

NYS DCJS Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

Office of Probation and Correctional
Alternatives

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Background & Parameters

- Grant application submitted to U.S. Department of Justice BJA to work with up to 10 of the IMPACT counties in collaboration with NYS OMH in order to improve outcomes for individuals with mental illness and reduce recidivism.
- Selected in August/September 2012 as one of 40 awards from 279 applications for the JMHCP Planning and Implementation grants.
- Award is for a total of \$250,000 and includes a 6 month planning period followed by 18 months for implementation.
- The Council of State Governments Justice Center is the technical assistance coordinator for the grant.
- OPCA has met with our partner NYS OMH, the NYS Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors, DCJS OPS, NYS SCOC, NYS Association of Chiefs of Police, Westchester, Schenectady and Rensselaer counties, NYS DOH and the Legal Action Center to prepare for grant implementation.

Model

- *Project Intercept* mapping.
- Statewide county dashboard.
- Enhanced police response to individuals with serious mental illness.
- Pretrial screening and identification.
- Local reentry continuum of care for jail releases.
- Probation supervision/mental health case management coordination.
- Peer advocacy support.
- *Community Care Coordination*.

Outcomes

- Identify and divert repeat non-violent mentally ill offenders into appropriate treatment and community supervision programs utilizing the sequential intercept model. (Free-up police resources to focus on violent crime.)
- Reduction of recidivism in individuals with serious mental illness.
- Significant long term cost savings: police, courts, jails, emergency and inpatient hospitalizations, and other Medicaid funded services, etc.
- Better treatment outcomes for mentally ill offenders under community supervision and leaving local/county jail systems.
- Enhanced cross system collaboration.

Action Steps for Implementation

- Selection of targeted counties and coordination with Probation Directors/Commissioners, Mental Health and DSS Commissioners, Law Enforcement , Treatment Providers, County Executives, and Hospital Administrators to establish interest in participation and sustained commitment.
- Establish state/local interagency Task Force to oversee and inform program activities.
- Coordinate with implementation of Health Homes.
- Development of schedules and protocols for implementation, reporting, and follow-up with counties.