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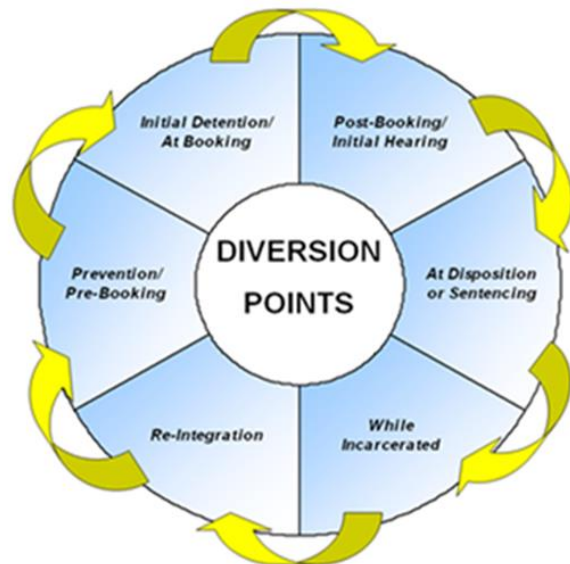
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Criminal Justice Services: A Smart on Crime Approach

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) funds many programs along the criminal justice continuum. Each has the goal of providing quick access to care in order to divert individuals from moving deeper into the criminal justice system and decrease the likelihood of future involvement. ODMHSAS has undertaken a variety of initiatives to promote a Smart on Crime approach to criminal justice challenges resulting from untreated mental health and substance use issues. These initiatives provide resources to courts and other criminal justice partners, local law enforcement, Oklahoma communities, families and individual seeking help.

The concept of *Smart on Crime* is to address mental illness and addiction at any number of diversion points:

- Prevention/Pre-Booking
- Initial Detention/At Booking
- Post-Booking/Initial Hearing
- At Disposition/Sentencing
- While Incarcerated
- Reintegration



By engaging individuals in the right services before they experience adverse behavior that leads to criminal justice system involvement, at the earliest possible time once they enter the criminal justice system, while incarcerated and/or when they exit incarceration, we can avoid a continuance of future negative actions and successfully restore that person's ability to be a successful and contributing community member.

ODMHSAS Smart on Crime Initiative

ODMHSAS has developed a multistage model of resources needed to reduce Oklahoma's growing incarceration rate by appropriately screening, diverting and providing the right treatment services for individuals engaged in the criminal justice system due to untreated mental illness and substance use. The potential effectiveness of this model has been verified by independent studies confirming its merits and

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ability to successfully help the state to avoid millions in future costs once fully funded and implemented. Parts of this plan are currently in action throughout the state and are returning incredible results. The initiative has been endorsed by numerous law enforcement and community organizations (including the 2008 Oklahoma Academy Town Hall), including:

- The Oklahoma District Attorney's Council
- The Oklahoma Sheriff's Association
- The Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police
- The Academy for State Goals
- The Oklahoma Turning Point Council
- The City of Oklahoma City
- The City of Midwest City

Prevention/Pre-Booking Initiatives and Resources

Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) is a community effort partnering both law enforcement officers and the community together for common goals of safety, understanding, and service to individuals with mental illness and their families. Officers participate in a 5-day, 40-hour CIT program hosted by ODMHSAS. The training program consists of sections taught by mental health and substance abuse treatment experts, specially trained officers, local Community Mental Health Centers, and representatives from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). The training prepares officers to safely de-escalate a crisis, determine the need for emergency treatment, and get the individual to professional treatment as quickly as possible.

Since 2002, ODMHSAS and all supporting CIT partners, have trained around 1,200 law enforcement officers throughout the state. In Oklahoma County alone, CIT-trained officers have saved nearly \$1,000,000 in jail costs and over \$500,000 in hospital costs through deescalating mental health crisis and diverting individuals to crisis centers. CIT programs have been modified for detention officers and other law enforcement populations.

For more information on CIT opportunities, contact Tania Woods at TWoods@odmhsas.org.

Law Enforcement Training is offered by ODMHSAS staff to fulfill CLEET continuing education needs. Classes can be offered from an existing course list or tailored to the needs of agencies.

For more information on Law Enforcement Training opportunities, contact Tania Woods at TWoods@odmhsas.org.

A network of ***Community-Based Services*** is funded throughout the state offering mental health and substance abuse treatment services through all levels of care including outpatient, intensive outpatient, medication assisted treatment, residential substance abuse, detoxification, and others. Community-Based Services are accessible to Oklahoman's regardless of involvement within the criminal justice system. To find a provider in your area visit www.odmhsas.org.

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Initial Detention/At Booking

Pretrial Support is offered to pretrial service agencies, courts, and jails in order to expedite bond decisions that encourage rehabilitation, public safety, and coordination with community-based providers. ODMHSAS also provides free certification training on the use of validated pretrial risk assessment tools as well as other pretrial best practices, including access to the ODMHSAS web-based pretrial data collection system.

For more information on Pretrial Support, please contact Nisha Wilson at Nwilson@odmhsas.org.

Day Reporting is a pretrial bond program designed to serve individuals with serious mental illness and those with co-occurring mental health and addiction disorders who are awaiting sentencing for qualifying criminal offenses. Due to limited resources, this service is only operational in Oklahoma County. Services are provided by NorthCare and serves persons in the custody of the Oklahoma County Sheriff. The savings from Day Reporting participants not awaiting sentencing in jail (\$7,056,377) equates to adding an additional 9 peace officers to the local law enforcement agencies for each year that this program has operated (began in 2005). These savings have been realized through a better than 96 percent decrease in participant arrests, days spent in jail and needed inpatient hospital days.

For more information on Day Reporting, please contact Nisha Wilson at Nwilson@odmhsas.org.

Post Booking/Initial Hearing

Offender Screening, as authorized by 43A O.S. 3-704, are conducted by ODMHSAS certified treatment providers to determine felony offenders' risk to reoffend as well as identify substance use and mental health treatment needs. Using these validated screening instruments, referral recommendations are made for prison-alternative sentences that best meet the offender's needs and increase the likelihood of successful prison diversion. By serving as central screening hubs, county jail-based screenings save diversion program resources and avoid duplicative assessment processes. Offender Screening has reduced the average time an offender spends awaiting sentencing by 57 days, resulting in \$15.5 million in jail day savings. Counties without offender screening experienced an increase in the percentage of non-violent prison receptions that was approximately twice that of counties with offender screening. ODMHSAS has made Offender Screenings available in all 77 counties. To date, approximately 30,000 screens have been completed and 26,500 final dispositions recorded. An estimated 82 percent of those screened individuals are eligible for diversion programs, including treatment services and other.

For more information on Offender Screening, please contact Dedra Hansbro at Dedra.Hansbro@odmhsas.org.

At Disposition/Sentencing

Drug Courts annually cost \$5,000 compared to \$19,000 for incarceration. That alone is a significant benefit. But what really tells the story are the improved outcomes. Drug Court

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graduates are much less likely to become incarcerated compared to released inmates. Measured program outcomes include 95.4 percent drop in unemployment, a 119.3 percent jump in monthly income, a 116.7 percent increase in participants with private health insurance and better than 81 percent of graduates are able to again live with their children. A tracking study of over 4,000 graduates monitored for a five-year period demonstrated earnings of better than \$204 million that resulted in an estimated \$6.1 million in tax revenue paid to the state. Had these graduates been incarcerated, instead of in drug court, it would have cost the state an additional \$191.6 million (average sentence of three years each). There are approximately 4,000 drug court slots statewide.

For more information on Drug Courts, please contact Steve Burdex at Steve.Burdex@odmhsas.org.

Mental Health Court outcomes, like drug court, are impressive. Graduates of mental health courts are nearly 8 times less likely to become incarcerated compared to released inmates, and nearly 14 times less likely to be incarcerated than released inmates who have been diagnosed as having a serious mental illness. Program graduates have seen a 60 percent drop in unemployment, a 97 percent decrease in arrests and an 89 percent decrease in the number of days spent in jail. Graduates of the program also show a 63 percent decrease in the number of needed inpatient hospital days. There are currently mental health courts in 19 Oklahoma counties with an additional 7 counties being planned. Appropriated state funding currently allows for approximately 700 mental health court slots statewide.

For more information on Mental Health Courts, please contact Steve Burdex at Steve.Burdex@odmhsas.org.

Family Treatment Courts operate in six Oklahoma counties. This initiative is a multidisciplinary, collaborative approach to serve families who require substance use disorder treatment and who are involved with the child welfare system. These courts bring together substance use and mental health treatment agencies, child welfare services and other others in a non-adversarial approach. They provide safe environments for children, intensive judicial monitoring and interventions to treat parents' substance use disorders and other co-occurring risk factors. Positive outcomes include higher rates of participation and better adherence to substance use disorder treatment, family reunification and less time for children in foster care. Participants in the ODMHSAS program have experienced a 125 percent reduction in out-of-home placement days and a 58 percent reduction in unemployment. Additionally, the program has meant that 61 infants were born drug-free.

For more information on Family Treatment Courts, please contact Kelly Earles at Kelly.Earles@odmhsas.org.

Partnerships with Office of Juvenile Affairs exist in multiple counties and avenues throughout the state. For example, ODMHSAS operates 7 juvenile diversion treatment programs providing

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court oversight, OJA supervision, and community-based treatment services to decrease the likelihood of future involvement in the criminal justice system.

For more information on partnerships with OJA and juvenile diversion programs, please contact Steve Burdex at Steve.Burdex@odmhsas.org.

Misdemeanor Diversion Programs partner criminal justice accountability with evidence-based substance abuse and mental health treatment services to decrease future involvement with the criminal justice system. Misdemeanor Diversion general operate within two models (1) *Misdemeanor Treatment Court* programs which are highly structured programs. They include, but are not limited to, regular court appearances, case management, supervision, random drug screens, group and individual therapy by certified treatment agencies; or (2) *Deferred Adjudication Treatment* programs which provide diversion strategies, such as deferred prosecution agreements, as the legal mechanism for participation. The participant receives individualized treatment services provided by certified treatment agencies without the supervision of the court. Treatment providers report to the DA when a participant is non-compliant with services. There are currently 7 counties operating misdemeanor diversion programs, with an additional 9 in planning stages.

For more information on Misdemeanor Diversion Programs, please contact Dedra Hansbro at Dedra.Hansbro@odmhsas.org.

Veteran Support is provided by ODMHSAS through the Zone4Vets initiative. Zone4Vets is a special distinction that criminal justice programs, such as treatment courts, can earn by meeting a set of research-supported criteria which review operational standards and policies. Programs receiving the Zone4Vets distinction have, for example, enhanced their collaboration with community veteran resources, received specialized training, and have amended their policies and operations to more quickly identify justice-involved veterans in their criminal justice systems. Several programs across the state have received Zone4Vets honors and are providing exceptional care to veterans in their communities.

For more information about Zone4Vets, please contact David Clinton at David.Clinton@odmhsas.org.

Reintegration

Reentry Intensive Care Coordination Teams (RICCT) provide treatment services in the community to persons discharged from prison. The goal of the MHRP is recovery. This nationally recognized initiative has reduced the rate of prison returns for participants compared a baseline comparison of released inmates. Additionally, participants within two years of release have a 56 percent higher reported income than a baseline comparison of released inmates.

For more information on RICCT programs, please contact Stephanie Cottrell at Stephanie.Cottrell@odmhsas.org.

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Integrated Services Discharge Managers (ISDMs) are ODMHSAS staff officed alongside Oklahoma Department of Corrections staff in many of the state's prisons. ISDMs work with discharging inmates with serious mental illness in order to connect them to mental health services in the communities of their choice.

For more information on ISDMs, please contact Stephanie Cottrell at Stephanie.Cottrell@odmhsas.org.

Training and Technical Assistance

The ODMHSAS offers many training opportunities throughout the year ranging from half-day, workshops on specific best practices to the two-day annual Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Conference each fall.

For communities or programs looking for individualized help for their needs, the ODMHSAS offers customized criminal justice technical assistance at no cost. Examples of commonly requested technical assistance include community system mapping to identify barriers and gaps in the diversion system or conducting analysis of criminal justice data to identify trends and inform local policy.

To learning about upcoming training opportunities, request a training, or discuss technical assistance needs for your community, please contact Lindsay Horn at Lindsay.Horn@odmhsas.org.