

COORDINATING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HOUSING SERVICES WITH COMMUNITY RE-ENTRY INITIATIVES AT COUNTY JAILS AND STATE PRISONS

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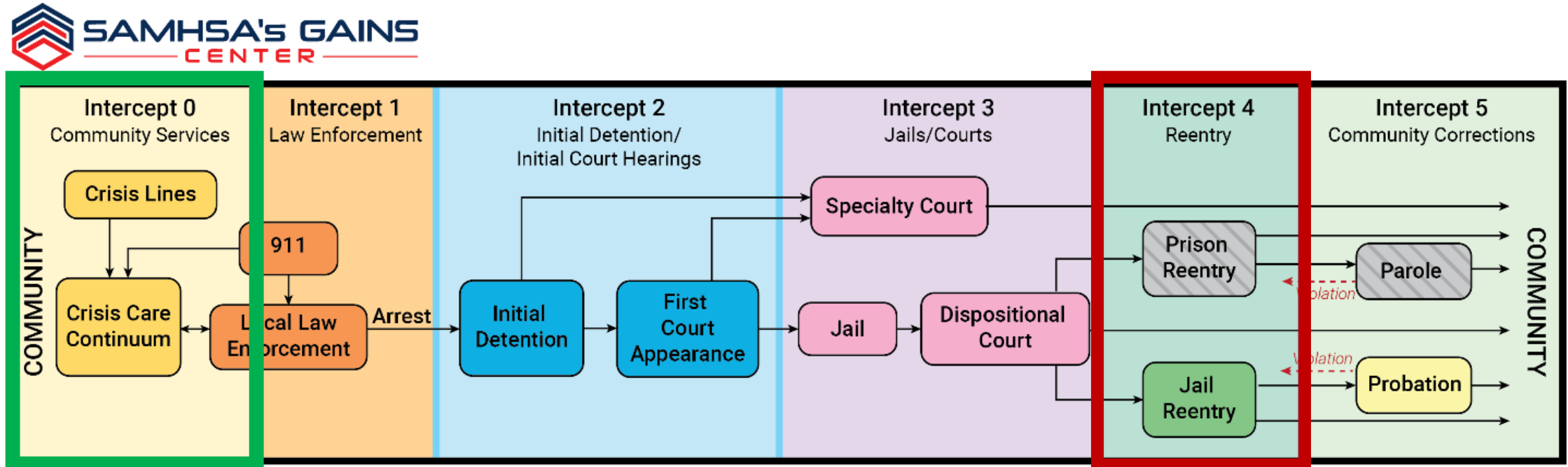


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SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL

Sequential Intercept Model provides a conceptual framework for communities to organize targeted strategies for justice-involved individuals with behavioral health disorders.

Within the criminal justice system there are numerous intercept points— opportunities for linkage to services and for prevention of further penetration into the criminal justice system



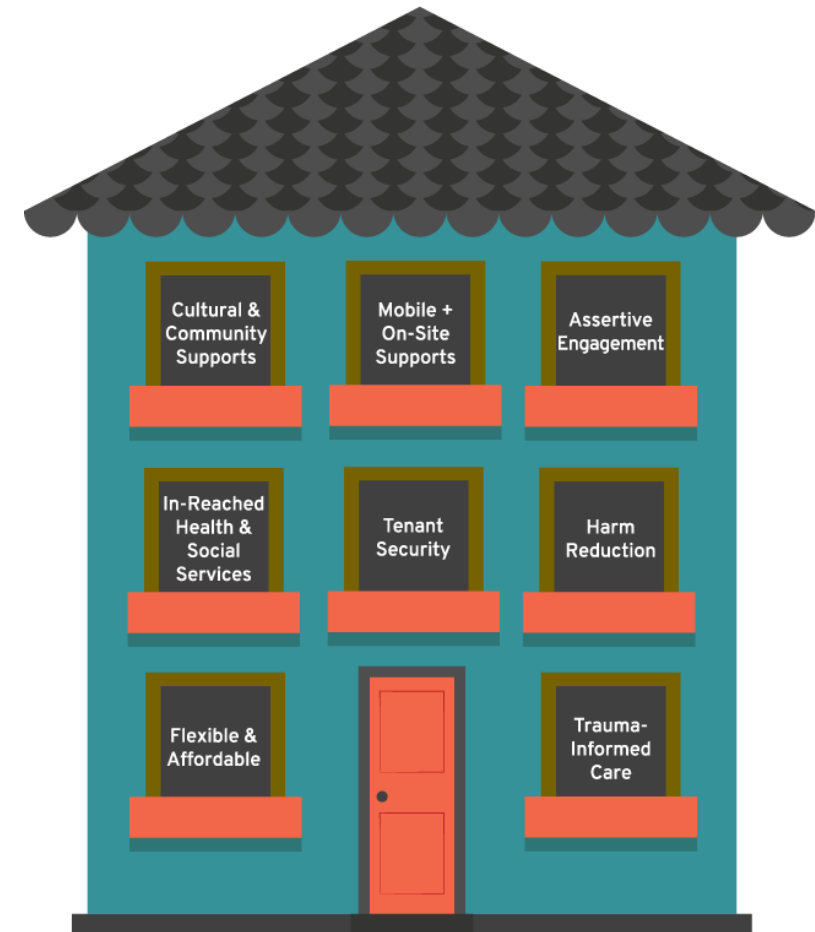
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SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL

- In May, 2019, NM participated in a Regional Summit on Improving the Justice System Response to Mental Illness – NM Team Organized by NM Supreme Court Justice Nakamura
- A successful intervention requires collaboration across all three branches of government and across multiple Departments
- There are multiple different possible strategies but none succeed without broad collaboration
- Never Pass 0 initiative!
- Create a multidisciplinary action team
- Request TA for an assessment of resources, and experts to plan the road forward
- Convene a two-day training, with the first day for all judges, and a second day for local policy makers
- Change Culture to move away from criminalizing mental illness
- Hire a behavioral health specialist within Administrative Office of the Courts to lead these reforms
- Convene a statewide summit when appropriate
- Review existing Involuntary commitment laws suggested improvements

MEDICAID SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICE

- Provides for permanent supportive housing for homeless adults who are diagnosed with severe mental illness and co-occurring substance abuse issues.
- Subsidized rental housing affordable to the lowest levels of income
- Linked with flexible supportive services to support tenancy and address other needs
- Evidence-based practice for recovery and resiliency



Source:

<http://endhomelessnessyeg.ca/permanent-supportive-housing/>

MEDICAID SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICE

Individual housing transition services - transition from institutions to community-based housing.

Services include:

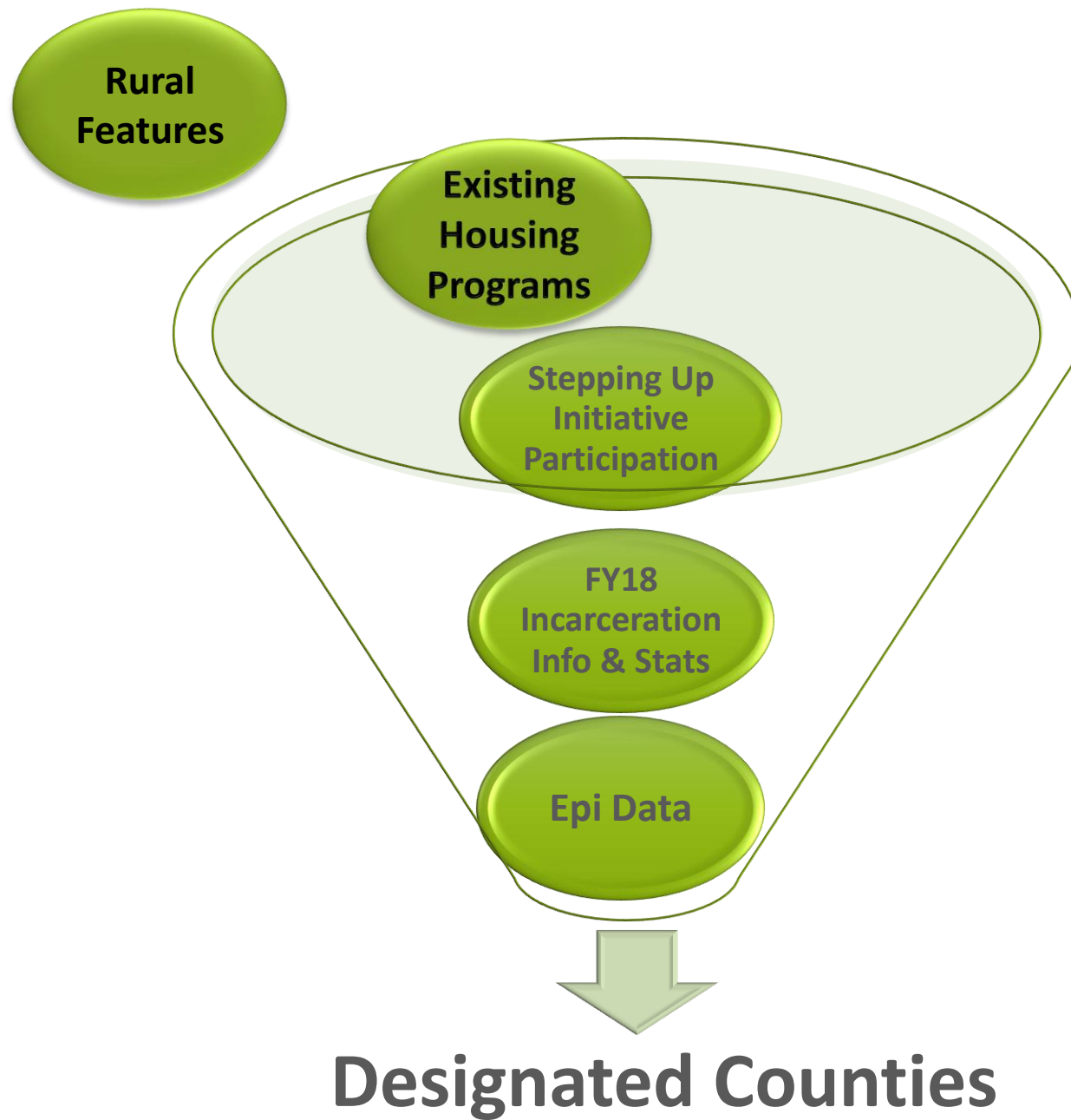
- Tenant screening and housing assessments to identify preferences and barriers to successful tenancy
- Development of a housing support plan
- Assistance with the housing application and search process;
- Assistance with one-time move-in expenses, such as security deposit
- Arranging for details of the move;
- Development of a crisis plan that includes prevention and early intervention services when housing is jeopardized.

Individual housing and tenancy sustaining services assist in maintain tenancy after housing is secured.

- Tenancy support services - education and training on tenants' and landlords' role, rights, and responsibilities
- Assist resolving disputes - landlords and neighbors to reduce the risk of eviction
- Assistance with housing recertification.

HOUSE BILL 2 APPROPRIATION - \$2.5M

- ❑ BHSD used the following data to determine the top rural counties with highest needs and minimal resources:
 - NM DOH epidemiological data for alcohol use mortality rates, drug overdose deaths, suicide rates per county.
 - NM Association of Counties data for incarcerations by county and housing options.
 - Other considerations:
 - ❖ Counties involved in the Stepping Up initiative
 - ❖ Counties with juvenile detention centers
 - ❖ Counties with Linkages programs
- ❑ BHSD met with LFC, Governor's Executive Policy Advisor, NMFA, Representative Stapleton's office (HB43), MAD, The Coalition to End Homelessness to discuss and agree upon utilization of \$2.5M
- ❑ BHSD constructed the Intervention Demonstration Project (IDP) and solicits feedback from those identified above.



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- ☐ BHSD released IDP to 6 counties: Sierra, San Miguel, Grant, Valencia, Eddy and San Juan
- ☐ BHSD and partners establish review team: BHSD, NMFA, and NM Coalition to end Homelessness
- ☐ Counties and BHSD will establish outcome and evaluation measures

CORRECTIONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OUTCOMES DATA PLAN (DOH)

Data

- Limited data on people released from prison for 2015-present

Approach to linkage

- Select the last release for each individual in the corrections data
- Link individuals to death and hospitalization data

Planned Initial Analysis

- Calculate number and rate of deaths by cause of death
- Calculate number and rate of hospitalizations by primary diagnosis category
- Compare rates to the rates in the general population
- Calculate time from release to death or hospitalization

JUVENILE JUSTICE IN NEW MEXICO – INTERCEPT MODEL



Prevention, Intervention,
Alternatives to Detention,
Risk Assessment Tools (0-2)

Specialty Courts,
Detention with a Purpose
(Education, sports, jobs,
mental health treatment)

Re-entry – Family finding,
services connection,
community building