Steering Committee

The OCBHJI steering committee is comprised of experts representing the behavioral health and criminal justice fields, including:

- Judges
- Defense Counsel
- Prosecutors
- State Officials
- Trial Court Administrators
- County Commissioners
- Behavioral Health Professionals
- Disability Rights Advocates
- Local Public Safety Coordinating Councils (LPSCC) Coordinators
- Other Stakeholder Groups

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Almost 50% of individuals incarcerated in local jails are in need of mental health services and an estimated 60% have a substance use disorder. Many inmates have co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders (Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2017).

Significant advancements in the treatment of behavioral health conditions have been developed and implemented successfully over the past 25 years.

Individuals with serious behavioral health challenges are significantly more likely to be the victims of crime than individuals within the general public.

Evidence-based practices associated with treatment and systems approaches can significantly reduce incarceration for individuals with behavioral health needs by providing appropriate services in the community to treat the behaviors that are bringing them to the attention of law enforcement.

Basic Facts

Goals of the Center

- Increase skills and competencies among criminal justice and behavioral health system partners in the treatment of individuals with serious behavioral health challenges, pre- and post-arrest.
- Enhance knowledge among partners about effective community-based programs and services that improve the early identification of people with co-occurring disorders who come into contact with the criminal justice system.
- Strengthen service linkage and engagement in treatment to improve quality of life, reduce the likelihood of people committing another crime, and promote community safety.
- Assess statewide implementation of program progress and use the information to prioritize the focus of this work.

Services Offered at No Cost

- Sequential Intercept Model mapping
- Specialized training for justice and behavioral health professionals
- Crisis Intervention Team training and development
- Consultation for teams and individuals

How We Can Help

- Assess community justice and behavioral health strengths and needs
- Identify and implement effective deflection strategies