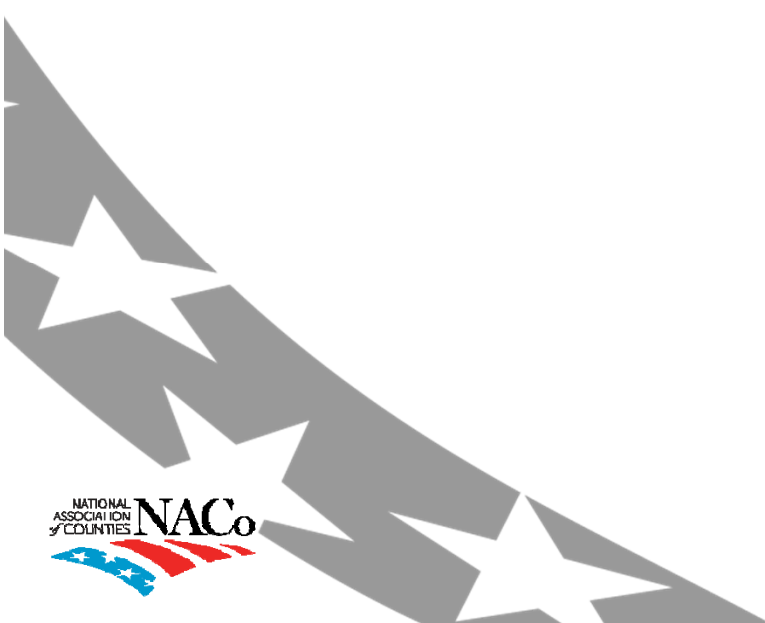
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Stepping Up Resolutions Received as of January 1, 2017

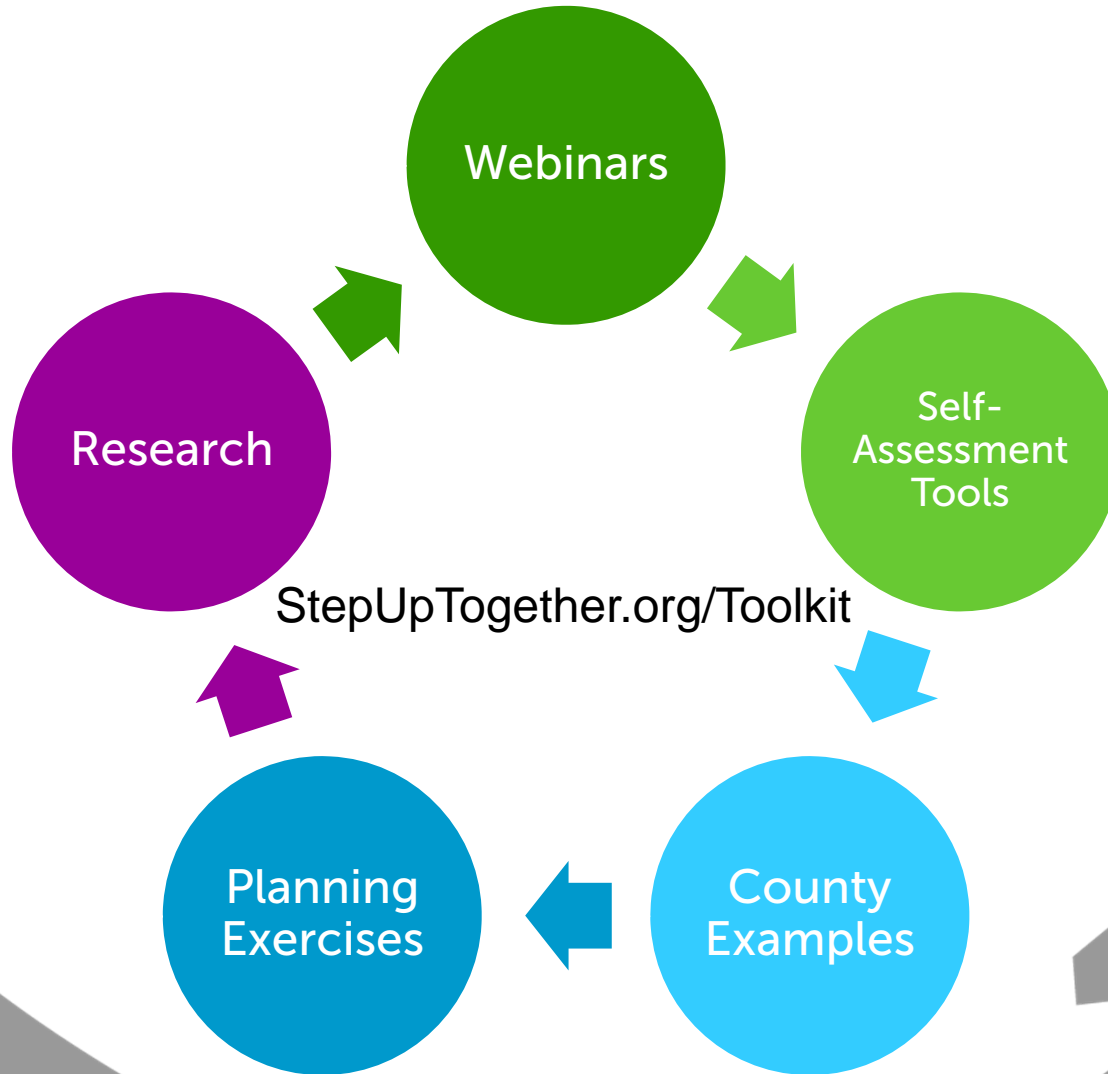




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Resources Toolkit



Stepping Up Archived Webinars

- *Getting Started with Stepping Up*
- *Strategies to Measure Prevalence and Assess the Needs of Individuals with Mental Illnesses in Jails.*
- *Examining Treatment and Service Capacity and Identifying State and Local Policy and Funding Barriers*
- *Effective Law Enforcement and Diversion Strategies*
- *Effective Strategies for Connecting People with Mental Illnesses to Services after Release from Jail*
- *Preparing a Plan and Tracking Progress*

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Upcoming Stepping Up TA Resources

Workshops at NACo's Legislative Conference

- February 25 – March 1 in Washington, D.C.
- Find out more at www.NACo.org/Events

Updated Resource Toolkit

- Companion tools for county leaders
- A Project Coordinator Handbook
- Guidance on measuring the prevalence of people with mental illnesses in jails
- A searchable online repository of example programs and strategies

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Stay Updated

The screenshot shows the website for 'THE STEPPING UP INITIATIVE'. The navigation menu includes 'TOOLKIT', 'NEWS & UPDATES', 'EVENTS', 'THE PROBLEM', 'THE PEOPLE', and 'WHAT YOU CAN DO'. A red circle highlights a 'Take Action Now' button in the top right corner. On the left, there is a 'Share:' section with icons for Facebook (2.3K), Twitter, Google+, LinkedIn (78), and Email. The main content area features the title 'Stepping Up: A National Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails' and a graphic of the United States map with callouts for 'Bipolar Disorder', 'Schizophrenia', 'Major Depression', and 'PTSD'. A large '2 Million' graphic with a play button is overlaid on the map. A red circle highlights a 'Take Action Now' button at the bottom left of the main content area. Logos for 'AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION', 'NACo', and 'JUSTICE CENTER' are visible in the top right.

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Today's Webinar

- **Risë Haneberg**
Senior Policy Advisor, County Program
Council of State Governments Justice Center
- **Duane Holder**
Deputy County Manager
Pitt County, N.C.
- **The Honorable Roy Charles Brooks**
Commissioner, Tarrant County, Texas
First Vice President, National Association of
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Stepping Up:

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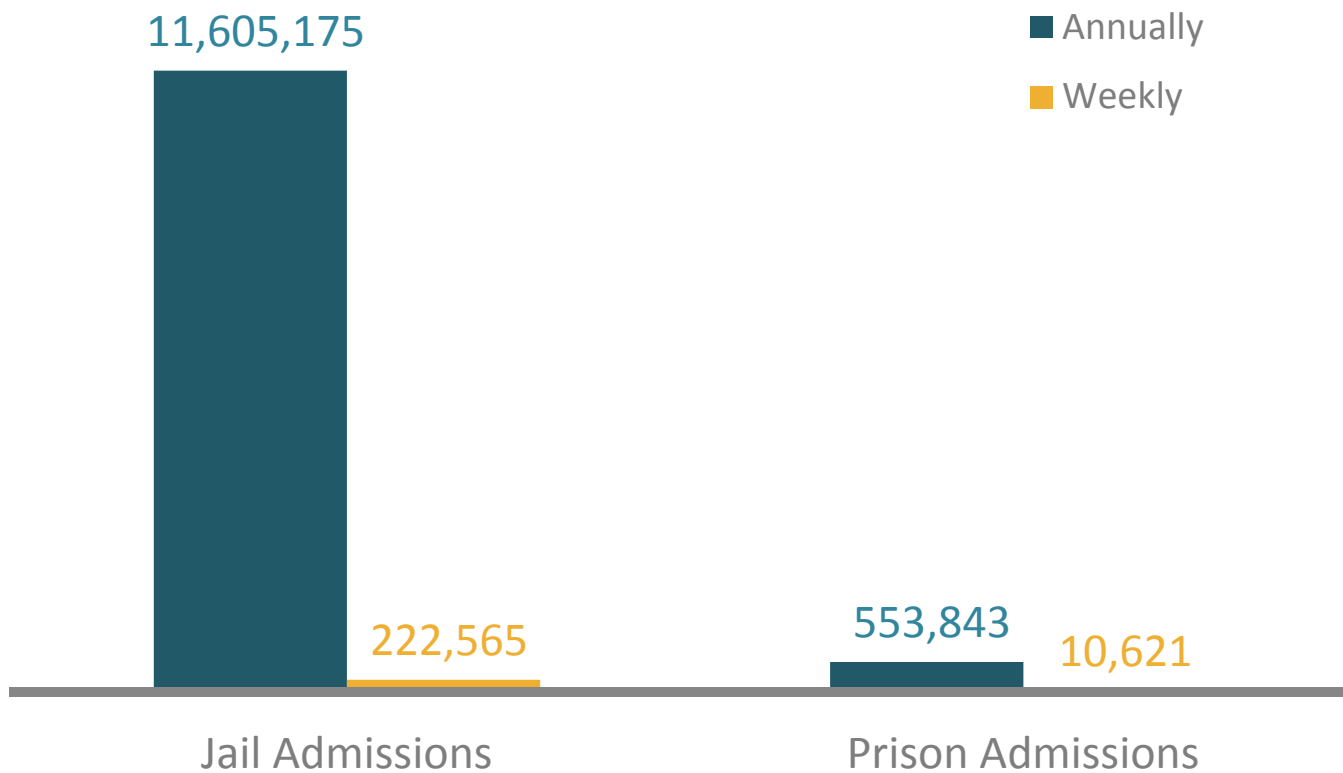
Risë Haneberg, Senior Policy Advisor, CSG Justice Center

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Jails Are Where the Volume Is

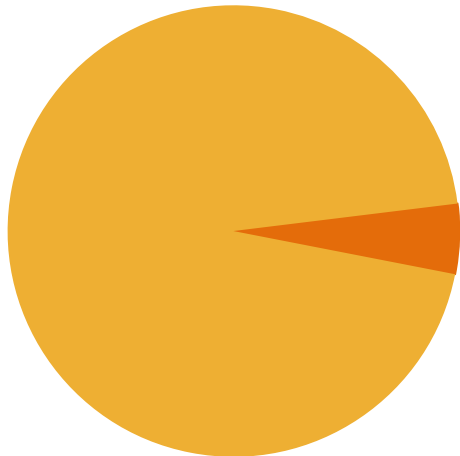
Number of Admissions to Jail and Prison Weekly and Annually, 2012



Mental Illnesses: Overrepresented in Our Jails

General Population

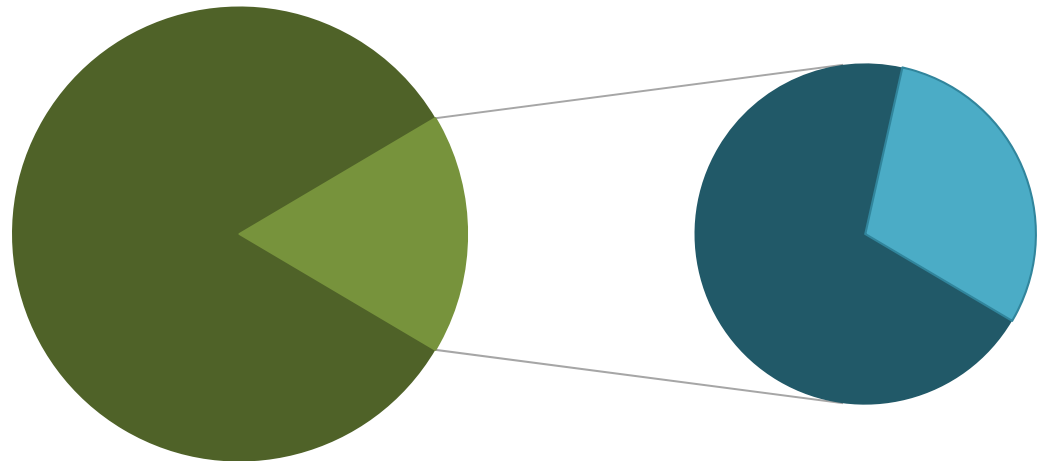
5% Serious Mental Illness



Jail Population

17% Serious Mental Illness

72% Co-Occurring Substance Use Disorder



Factors Driving the Crisis



Disproportionately higher rates of arrest



Longer stays in jail and prison



Limited access to health care



Higher recidivism rates



Low utilization of EBPs



More criminogenic risk factors

Stepping Up: A National Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails

THE STEPPING UP INITIATIVE




To read the full report, please visit:
https://stepuptogether.org/updates/stepping_up_releases_foundational_report

Overarching Goal



*There will be fewer
people with mental
illnesses in our jails
tomorrow
than there are today*










How Do We Know if a County is Positioned to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jail?



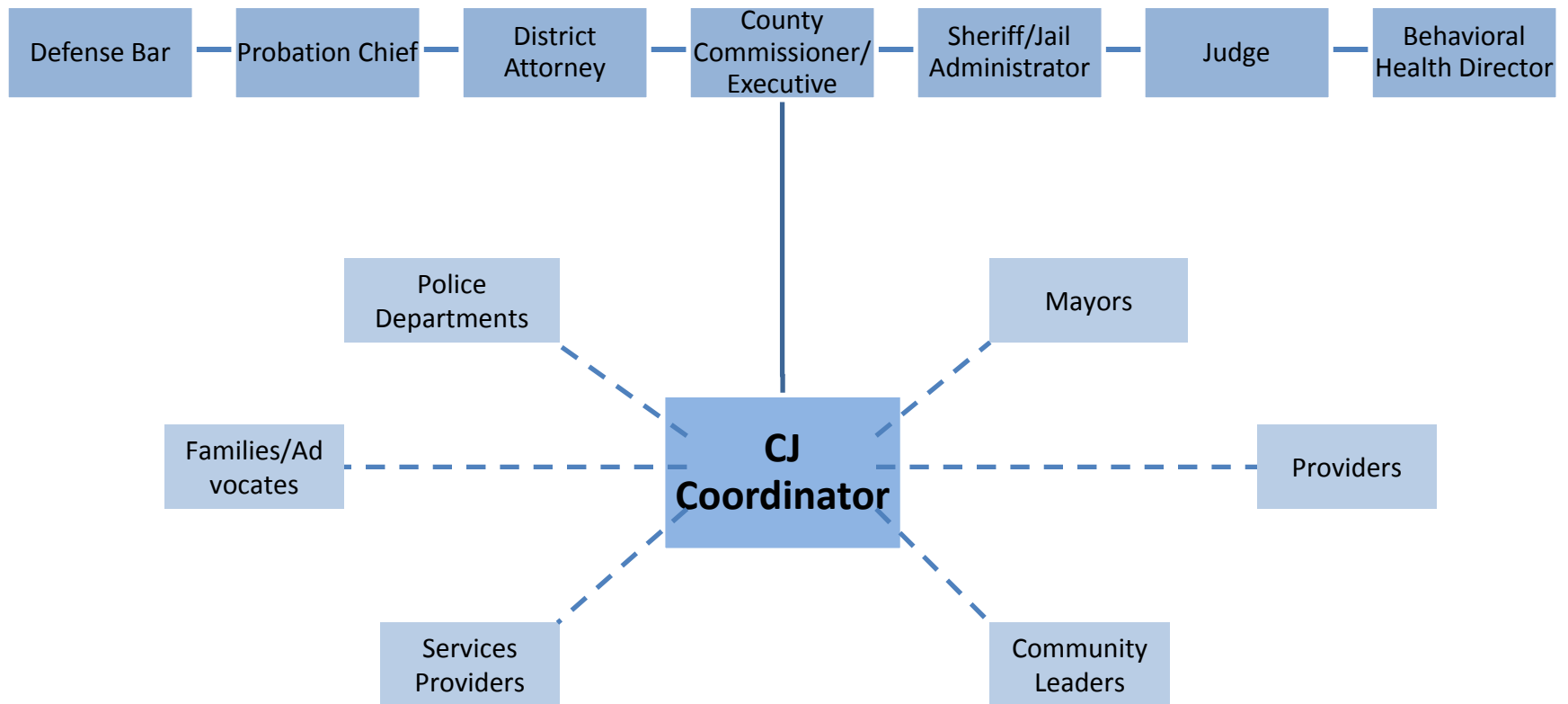
Six Key Questions

1. Is your leadership committed?
2. Do you have timely screening and assessment?
3. Do you have baseline data?
4. Have you conducted a comprehensive process analysis and service inventory?
5. Have you prioritized policy, practice, and funding?
6. Do you track progress?

1. Is Your Leadership Committed?

-  Mandate from county elected officials 
-  Representative planning team 
-  Commitment to vision, mission, and guiding principles 
-  Designated project coordinator and organized planning process 
-  Accountability for results 

Creating a County Collaborative Leadership and Management Structure



2. Do You have Timely Screening and Assessment?



Is there are system-wide definition of:



- Mental illness
- Substance use disorders
- Recidivism



Screening and assessment:



- Validated screening and assessment tools
- An efficient screening and assessment



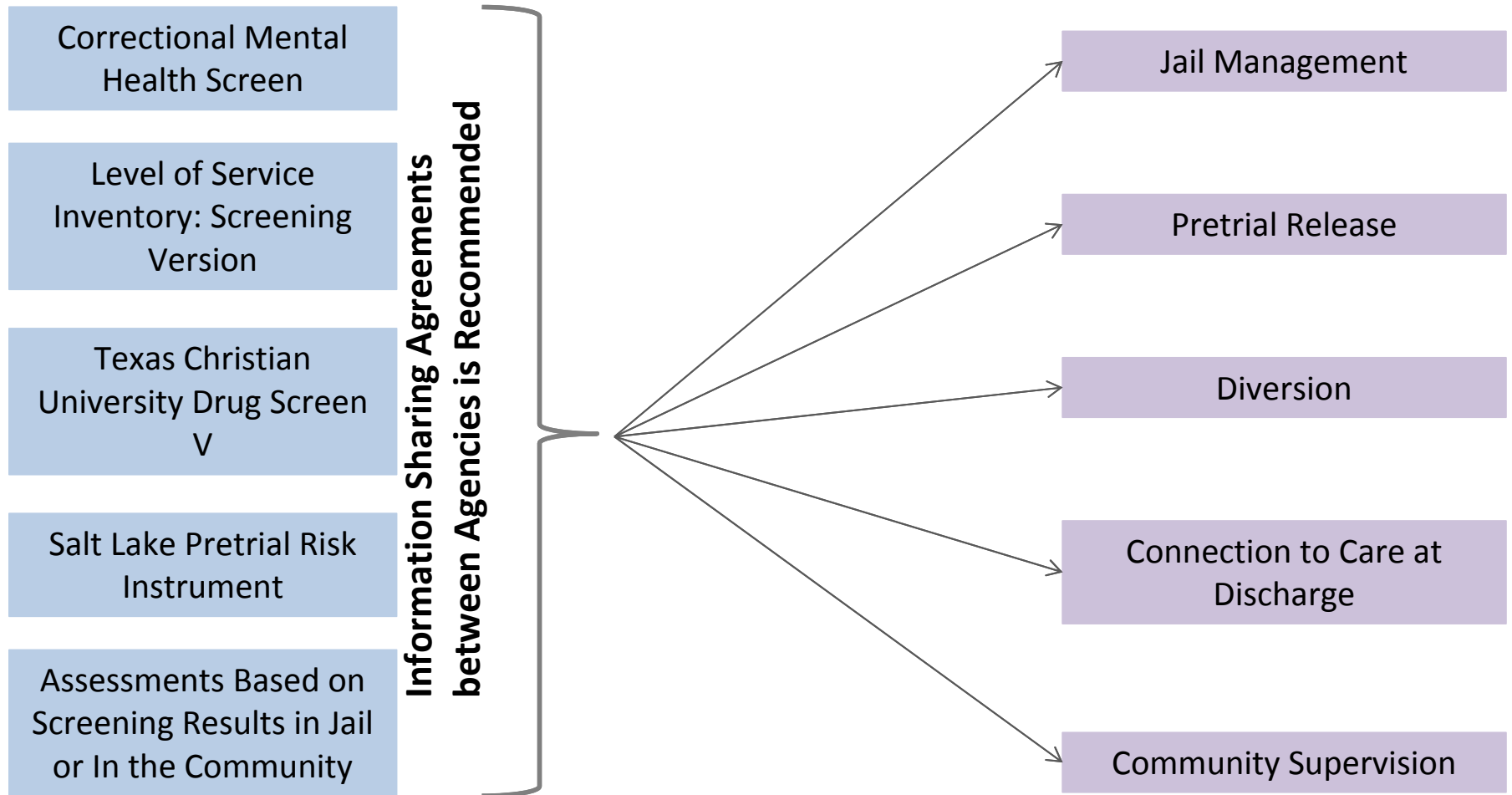
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Example of Timely Screening and Assessment in Salt Lake County, Utah

Screenings Administered at Jail Booking and Follow Up Assessments in Salt Lake County, UT

Recommended Uses for Informing Decision-Making



Improving Screening and Assessment

Adopt a uniform definition of mental illness (and SUD)

Select validated screening and assessment tools

Universal screening for everyone booked into jail

Validated assessment by clinical professional for all screened positive

Assess for pretrial risk or diversion

3. Do You Have Baseline Data?



Four Key Measures



- Prevalence rate of mental illnesses in jail population
- Length of time people with mental illnesses stay in jail
- Connections to community-based treatment, services, and supports
- Recidivism rates



Electronically collected data



Strategies Must Focus on Four Outcomes

1.

Reduce

the number of people with mental illness booked into jail

2.

Shorten

the length of stay for people with mental illnesses in jails

3.

Increase





the percentage of people with mental illnesses in jail connected to the right services and supports

4.

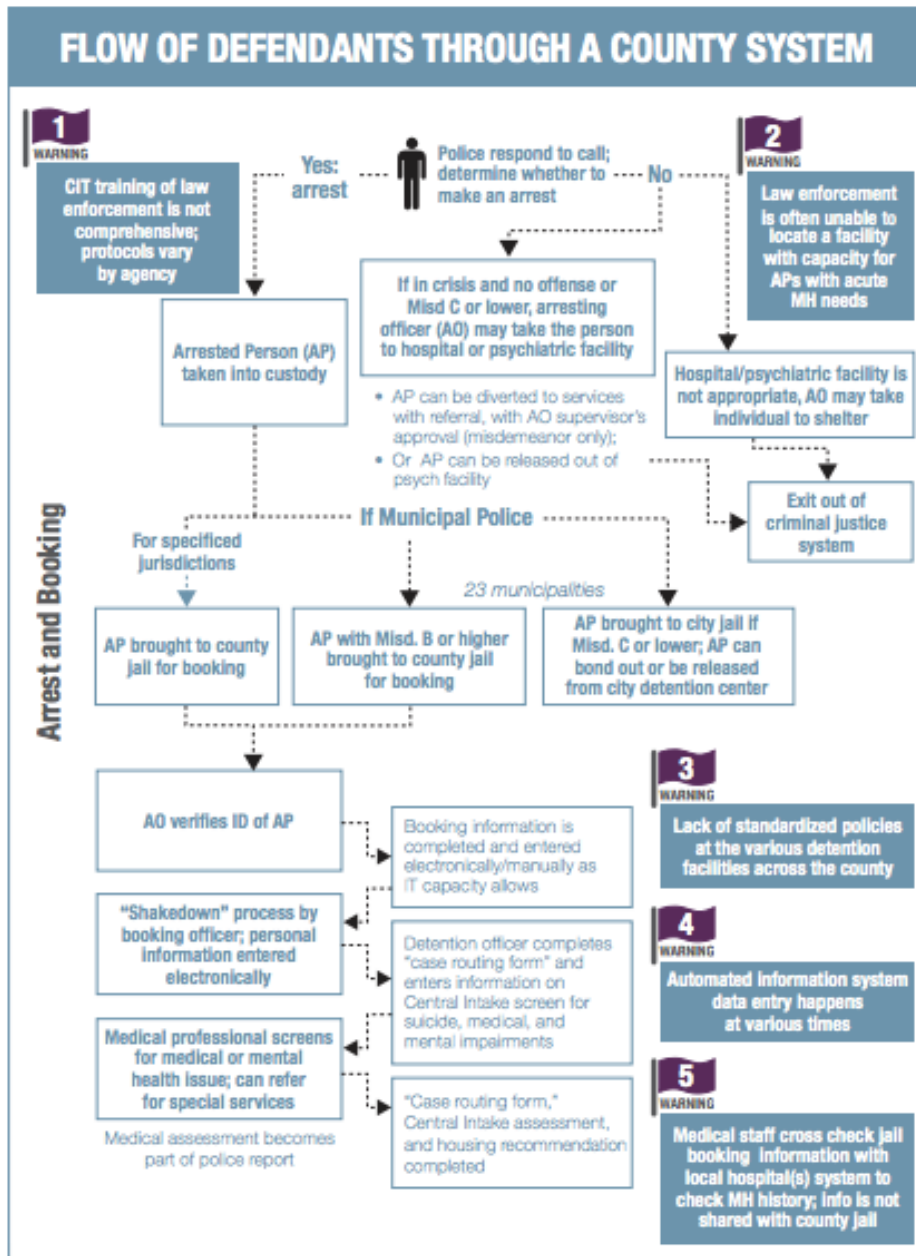
Lower

rates of recidivism

4. Have You Conducted a Comprehensive Process Analysis and Service Inventory?





- System-wide process review 
- Inventory of services and programming 
- Identified system gaps and challenges 
 - Process problems
 - Capacity needs
 - Population projections
- Evidence Based Practices Identified 

A County's Process Analysis for the Arrest/Booking Stage

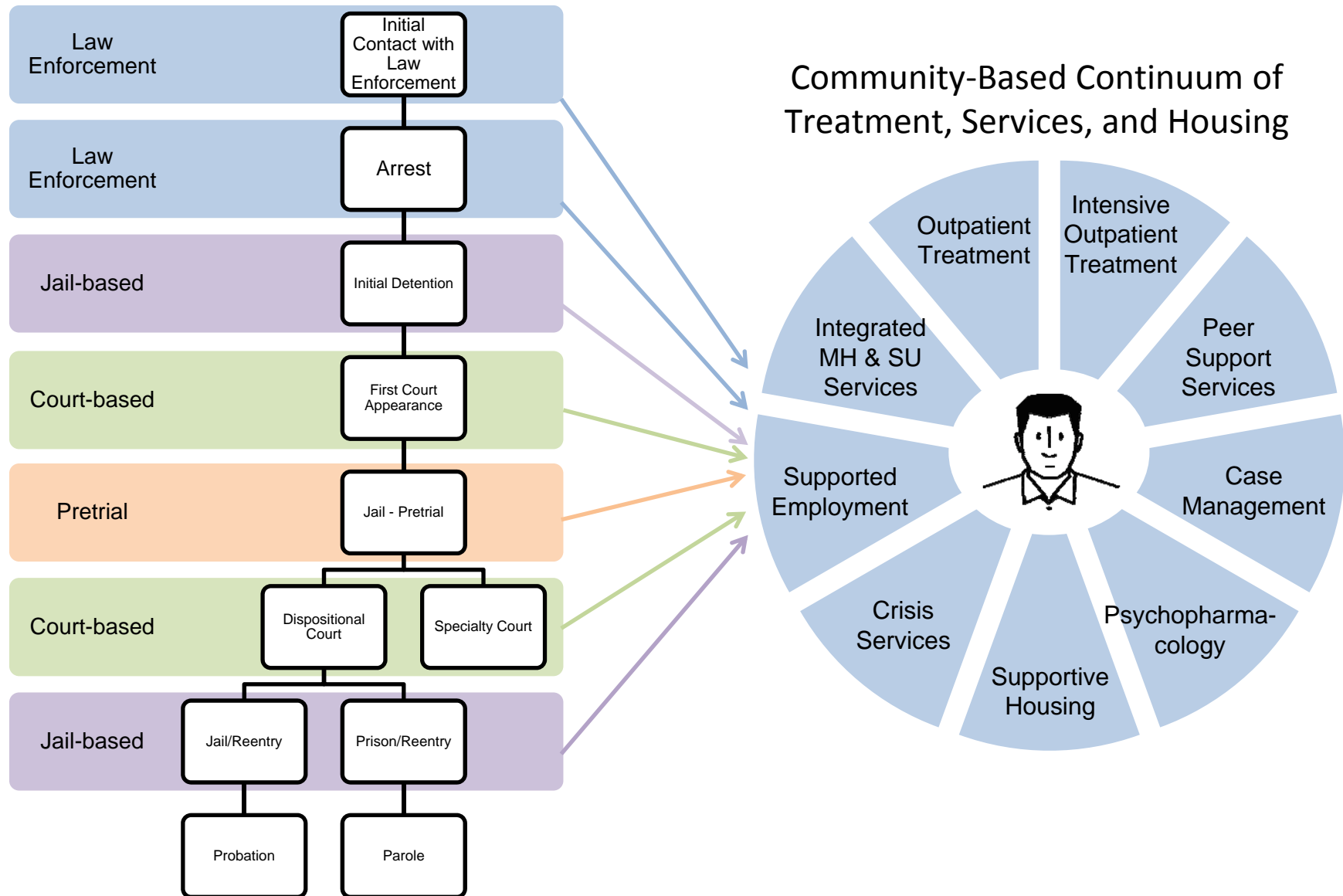


- 1 CIT training of law enforcement is not comprehensive; protocols vary by agency
- 2 Law enforcement is often unable to locate facility with capacity for Arrested Persons (APs) with acute MH needs
- 3 Lack of standardized policies at the various detention facilities across the county
- 4 Automated information system data entry happens at various times
- 5 Medical staff cross check jail booking information with local hospital(s) system to check MH history; info is not shared with county jail









5. Have You Prioritized Policy, Practice, and Funding?

- A full spectrum of strategies 
- Strategies clearly focus on the four key measures 
- Costs and funding identified 
- County investment 

A System of Diversion to a System of Care



6. Do You Track Progress?

-  Reporting timeline of four key measures 
-  Process for progress reporting 
-  Ongoing evaluation of program implementation 
-  Ongoing evaluation of program impact 

Tracking Progress



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THANK YOU

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Stepping Up Initiative

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How Did We Get Here?

- Community support & awareness of mental health issues, strategies
- County Commissioner support
- Sheriff's Office support
- Top 25 inmates entered jail over 480 times since the year 2000 totaling > 20,000 days @ cost of \$1.5M

Timeline of Events

- April 2015 – Sheriff’s Office applied for Bureau of Justice Assistance “Justice & Mental Health Collaboration Program” grant; commonly referred to as “MH in CJ” grant
- August 2015 - County Commissioners adopted “Stepping Up” resolution
- October 2015 – Awarded MH in CJ grant

Timeline of Events

- April 2016 – Members of the Policy Team attended National Stepping Up Summit in Washington, DC
- June 2016 – Per planning team recommendation, County Commissioners appropriated funds to create a full-time Jail MH Navigator position
- July 2016 – Present – Continue to work through MH in CJ Planning & Implementation (P&I) Guide

Blending of Initiatives

Goals of MH in CJ grant *complement* Stepping Up goals

- Determine prevalence of the problem; how many offenders in the jail with MH problems
- Evaluate current system via utilization of SAMHSA Sequential Intercept Model to identify diversion potential
- Accomplish comprehensive, data-driven analysis of community-based and criminal justice systems to identify jail diversion strategies
- Identify community resources
- Submit recommendations to Policy Team for implementation

Stepping Up Activities

- Identified Policy Team inclusive of heads of agencies represented on the MH in CJ Planning Team
- Attended National Stepping Up Summit
- Coordination with MH in CJ Planning Team
- Periodic initiative updates to BOCC
- Take recommendations from Planning Team and implement policy changes and/or funding appropriations

MH in CJ Grant Benefits

- Provides for technical assistance from the Council of State Governments Justice Center
- Best practices across the state and nation
- Use of P & I Guide
- On-site visits and reviews

MH in CJ Grant Outcomes

- Reduce the number of people with mental illnesses and co-occurring disorders who are booked into jail
- Reduce the length of time people with mental illnesses and co-occurring disorders stay in jail
- Increase the number of people released from jail who are connected to community-based services and supports
- Reduce the number of people with mental illnesses and co-occurring disorders returning to jail

Major Task: Convene Planning Team

- County Government
- Sheriff & Jail Administrators
- Hospital Behavioral Health (important for managing IVC's)
- LME/MCO
- Behavioral Health Providers
- Public Defender, District Attorney, Judges
- Police
- Probation & Parole
- DSS
- Homeless Shelter

Continues to grow as stakeholders are identified

Planning Team Activities

- Use Sequential Intercept Model
- Learn about each others' roles
- Collectively define Mental Illness and define Recidivism
- Review Jail Screens & Validated Assessments
- Identify Strengths, Weaknesses & Gaps



Excerpt of SWOT Analysis

- Strengths: Invested stakeholders, commitment from BOCC, CIT, strong LME/MCO & provider resources
- Weaknesses: Lack of pre-trial diversion programming, lack of post-release connection with services
- Opportunities: Creation of county Jail Diversion program, navigator position in Detention Center
- Threats: Lack of information sharing, ever-changing MH system

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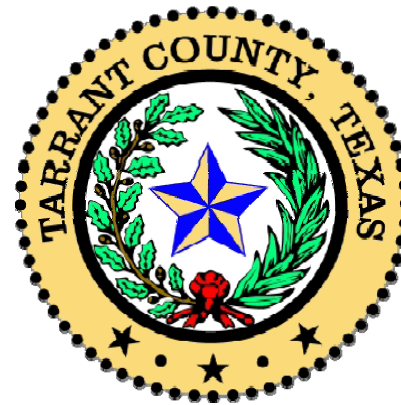
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Tarrant County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC)

The CJCC provides an ongoing countywide forum for leaders from criminal justice agencies, general governments and communities to collectively discuss public safety and criminal justice issues in the most evidence-based, cost-effective, and equitable ways possible. The committee brings together leaders to form a unique policy-level forum whose overall purpose is to strengthen interagency coordination, communication, and cooperation.

Tarrant County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC)

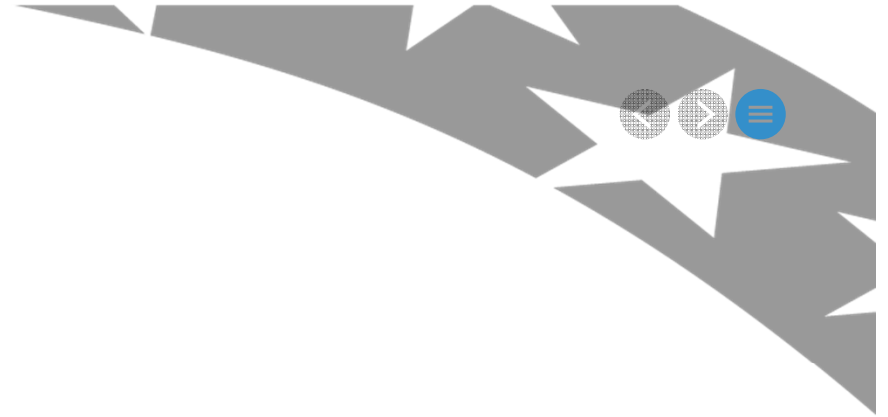
67 Members, including:

- County Commissioners
- County Judge
- Sheriff
- IT Director
- Budget Director
- County Administrator
- Judicial Administrator
- Probation Director
- County Clerk
- Pretrial Release Director
- Medical Examiner
- Community Development Director
- Auditor
- District Attorney
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- Public Health Director

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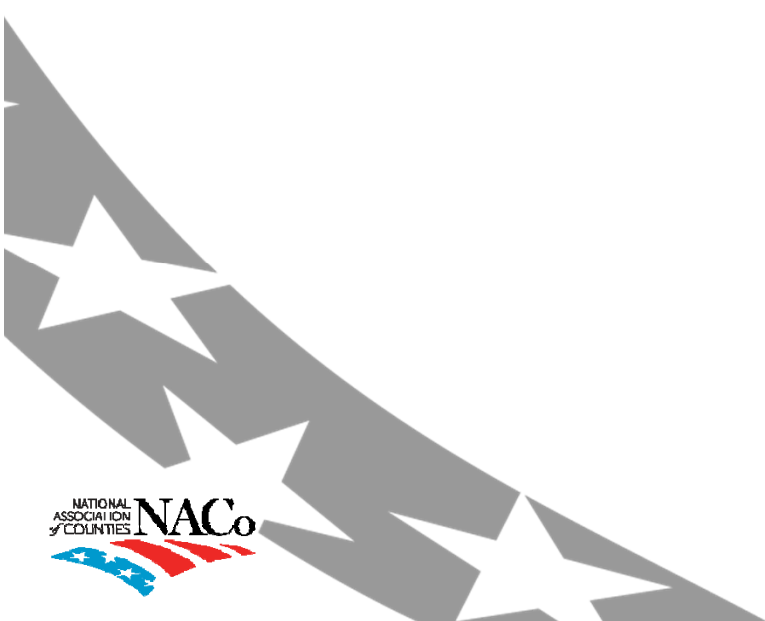
The CJCC addresses various topics such as:

- Mentally Ill in Jail
- Pretrial Release Functions
- High Recidivism Rates
- County Jail Reentry Programs
- Discovery Process
- Inmate Paper Ready process
- Community Mental Health Centers
- Detoxification Centers
- State Level Reentry Planning
- Community Justice and Reintegration Initiatives
- Ex-Offender Resource Coordination
- Reentry Coalitions
- Human Trafficking; and
- Updates to the Tarrant County Criminal Justice Community Plan.



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