

Vision:

It is the vision of the CJ/CCoE that the mental health and criminal justice systems will work together to improve the quality of life of those residents of Ohio who suffer from mental disorders and who are at risk of finding their way unnecessarily into the criminal justice system.

Mission:

The mission of the CJ/CCoE is to encourage communities throughout Ohio to forge collaborative relationships between the mental health and criminal justice systems so that individuals with mental disorders receive the care they need.

Goals:

The goal of the CJ/CCoE is for each county in Ohio to develop an array of programs that will divert people with mental disorders from jail and keep people with mental disorders in treatment.

Why We Care:

Individuals with mental illness are overrepresented in jails and prisons. Correctional settings are not intended to be mental health treatment facilities and are not able to provide optimal care. This phenomenon has resulted in overburdened prison staff, interruption of mental health treatment, and often a worsening of mental health symptoms due to environmental stressors associated with incarceration. However, aside from the humanitarian need to reduce inappropriate incarceration of individuals with mental illness, it is expensive for law enforcement to repeatedly respond to and arrest people with mental illness in crisis. Jail diversion provides an opportunity to slow the "revolving door" of the criminal justice system by promoting interventions that lead to recovery.



Promoting Jail Diversion Alternatives for People with Mental Disorders

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International Crisis Intervention Team



www.citinternational.org
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Consensus Project

www.consensusproject.org



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Ohio Criminal Justice CCOE

providing
technical assistance
and promoting
best practices
for jail diversion initiatives

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The Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence (CJ/CCOE)

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence (CJ/CCoE) was established in May 2001 to support the growth and development of collaborations between the mental health and criminal justice systems that support jail diversion alternatives for people with mental disorders throughout Ohio. The CJ/CCOE is a collaboration between the County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board and the Northeast Ohio Medical University. The CJ/CCOE works collaboratively with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, NAMI Ohio, the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, and the Ohio Attorney General Task Force on Criminal Justice and Mental Illness.

For communities interested in developing jail diversion programs, the CJ/CCOE provides technical assistance in the following areas:

- Identifying and convening key stakeholders in Ohio Communities to build community collaboration and encourage cross-system understanding
- Planning and implementing Sequential Intercept Mapping and Taking Action for Change work - shops in Ohio Communities
- Promoting diversion programs at all intercepts of the criminal justice system
- Planning and implementing Crisis Intervention Team programs and training for emergency first responders
- Promoting and implementing research that will inform Best Practices for jail diversion initiatives
- Disseminating information regarding best practices in jail diversion throughout the state and nation



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The Sequential Intercept Model:

Working with the National GAINS Center, the CJ/CCoE has developed a conceptual model to approach the “decriminalization” of people with mental illness. The model outlines sequential points at which a person with mental illness can be “intercepted” and kept from going further into the criminal justice system. Over time, as systems mature, it is expected that people will be intercepted earlier in the process, leading to fewer people entering the criminal justice system.

The ultimate intercept is best practices, meaning the provision of accessible and effective mental health and addiction services.

The model proposes five intercept levels:

1. law enforcement and emergency services
2. initial hearings and initial detention
3. jail and courts
4. reentry from jails, prisons, and hospitals
5. community corrections and community support

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