

ALLEGHENY COUNTY JUSTICE RELATED SERVICES



From ***Point of Initial Contact/Diversion*** to
Treatment Courts to ***Reintegration*** from
County and State Correctional Institutions

JUSTICE RELATED SERVICES

- Support for adults with
 - mental illness and/or
 - substance use disorders and
 - who are involved with the CJS
- Is provided
 - during and following court proceedings
 - during and following incarceration
- To promote successful transition back into the community and reduce the likelihood of returning to incarceration by providing access to
 - treatment
 - supports
 - recovery-oriented programs



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Arrest

- Caught committing a crime.
- Arrest warrant issued.
- Probable cause.

Arraignment (*Within 72 hours of arrest*)

- Held at magistrate level.
- Bond is set.

Preliminary Hearing (*Within 3-10 days; can be postponed*)

- Determines if there's enough evidence to prove crime committed and that the accused is the perpetrator; if so case held for trial.
- Court must presume that witness is telling the truth.
- Defense does not present evidence.
- May result in dismissal of case, reduction of charges, or fine assessed.
- A motion for bail reduction can be made at this hearing.



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Formal Arraignment (If in jail, the accused is not present)

- Signing of subpoena giving Pre-Trial Conference date
- Judge assignment

Pre-Trial Conference (If in jail, the accused is not present)

- Signing of subpoena for trial date.
- DA and either Public Defender or Court Appointed Attorney Assigned if defendant does not have a private attorney.
- Defendant could potentially enter guilty plea.
- Defendant chooses jury or non-jury trial.
- Defendant may choose to accept a plea bargain at this time.



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Trial (*up to 180 days or less provided there are no postponements*)

Defendant enters guilty or not-guilty plea

Accused may present a defense.

Believability of witnesses extremely important.

Defendant may be found guilty or not guilty.

If guilty, sentencing date to be set or waived; defendant may choose to have a presentence investigation which normally takes an additional 8-10 weeks.



Sentencing

A person found guilty may be sentenced to any of a number of options, often in combination: fines, restitution, probation, alternative housing, to total confinement.

2 days less 2 years or under is county time.

SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL

“THE SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL IS A FRAMEWORK TO UNDERSTAND THE INTERACTION BETWEEN THE CJS AND MH SYSTEMS. THE MODEL’S INTERCEPTS ARE POINTS WHERE THERE CAN BE INTERVENTION TO PREVENT INDIVIDUALS FROM ENTERING THE CJS OR MOVING FURTHER INTO IT.”

- Intercept 0: Community Services
 - Opportunities to divert people into crisis care
 - Resources available without requiring people in crisis to call 911, if possible
 - Connects people with treatment or services instead of arresting or charging them with a crime
- Intercept 1: Law Enforcement
 - Diversion performed by law enforcement and other emergency service providers who respond to people with mental and substance use disorders
 - Allows people to be diverted to treatment instead of being arrested or booked into jail.
- Intercept 2: Initial Court Hearings/Initial Detention
 - Diversion to community-based treatment by jail clinicians, social workers, or court officials during jail intake, booking, or initial hearing.

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Projects-and-Initiatives/Doing-Business-with-Allegheny-County-Bids-and-Solicitations/Human-Services-DHS-Solicitations/Archive-of-Past-DHS-Solicitations/Award-Details-037>

<https://www.samhsa.gov/criminal-juvenile-justice/sim-overview>

- Intercept 3: Jails/Courts

- Diversion to community-based services through jail or court processes and programs after a person has been booked into jail
- Includes services that prevent the worsening of a person's illness during their stay in jail or prison.

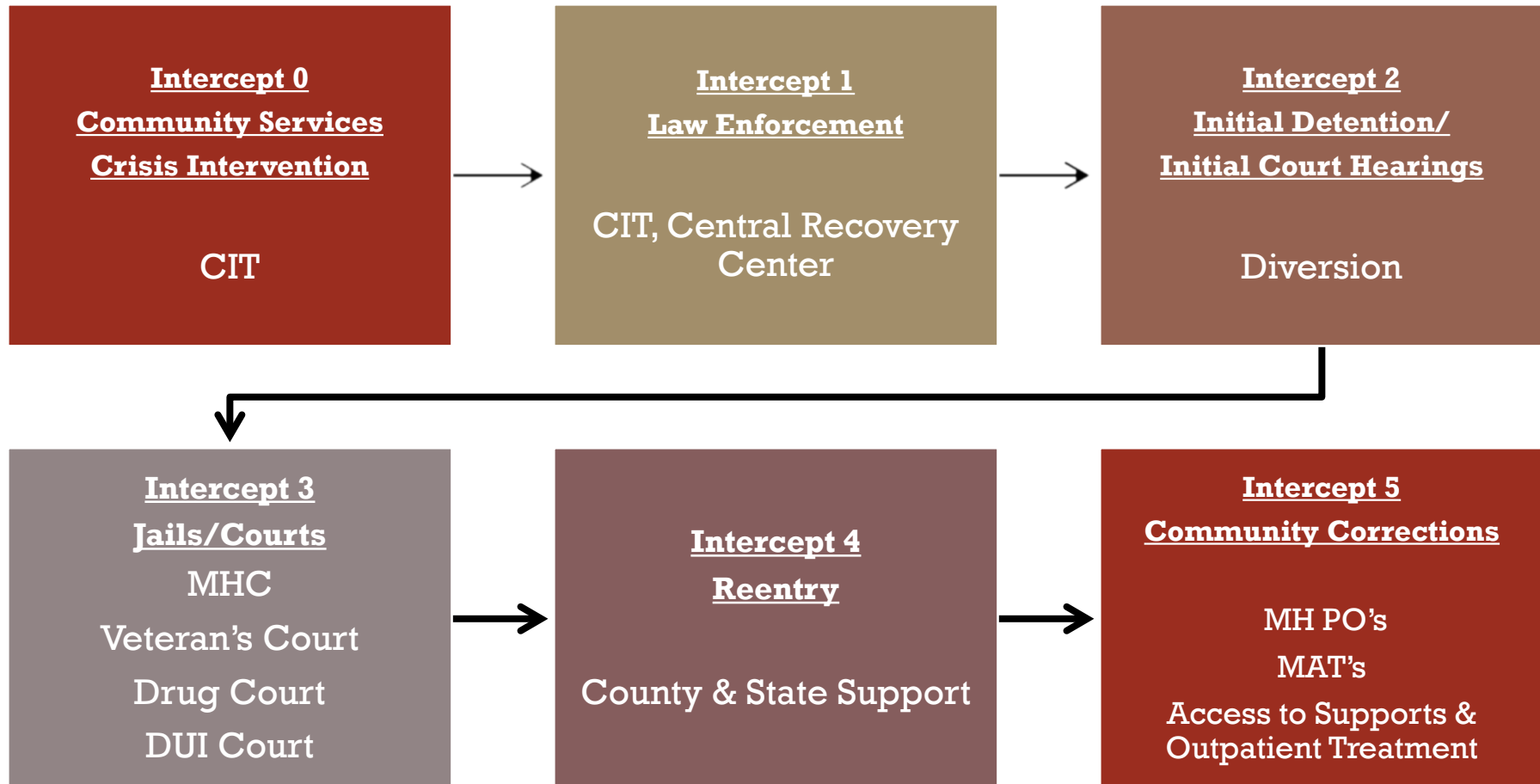
- Intercept 4: ReEntry

- Involves supported reentry back into the community after jail or prison to reduce further justice involve of people with mental and substance use disorders
- Involves reentry coordinators, peer support staff, or community in-reach to link people with proper mental health and substance use treatment services.

- Intercept 5: Community Corrections

- Involves community-based criminal justice supervision with added supports for people with mental and substance use disorders to prevent violations or offenses that may result in another jail or prison stay.

Allegheny County Sequential Intercept Model





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- **CIT---Pre-Arrest Diversion**
- **Diversion---**Front Door of the County Jail
 - **Post-booking**
 - **Attend Preliminary Hearing**
 - Recommendations made to District Judge
 - Non-monetary bond conditions
 - 90-day review or waived for trial
- **Treatment Courts (Mental Health Court, Veterans Court, Drug Court, DUI Court)**
 - Designated Judge, ADA, PD, Court Coordinator, Probation Officers, and JRS Staff for each of the treatment courts
 - Specific expectations of each court vary to some degree, but all focus on aiming to divert toward treatment
 - Participants attend review hearings regularly in front of the treatment court team
 - Tend to be long term programs

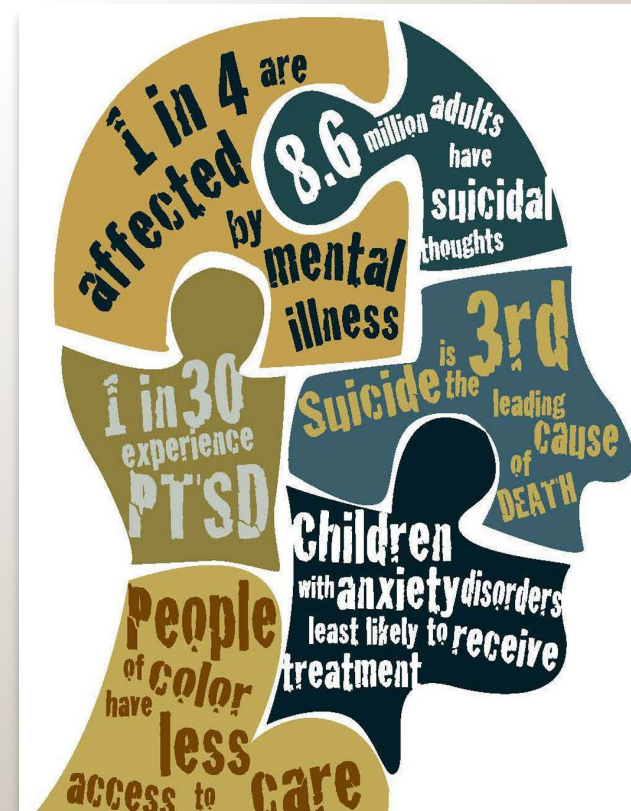
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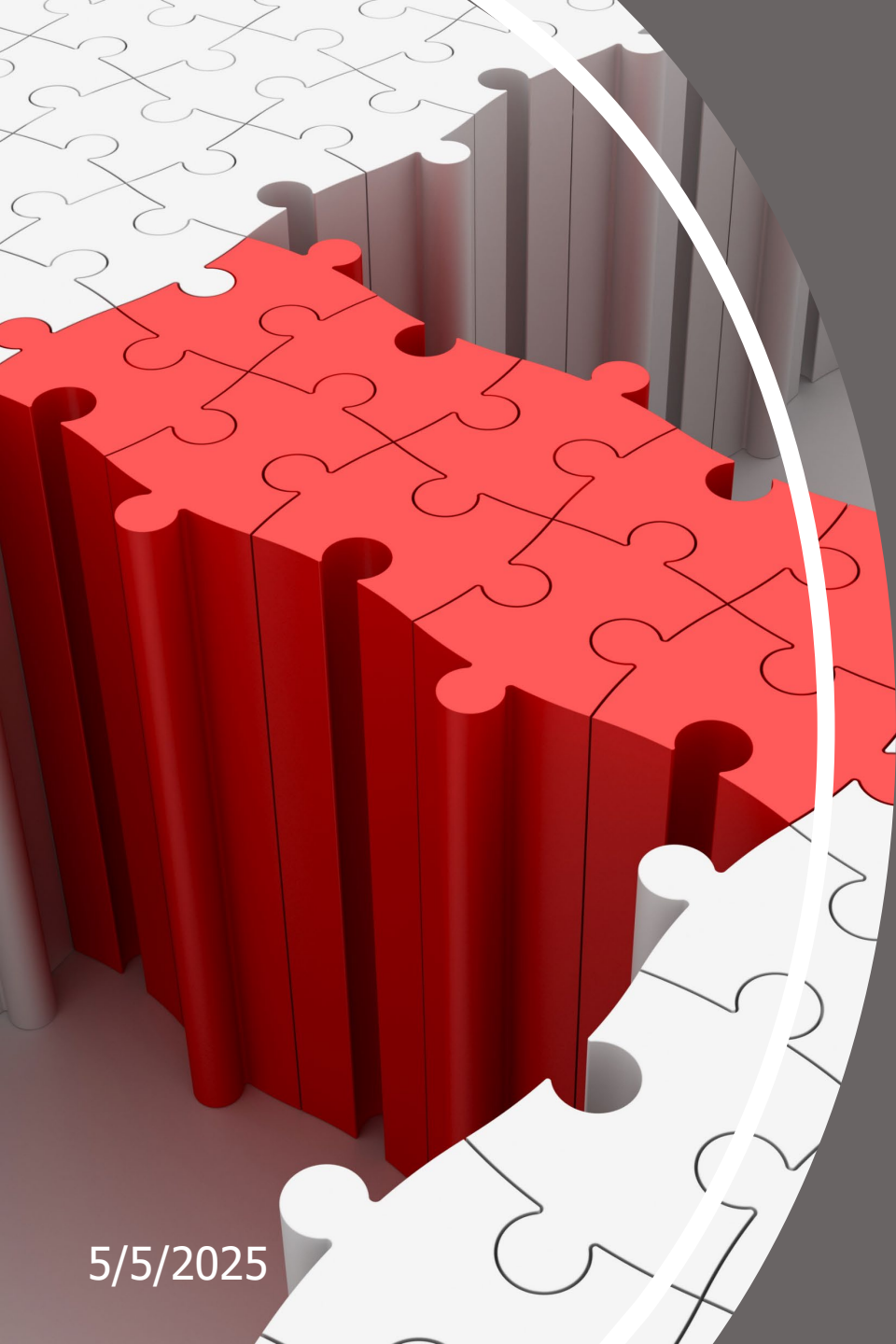
■ County Support

- Works with the client between Formal Arraignment and Trial/Sentencing
 - Attends criminal court hearings to present the JRS service plan with goal of diverting to treatment instead of incarceration
- Typically active a minimum of 60 Days in the Community

■ State Support

- Assists in re-entry for individuals with mental illness maxing or paroling out of the PA Department of Corrections





ALL JUSTICE-RELATED SERVICES INCLUDE:

- **Assessment**
- **Service Planning/Written Service Plan Presented to the Court**
- **Service Coordination referrals**
- **Housing Options**
- **Referrals for Treatment and other supports**
- **Contingency Funds for: Housing Support, Clothes, Transportation, State ID, Vital Records**
- **Assistance with reinstatement or obtaining Medicaid and SSI Benefits**
- **Follow-up and Monitoring in the Community (Including communication with probation/parole/courts)**

I, **JOHN DOE**, agree to the following service and treatment recommendations. I understand that lack of engagement in the recommendations identified below could be subject to court intervention. I choose to follow the below recommendations:

1. I will reside at a **residential placement** (*insert type of placement – **Recovery Home or Boarding Home***). I will follow all rules of the housing program. I will remain there until I have received maximum benefit from the housing program. I agree to reside at another residential placement if deemed appropriate by my team.
2. I commit to engage in **mental health and drug and/or alcohol treatment on an outpatient basis**: to include participation in dual partial hospitalization, individual therapy, vocational rehabilitation, ongoing drug and alcohol counseling, and inpatient treatment as necessary, the frequency and duration of attendance in these programs will be determined by the involved treatment team.
3. I agree to sign consent forms with my treatment provider for everyone on my treatment team (i.e., JRS, Probation, Courts, Pre-Trial Services, Bail Agency, etc.).
4. I agree to take **all** medication currently prescribed for me by my psychiatrist and any medication that may be prescribed for me by a psychiatrist during my entire course of treatment. This includes any **IM medication** that may be prescribed for me during my entire course of treatment.

5. I will cooperate with Case Management Services and/or Peer Support Services if deemed necessary.
6. If I relapse or use illicit drugs and/or alcohol, I will reach out to my specialist to determine the best course of follow-up/treatment. I will follow through on recommendations by my treatment team.
7. I will attend support groups in the community as recommended by treatment team.
8. I will meet with my Probation Officer (if applicable) at a minimum of once a month unless otherwise specified.
9. I will meet with my Justice Related Services Specialist as scheduled.

In signing this agreement, I hereby acknowledge that Justice Related Services, my designated program for advocacy, will be engaged in communication with the courts and probation regarding my progress.

Signature of Client

Date

Name, Justice Related Services Specialist

Date



JRS AND SERVICE COORDINATION

- Who is Primary?
- What about crisis and on-call?
- Length of Involvement
- Warm hand-offs

WHICH JRS UNITS CAN YOU REFER CLIENTS TO?

- DIVERSION
- COUNTY SUPPORT
- MENTAL HEALTH COURT
- VETERAN'S COURT (REFERRALS MANAGED BY THE VA)
 - Send referral to Carmen.Senft@va.gov
- STATE SUPPORT
- DRUG AND DUI COURT REFERRALS ARE ONLY ACCEPTABLE VIA PROBATION AND ATTORNEYS/COURT STAFF

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

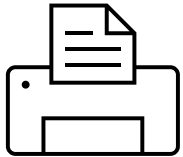
- Active pending criminal court case OR pending probation/parole violation in Allegheny County
- Client must want to participate on voluntary basis
- Client must reside in Allegheny County
- Client has a documented qualifying diagnosis of MH or is dually diagnosed with MH in conjunction with D&A

HOW TO REFER

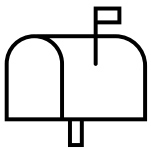


- Email the paper referral form to:

DHS-JRS@alleghenycounty.us



- Fax the paper referral form to: 412-415-0652



- Mail the paper referral form to: HSAO 101 Bellevue Road, Suite 201 Pittsburgh, PA 15229



- Complete a referral via phone at: 412-301-8220

***All referrals must include documentation of the individual's current MH diagnosis, and have the signature of a doctor or CRNP

QUESTIONS?

**Allegheny County Justice Related
Services
Office of Behavioral Health
412-301-8220**

- Stacy Condie (MHC, VTC, State Support)
 - 412-301-8227
 - Stacy.Condie@alleghenycounty.us
- Leigh Livingston (Diversion, County Support)
 - 412-301-8223
 - Leigh.Livingston@alleghenycounty.us
- Shannon Sommers (Drug Court, DUI Court, D&A programs)
 - 412-301-8228
 - Shannon.DeMino@alleghenycounty.us