

Snapshot of the 2006 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program Grantees

| State | Name of Grantee | Jurisdiction Type | Grant Category | Program Name | Adult/Juvenile | Criminal Justice Entity | Mental Health Entity | Criminal Justice Systems Focus | Contact Information | Description |
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| AL | Alabama | Rural | Planning | Interagency Task Force | Adult/Juvenile | Admisitrative Office of the Courts | Alabama Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation | Multiple | Amy Hinton Project Coordinator amyhinton@bellsouth.net and amy.hinton@mh.alabama.gov 334-220-2721 (secondary: 334-353-7366) | Strategic planning will focus on the goal of reducing recidivism of youth with serious emotional disturbances and adults with serious mental illnesses in the criminal and juvenile justice system. Specific objectives for strategic planning will include increasing the number of criminal justice and court personnel knowledgeable about mental health resources, enhancing criminal justice, juvenile justice and mental health communication and collaboration, and increasing access to mental health services for individuals on probation or parole or end of sentence releases. The Project Coordinator, who is hired and supervised by the AL Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, will be conducting a needs assessment and gap analysis. The Project Coordinator will work jointly with the Interagency Taskforce to develop a comprehensive statewide strategic plan to reduce recidivism among youth with serious emotional disturbances and adults with mental illnesses involved with the criminal justice system. |
| AL | Montgomery County | Mixed Urban/Rural | Implementation and Expansion | Montgomery County Criminal Justice and Mental Health Collaboration | Adult | The Montgomery County Commission | Montgomery Area Mental Health Authority | Courts | John Mitchell johnmitchell@mc-ala.org (334) 832-1203 | Montgomery County has had a Mental Health Court for several years at the level of circuit court (felonies) and now plans to expand the program to the level of district court to include all three misdemeanor courts. The overall mental health caseload will double to 60 individuals. The judge most involved with this expansion has visited other mental health courts and plans to visit a Bureau of Justice Assistance Mental Health Court Learning Site. |
| AR | Arkansas | Rural | Planning | Project Intercept | Adult | The Second Judicial Circuit Court of Arkansas | Mid-South Health Systems, Inc. | Courts | Judy Sipes for Dr. Albert Kittrel Project Director Project Intercept Judy.Sipes@arkansas.gov (501) 686-9354 | Arkansas' "Project Intercept" will focus on the state's Second Judicial Circuit, which comprises six counties in the northeast corner of the state. Project stakeholders first convened in November, 2006. The grantee will organize its sub-committees according to the Sequential Intercept Model, and after site visits to other mental health court programs and a conference of regional stakeholders, will determine the direction of future activities. |
| CA | Mendocino County | Rural | Planning and Implementation | Adult System of Care for Mentally Ill Offenders | Adult | Mendocino Sheriff's Office and County Jail | Mendocino County Mental Health Department | Corrections | Dina Ortiz Department of Mental Health Mentally Ill Offender Mental Health Supervisor ortizd@co.mendocino.ca.us (707)463-4346 | Mendocino County plans to develop an overall strategic plan so that individuals with mental illnesses will be placed into community mental health services at all points along the Sequential Intercept Model. |
| CA | Tulare County | Rural | Planning | The CJ and MH Collaborative | Adult | Sheriff's Department | Tulare County Health and Human Services Department | Multiple | Kyla Surratt Tulare County HHS Ksurratt@tularehhsa.org 559-737-4660 ext 2308 | Tulare County plans to develop a strategic plan informed by the Sequential Intercept Model. During the first quarter of the grant, they will have eight community-wide stakeholder meetings lead by a facilitator and designed to solicit input from community members, and consumers of mental health services and their families. They will also host three full-day planning retreats for stakeholders and collaborative partners to increase public awareness and education, provide a needs assessment, and involve all community members. There will also be six half day training presentation sessions which all interested people are encouraged to attend. These meetings will focus on successful model programs along the Sequential Intercept Model. At the end of the grant year the collaboration will develop a strategic plan and training curriculum. |
| CA | Ventura County | Mixed Urban/Rural | Implementation and Expansion | Adelante Integrated Treatment Court | Juvenile | The Distict Attorney and Public Defender | Ventura County Behavioral Health Department | Courts | Mary Stahlhuth mary.stahlhuth@ventura.org (805) 981-5550 | Ventura County is expanding its mental health court and juvenile drug court to include an mental health court for juveniles with co-occurring disorders. The grantee plans to use the Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment (IDDT) model in this new program. They have begun by focusing on the juvenile in the context of the family and plan to explore and incorporate adult group treatment model activities in their services for juveniles at a later date. They are currently serving seven juveniles and will expand to serve 15. |
| CO | Colorado | Suburban | Implementation and Expansion | Collaborative Planning Committee | Adult | State of Colorado Judicial Branch, Twentieth Judicial District Courts and Probation Department | The Mental Health Center Serving Boulder and Broomfield Counties | Courts | Greg Brown Chief Probation Officer Twentieth Judicial District (303) 441-3703 greg.brown@judicial.state.co.us | This grantee has created an Integrated Treatment Court serving mentally ill criminal defendants, probation violators, seriously dependent or addicted substance abusers and high risk female offenders. The grant will focus on early identification of offenders and fast tracking them into programs. The grant funded clinical social worker, in the Public Defender's Office will focus on assessment, case planning and release plans. Because of her unique position, the social worker will be able immediately to interview and assess clients without compromising their legal rights. The grant also supports additional probation officer resources to provide intensive services to clients on bond and probation, and the expansion of mental health services and incentives for positive client performance. |
| DC | District of Columbia | Urban | Planning | D.C. Mental Health/Justice Collaboration | Adult | Criminal Justice Coordinating Council | D.C. Department of Mental Health | Multiple | Lois Calhoun Forensics Services Coordinator 202-671-3217 lois.calhoun@dc.gov | The District of Columbia will design a strategic plan to ensure an accessible, comprehensive and integrated mental health/substance abuse program; develop a jail diversion program that is informed by the Sequential Intercept Model and enhance data collection. |
| FL | Hillsborough County | Mixed Urban/Rural | Implementation and Expansion | Hillsborough County Discharge Planning Program | Adult | The Sheriff's Office of Hillsborough County | Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute | Corrections | Rich Rolfes RolfesR@Hillsboroughcounty.org (813) 276-2033 | Hillsborough County will enhance its current discharge program to increase linkages to community supports and services and create rapid access to services for those individuals with mental illnesses who are re-entering the community. The grantee will add a full-time employee and develop a formal discharge planning component to address current gaps in discharge planning and will conduct adult re-entry cross training. |
| GA | Chatham County | Urban | Planning | Collaborative Planning Committee | Adult | Chatham County Superior and State Courts | Savannah Area Behavioral Health Collaborative | Courts | Erica Usher Project Coordinator Eusher@Chathamcounty.org (912) 652-7167 | Chatham County has convened a "Collaborative Planning Committee" directed by a superior court judge and a state court judge. The Committee plans to develop an intensive pilot program for a small number of individuals with mental illness who come into contact with the criminal justice system, to assess the effectiveness of their system of community mental health service delivery. They will expand this program to include a larger group of individuals by end of the year. The grantee also plans to develop a directory of mental health resources for judges, and visit other mental health courts in Georgia. |
| IA | Story County | Mixed Urban/Rural | Planning and Implementation | Story County Mental Health/Criminal Justice Task Force | Adult | Departement of Correctional Services | The Richmond Community Mental Health Center | Corrections | Debra Schildroth Community Services Director Story County Community Services dschildroth@storycounty.com (515) 382-7282 | The Story County Mental Health/Criminal Justice Task Force is working to develop a post-arraignment jail diversion program by hiring an intensive case manager. The grantee will train law enforcement personnel on mental illness and jail diversion, and educate all service providers about the program. They hope to address the possibility of diversion options at the juvenile court. |

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| LA | Baton Rouge | Urban | Planning | Mental Health Task Force | Juvenile | The Task Force for the City of Baton Rouge | Capital Area Human Services District | Multiple | Alex Jones awjones@brgov.com (225) 354-1220 | Baton Rouge will assess the services available for juveniles and educate the population about those services. The grantee will focus on juveniles who have become involved with—or are likely to become involved with—the criminal justice system and develop a plan to divert those individuals to mental health services. |
| MO | Greene County | Urban | Planning and Implementation | Comprehensive Adolescent Treatment Services (CATS) | Juvenile | Greene County Juvenile Court | Burrell Behavioral Health | Courts | Lisa Street Family Drug Court Coordinator lisa.street@courts.mo.gov (417) 829-6107 | Greene County plans to develop a "Comprehensive Adolescent Treatment Services" (CATS) program—a juvenile mental health court that will build on an existing juvenile drug court. The grantee hopes to serve 50 juveniles in the first year, 150 in the second year, and 200 in the third year. They will hire three intensive case managers as the caseload of CATS increases. The grantee's goals include improving access to services for juveniles and their families' and increasing compliance with continuity of care. The grantee will conduct trainings among all stakeholders and agencies and expand support services for professionals, consumers, and families. |
| NC | Durham County | Urban | Planning | Criminal Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program | Adult/Juvenile | The Office of the Sheriff of Durham County | The Durham Center | Multiple | Michelle D. Zechmann The Durham Center mzechmann@co.durham.nc.us (919) 560-7487 Donnie Phillips Project Coordinator donnie.phillips@earthlink.net | Durham County will develop a strategic plan to address the needs of youth and young adults that have or are suspected to have severe mental illness at each of the points of interception in the criminal or juvenile justice system. This grant seeks to increase public safety through innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illness who come in contact with the criminal or juvenile justice system. |
| NE | Lancaster County | Urban | Implementation and Expansion | Behavioral Health Jail Diversion Program of Lancaster County | Adult | Lancaster County Department of Corrections | Community Mental Health Center of Lancaster County | Corrections | Travis Parker PATH and Special Needs Program Manager/Jail Diversion Grant Project Director tparker@ci.lincoln.ne.us (402) 441-6610 | Lancaster County is expanding its jail diversion program to include individuals with severe and persistent mental illnesses (SPMI) who are eligible for Community Corrections' Pre-Trial Services or Adult Drug Court Programs. This population has not historically been served by these programs due to a lack of adequate resources for persons with an SPMI. The grantee plans to increase service capacity and serve approximately 65-80 consumers per year who have committed misdemeanor, as well as non-violent felony offenses. |
| OH | Columbiana County | Rural | Planning | Collaborative Steering Committee | Juvenile | Columbiana County Juvenile Court | Columbiana County Counseling Center | Multiple | Ginger L. Wilczak Juvenile Justice and Mental Health Collaborative Coordinator glwilczak@yahoo.com (303) 482-4324 | Columbiana County has established a collaborative steering committee and an advisory sub-committee. The committee will conduct a needs assessment and a services resource assessment. The committee also plans to conduct interagency training, community education, and identify the evidence-based practices best suited for the plan they develop. |
| OH | Hamilton County | Urban | Planning and Implementation | Pretrial Diversion Docket | Juvenile | Hamilton County Juvenile Court | Community Mental Health Board | Courts | Deanna Nadermann Specialized Docket Coordinator Hamilton County Juvenile Court dnadermann@juvcourt.hamilton-co.org (513) 946-9258 Cheryl Anderson Specialized Docket Clerk canderson@juvcourt.hamilton-co.org | Since 2004, Hamilton County's Juvenile Court IDD (Individualized Disposition Docket) has diverted juveniles with a serious emotional disturbance in contact with the criminal justice system. The grantee plans to develop a Pretrial Diversion Docket (PDD) for up to 20 first time non-violent offenders with a serious emotional disturbance. Entrance into the PDD will require the approval of the court, district attorney, and defense attorney. The program will take pleas which will later be dismissed if participants satisfactorily complete the program. |
| OH | Mansfield Municipal Court | Urban | Implementation and Expansion | Collaborative Planning Committee | Adult | Mansfield Municipal Treatment Court | Ohio Substance Abuse and Mental Illness | Courts | Mark Cox Treatment Court Coordinator Mansfield Municipal Court mcox@ci.mansfield.oh.us | Mansfield Municipal Court has had a Mental Health Treatment Court since 2004 for individuals with mental illnesses who have committed misdemeanor offenses. This grant will be used to expand services in the Municipal Treatment Court and to make the resources and treatment alternatives available to individuals referred from the Court of Common Pleas who have been sentenced for felony offenses. |
| PA | Allegheny County | Urban | Planning and Implementation | Criminal Justice Mental Health Collaborative of Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh | Adult | City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police | Allegheny County Office of Behavioral Health | Law Enforcement | Karen McLellan CIT Coordinator (412) 323-7849 Amy Kroll Director of Forensic Services Office of Behavioral Health 412-350-7337 | Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh are designing a CIT program, which they will pilot in Pittsburgh and then use as a model for police departments throughout the county. As a first step in the planning process, they have created the Allegheny County Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Steering Committee. Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh plan to base their CIT program design on the experiences of Maryland, Ohio, and Memphis, TN by visiting these jurisdictions and observing their programs. As part of the CIT program development, they plan to develop two triage sites, which will be developed and operated by current mental health providers. |
| PA | Philadelphia | Urban | Planning and Implementation | RESPONDS | Adult | Philadelphia Police Department East Division | Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Mental Retardation Services | Law Enforcement | Lieutenant Francis Healy Philadelphia Police Department francis.healy@phila.gov (215) 686-3022 | Philadelphia plans to develop a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program called RESPONDS to be located in the East District of Philadelphia. The RESPONDS Coalition works closely with both the Philadelphia Forensic Task Force and the Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice Work Group at the Philadelphia Prison System to coordinate criminal justice/mental health issues in the City of Philadelphia. |
| PA | Venango County | Mixed Urban/Rural | Planning | Venango County Collaboration Project | Adult | Venango County Adult and Juvenile Court Supervision Services | Venango County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services | Multiple | Jayne Romero Mental Health Mental Retardation Administrator jromero@co.venango.pa.us (814) 432-9752 | Venango County will convene one large committee—"The Venango County Collaboration Project"—and five sub-committees each representing a point along the sequential intercept model. The grantee has hired a facilitator to coordinate the committees' work. The sub-committees will meet two-three times before February 2007 and will each make recommendations to the large committee. Thereafter the Collaboration Project will hold community-wide forums to determine the committee recommendations on which it will focus. |

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| TX | Travis County | Urban | Planning and Implementation | Travis County Collaborative Opportunities for Positive Experiences (COPE) | Juvenile | Travis County Juvenile Probation Department | Austin Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation | Courts | Gail Penney-Chapmond, Director of Assessment Services gail.penney-chapmond@co.travis.tx.us (512) 854-7084 Estela Medina, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer estela.medina@co.travis.tx.us 512-854-7069 Linda Duke, Program Coordinator Mental Health Court linda.duke@co.travis.tx.us 512-854-7083 Michael Williams, Finance/Grant Coordinator michael.williams@co.travis.tx.us 512-8547011 | COPE is a diversionary program that has specialized proceedings focused on the special needs of youth with mental health disorders. COPE will have a specialized Family Meeting with Judge Hathaway and other Core Team members. The family meetings will have a collaborative non-adversarial approach. Main goal is to divert youth with a mental health disorder from further involvement in the justice system by connecting the youth and their family to appropriate services and providing accountability for participation. |
| UT | Salt Lake County | Urban | Implementation | RIO (RIGHT people IN right people OUT) | Adult | Salt Lake County Criminal Justice Services | Salt Lake County Division of Mental Health | Multiple | Brian C. Miller Salt Lake County Mental Health Director BCMiller@slco.org (801) 468-2186 | Under the direction of the newly formed "Span Committee" comprised of high level officials from all involved agencies, the project will implement comprehensive interventions at each of the five sequential intercept points. Interventions will include: 1) developing a mental health bond process; 2) planning a centralized receiving center; 3) developing protocols for transition from jail to community mental health; 4) developing a boundary spanner position to work across criminal justice, court, and mental health systems; 5) expanding the day report center to supervision of persons on mental health bond; 6) defining a specialized mental health docket to include treatment planning; 7) expanding the mental health court capacity; 8) expanding the number of trained CIT officers; 9) developing in-reach discharge planning in the jail; 10) expanding housing options for chronically homeless individuals, 11) developing specialized MH probation. |
| VA | Chesterfield County | Suburban | Planning | Partnership for Change | Adult/Juvenile | Community Criminal Justice Board | Chesterfield County Mental Health Support Services | Multiple | Kris Bryant Assistant Director Community Corrections Services bryantk@chesterfield.gov (804) 706-1271 | Chesterfield County will convene a committee—"Partnership for Change"—that will focus on consensus building, community gap analyses, opportunities for diversion, development of shared goals, and inclusion of consumers and family members in decision-making processes. The Partnership for Change will explore the possibility of conducting cross training for mental health and law enforcement personnel and increasing opportunities for collaborations with the juvenile justice system. |
| VA | Lynchburg | Urban | Planning | Community Jail Diversion Alliance | Adult | Lynchburg General District Court | Central Virginia Community Services | Multiple | Donna Vincent Central Virginia Community Services Board "Community Jail Diversion Alliance" donna.vincent@cvcbsb.org (434) 455-2076 | Lynchburg's Community Jail Diversion Alliance will be the lead agent in developing a strategic plan to initiate system-wide changes in jail diversion. The Alliance will conduct cross training of criminal justice and mental health personnel, a needs assessment in both mental health services and current jail diversion activities, and develop its framework along the Sequential Intercept Model. |
| WA | Spokane County | Urban | Planning | Judicially Integrated Mental Health Solutions (JIMHS) | Adult | Spokane District, Municipal and Superior Courts | Spokane Mental Health | Courts | Ronald E. Gibb Judicial Assistant to Judge Linda G. Tompkins Adult Felony Drug Court Spokane County Superior Court rgibb@spokanecounty.org (509) 477-5792 | Stakeholders in Spokane County have begun meeting to establish greater coordination among criminal justice and mental health agencies through their Judicially Integrated Mental Health Solutions program. Their activities have included drafting and approving a mission statement, identifying work areas, establishing sub-committees for each work area, and developing memoranda of understanding regarding the sharing of time, information, employees, and resources for this project. The grantee's overall goal is to examine the resources available at all points along the Sequential Intercept Model that can contribute to the work of the Judicially Integrated Mental Health Services Program so the community can develop a flow chart presenting options at each intercept point. |