

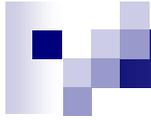


# **Johnson County, Kansas Mental Health and Criminal Justice Intercept Project**

**Project Briefing  
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# The Goal

- **Improve outcomes for people with mental illness who come in contact with the Johnson County criminal justice system.**



## The Basics.....

- 19 month planning process
- Funded by grant from Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City
- Technical support from Council of State Governments Justice Center
- Justice Center Consensus Project ([www.consensusproject.org](http://www.consensusproject.org)) (p. 7)
- 11 project partners (p. 27)
- Leadership Team and Work Team

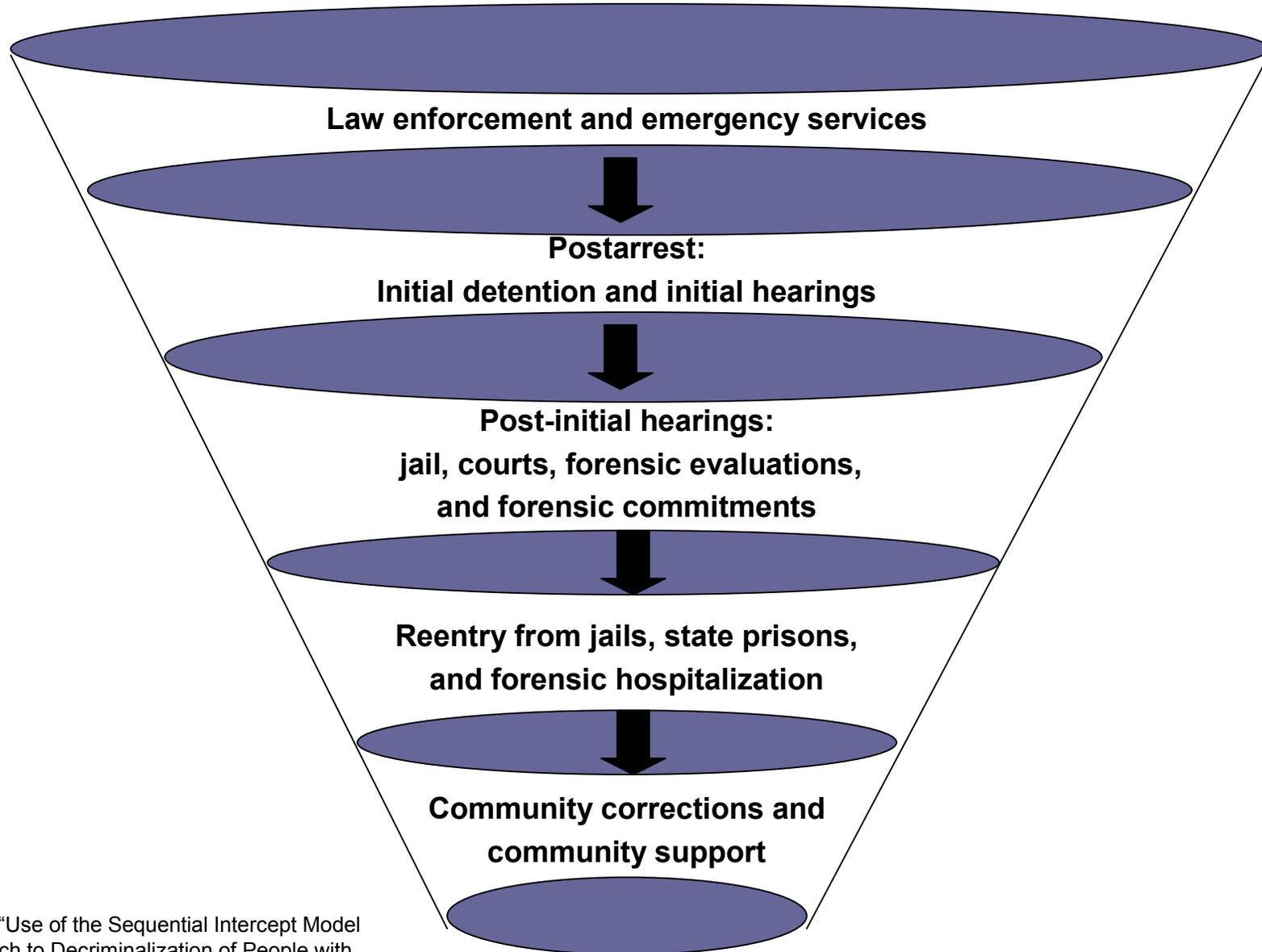


## Planning Based On.....

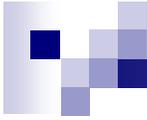
- Consensus – agreement by all partner organizations
- Data-driven decision making
- Experience of experts and individuals/ families involved in system
- Evidence-based practices
- Acknowledge, but not constrained by, resource limitations
- Recognized model – Sequential Intercept (*p. 28*)

# The Sequential Intercept Model

**An accessible mental health system: the ultimate intercept**



Replica from "Use of the Sequential Intercept Model as an Approach to Decriminalization of People with Serious Mental Illness", Psychiatric Services, April 2006, Vol. 57 No. 4



## **Key Activities . . . . .**

- Examined current system
- Reviewed evidenced-based programs
- Implemented tracking system within Adult Detention Center
- Collected and analyzed data
- Assessed findings and developed recommendations



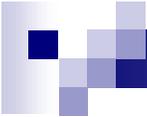
## **Key Data: Administrative Records 2008 (p.37)**

- 17% of ADC inmate population on psychotropic medication.
- 29% of county residents in ADC were clients of Johnson County Mental Health Center at some time over past 5 years.
- An average of 600 people were on bond supervision each month. Of those, 120 (20%) were estimated to have a mental illness.
- One-third of Department of Corrections residents received on-site psychiatric services.



## Key Data: Law Enforcement Survey 2009

- Law enforcement estimated 2,760 calls for service that involved suicide, psychiatric or mental health incident.
- 17% of officers CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) trained.



## **Key Data: Mental Health “Flag” Analysis January – March 2010**

About the data: Johnson County selected as national demonstration site by Council of State Governments Justice Center. Mental Health “Flag” added to JIMS to track individuals at ADC who were referred for mental health services.

- 21% of Johnson County residents jailed for misdemeanor or felony were referred to mental health services. The average length of stay for misdemeanant with referral was twice that of misdemeanants without referral.
- Nearly one-third of Johnson County females booked for misdemeanor have a mental health flag.
- Individuals with flag make up disproportionate share of those with many prior intakes at ADC.



**Key Data: Mental Health “Flag” Analysis  
January – March 2010, continued**

- 42% of jail admissions were non-residents.
- Non-residents with mental health flag are disproportionately female.
- Non-resident women with flag, serving time for felony, stay in jail longer than resident females with flag in jail for felony.



## Findings *(p. 11)*

- Mental health system does not have adequate resources for growing forensic work.
- Rainbow Mental Health and Johnson County Mental Health Center need expanded capacity (staff and resources).
- Need more efforts to address substance abuse and other co-occurring disorders with mental illness.
- Need to provide Trauma Informed care.
- Need increased investment in prevention and intervention.



## Findings, continued

- Need for training.
- Need to explore legislative remedy for certain barriers.
- Broader community needs to be engaged.
- Family and natural community of support should be involved.
- Data indicate volume currently does not support investment of limited resources in Mental Health Court and Crisis Stabilization drop-off site.
- Continue to collect data.
- Participate in regional discussion.



# The Report

- Principles *(p. 24)*
- Key Elements *(p. 25)*
- Recommendations *(p. 14)*
  - Priorities



## ***Law Enforcement***

- The recommendations focus on **preventing unnecessary entry** of persons with mental illness into the criminal justice system.
- Recommendations include **enhanced training** of dispatchers and officers, and developing **alternatives** to arrest.



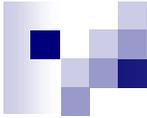
## ***District Court Pre-Trial and Adjudication***

- Improvements center around screening and evaluation, and alternative forms of prosecution.
  - Consistently screening individuals for mental illness.
  - Providing mental health information when appropriate in pretrial hearings and for use in dispositional alternatives (bond, diversion).
  - Expanding mental health diversion.
  - Assigning a specific attorney in the District Attorney's Office as a contact for offenders with mental illness.
  - Providing defendants with mental illness who are on diversion information about how to comply with the rules of diversion and how to obtain community support.



## ***Sentencing and Supervised Release***

- The recommended improvements focus on finding more **sentencing options** and connecting inmates with **community-based resources** and assistance at the time of release.
- Recommendations include:
  - Ensure probation officers are working with offenders' natural community of support
  - Collect and analyze data to help determine when a mental health court is warranted
  - Implement a review board
  - Strengthen Johnson County Mental Health Center's ties with Wyandot Center for Community Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.



## ***Adult Detention Center***

- Recommendations call for using information about inmates' mental health condition to **develop plans for treatment, housing and programming**, as well as reducing the amount of time an inmate goes without **access to medication**, and offering evidence-based **treatment programs** within the Detention Center.



## *Residential Center*

- The recommendations include implementation of a “Modified Therapeutic Community” to address co-occurrence of substance abuse and mental illness, and assigning released inmates who are under court supervision to probation officers with specialized training.



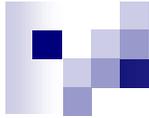
## ***Reentry (including Kansas State Prison)***

- The recommendations call for successful **transitioning of individuals to the community**, including mental health services and treatment, and a 30-day supply of medication upon release.



## ***Progress to Date***

- Receipt of a Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) grant will provide for “Co-Responder” Pilot program and expansion of Mental Health Diversion
- Continued growth in CIT trained officers/dispatch
- Adult Detention Center screeners’ team is meeting.
- Pursuing legislation to allow for more communication between mental health professionals and law enforcement
- Implementation of Reentry programming through Second Chance Act Grant funding



# **Johnson County Mental Health Center's Perspective**

## **Discharge Planning Progress Note**

### **Discussion & Questions:**

**What are collaboration opportunities?**