

# Southwest New Mexico Inmate Support Program (ISP)

Through the provision of behavioral health services, via the Inmate Support Program using the **Wraparound Model of Care**, local inmates at the Luna, Hidalgo and Grant County Detention Centers will see improvements in behavioral health status and increased probability of **successful community reintegration** upon release

# History

- Initial research began in 2012 with local and regional partners
- *Wraparound Model* training provided to ISP coordinator/s, and ISP sub-committee members
- Working with local, regional, and state legislators to: Establish **sustainable funding**; **Improve behavioral health status** for inmates; Increase **successful reintegration** into the community.
- Implementation with limited funding
  - Thanks to the Town of Silver City and Grant County
  - From Jan 2016 – June 2017, 59 participants, **25 have been released. 96% have not recidivated**

# Core Wraparound Model Principles

- Individual and Family Voice and Choice
- Culturally and Linguistically Competent
- Team-based
- Utilize Natural Supports
- Collaboration
- Community-based
- Individualized
- Strength-based
- Persistence
- Outcome-based

# Crunching Numbers

- To date – January 2016 – June 2017 – 59 inmates participated at the GCDC  
**Total days of non-recidivism = 4,638 @ \$94/day cost savings of \$435,972**
- Benefit/cost ratio information for Evidence Based Cognitive Behavior Programs in Prison (**\$16:1**); Drug Treatment in the Community (**\$6:1**); Drug Treatment in Prison (**\$4:1**); Employment Training/Job Assistance in Community (**\$4:1**); and Intensive Supervision/Treatment (**\$2:1**)

# Success Stories

- **Young Father**
- **Pursuing Education**
- **Restored Faith**
- **Ready to Change**

# Financial and Human toll and Benefits

- It is difficult to find an area of U.S. policy where the benefits and costs are more out of balance.... This ill-conceived and **outmoded approach is a failure, with high costs and recidivism rates** and institutional conditions that are often appalling (McCarthy, Schiraldi, Shark, 2016.)
- Wraparound provides a method through which teams come together to create and implement plans to meet needs, achieve outcomes, and improve lives. Provides an “on the ground” mechanism to guide planning and produce individualized support that is **community based and culturally competent** (Stroul & Friedman, 1996.)
- Adult prisoners – Vroon VDB has trained and coached staff in several states to provide Wraparound for repeat offenders beginning about six months before release. In a randomly controlled study recidivism was **reduced by over 400%** for the Wraparound group.
- 2013 NM Legislative Finance Committee Results First Report states the lifetime value of avoiding a reconviction is **\$121,912.**

# Barriers

- **Contract**
- **Difficulty accessing services available at FQHC**
- **Flex Fund**
- **Inability for Workforce Connection to enter the jail to provide job/skills training**
- **Finances – LCDC and HCDC and GCDC**
- **Bridging the gap – warm hand-off and services**
- **Communication between core partners**

# Requests

- **Sustainable Funding/Infrastructure**
  - **Fund .5 - 1 FTE – ISP coordinator positions per jail**
  - **Basic supplies: laptop, phone, paper, printer**
  - **Professional development/training**
    - **Evidence based program support (Stepping UP, AOT)**
    - **Wraparound Model (facilitator, coaching)**



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