Criminal Justice & Mental Health

Challenges and Opportunities



Overview

Bureau of Justice 2006	State	Federal	Local
Any mental problem	56%	45%	64%
Recent history	24%	14%	21%
Symptoms	49%	40%	60%

- Increased recidivism among inmates with mental health problems
- Higher rates of mental health problems among inmates who have been homeless.

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Community Elements

- 501(c)3 nonprofit
- Since 1956
- Crisis Line since 1967
- First Group Home in 1984
- PHACT in 2005
- Operates TIMES Center and Roundhouse
- CARF Accredited
- BALC Certified and DASA Licensed



Continuum of Services

- Involuntary Treatment
- Acute Psychiatric (Respite)
- Supervised 24 hour (Group Homes)
- Supported Residential (TIMES Level II, Shelter plus Care, Apartments)
- Independent Housing (Apartments)
- Prevention/Supportive Development (TIMES Level I)
 community elements

Continuum of Care

- Specialized Case Management
- Criminal Justice Linkage
- Drug Court Mental Health Court
- Moral Reconation Therapy



Access to Services

Access to services requires screening and assessment to determine safety, medical necessity, eligibility for funding including Medicare, Medicaid, insurance, CCMHB.



Access

- Law Enforcement Response (CIT Officers)
- Emergency Room (Community Elements Crisis Assessment)
- Jail Screenings and Assessments (Correctional Healthcare Companies)
- Community Elements Access



Challenges

- Reductions in state support for non-Medicaid eligible clients
- System Capacity (State and Local)
- Successful engagement can be difficult
- Co-occurring disorders
- Homelessness



What Works

- A fluid system with consistent models of service in institution and community
- Evidence-based models
- Housing models
- Incentives or mandates to participate in community-based services



Building for the Future

- Enhanced Crisis Team functions
- Community Resource Center (Title XX request)
- Dept. of Justice Planning Grant
 - Standardized screenings and assessments
 - Standardized processes
 - Evidence-Based models
 - System-wide data for outcomes and capacity

