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How Sheriffs Can Support Federally Funded Justice and Mental Health Programs

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Webinar Outline

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Overview of Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCPC) Grant Projects
- III. Facilitated Questions and Answers Panel with the Sheriffs
- IV. Questions and Answers from Attendees

Webinar Panelists

- Sheriff Kevin Coppinger, Essex County Sheriff's Department, Massachusetts
- Sheriff Dennis Lemma, Seminole County Sheriff's Office, Florida
- Carrie Hill, Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association
- Sheriff Ian Parkinson, San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office, California
- Mark Stovell, The Council of State Governments Justice Center

The Council of State Governments Justice Center

We are a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that combines the power of a membership association, serving state officials in all three branches of government, with policy and research expertise to develop strategies that increase public safety and strengthen communities.

How We Work

- We bring people together
- We drive the criminal justice field forward with original research
- We build momentum for policy change
- We provide expert assistance

Our Goals

Break the cycle of incarceration

We assist those working inside and outside of government to reduce both crime and incarceration among youth and adults in contact with the justice system.

Improve health, opportunity, and equity

We work across systems to develop collaborative approaches to improve behavioral health, expand economic mobility, and advance racial equity for people and communities affected by the justice system.

Expand what works to improve safety

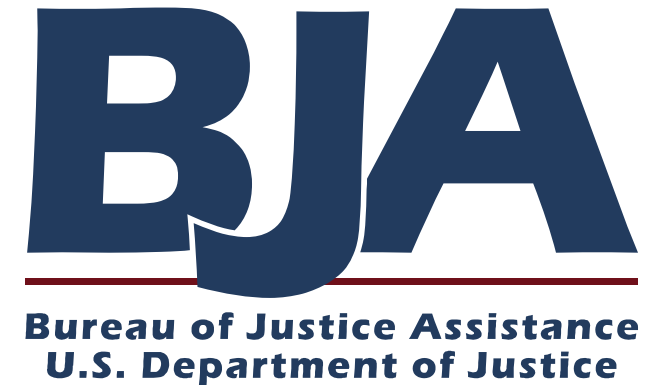
We help leaders understand what works to improve public safety and assist them to develop strategies, adopt new approaches and align resources accordingly.

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) supports cross-system collaboration to improve public safety responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses (MI) or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse (CMISA) who come into contact with the justice system.

The U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

Mission: BJA provides leadership and assistance to local criminal justice programs that improve and reinforce the nation's criminal justice system. BJA's goals are to reduce and prevent crime, violence, and drug abuse and to improve the way in which the criminal justice system functions. In order to achieve such goals, BJA programs illustrate the coordination and cooperation of local, state, and federal governments. BJA works closely with programs that bolster law enforcement operations, expand drug courts, and provide benefits to safety officers.



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Sheriff Ian Parkinson, San Luis Obispo, CA

- Population: 283,111
- SLO County covers 3,616 square miles along the Pacific Coast
- JMHCP Grantee Category 1 Award Year 2018; Implementation Years 2019-2020

Sheriff Ian Parkinson, San Luis Obispo, CA

- JMHCP Category 1: Focus on Stepping Up Framework
 - Planning and Implementation Guide
 - Data Collection for 4 Key Measures, Dashboard Development
 - County Wide Strategic Plan Implementation
- Goals: Identify, track, and Reduce Prevalence of SMI in the County Jail

Sheriff Ian Parkinson, San Luis Obispo, CA

- Key Achievements:
 - Collect real time data on SMI population in the jail
 - Streamline County wide efforts and resources by identifying problems, sharing information, and implementing policies and procedures
- Programs Implemented supporting SMI population:
 - Jail Based Competency Program (JBCT)
 - Behavioral Health Incentive Program within the Jail
 - Community Action Teams (CAT): Co-Responder Model
 - Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) 40-Hour Course

Seminole County Sheriff's Office - Florida

- Population 479,024 (2019)
- Grant awarded in 2017
 - Police Mental Health Collaboration: \$73,722 awarded.
 - A one year project to prepare a strategic plan to implement a police mental health collaboration program in Seminole County.
 - This project was conducted in collaboration with the Seminole System of Care, UCF and the Community Counseling Center of Central Florida.

Seminole County Sheriff's Office - Florida

- Received the Police Mental Health Collaboration: Implementation Grant, \$749, 873.
- Three year period - January 2019 to December 2021.
- This grant allowed the Sheriff's Office to implement a Juvenile Mobile Crisis Response Program and specialized Juvenile Mental Health training for Law Enforcement.
- Partnership with UCF and Community Counseling Center of Central Florida.

Seminole County Sheriff's Office - Florida

- **Goals:**

- Training - To increase training, awareness, and knowledge within SCSO related to youth mental health literacy, crisis intervention, and de-escalation.
- Mobile Crisis - To provide an alternative option to Baker Act and safety planning can occur on scene rather than hospitalization, opening the doors for intensive Care Coordination for necessary support and services.

Seminole County Sheriff's Office - Florida

- **Challenges:**

- Due to the pandemic, mental health treatment is being done via telehealth.
- When youth return to school, crisis have become more severe, resulting in more Baker Acts to maintain safety for the youth.
- There are virtual students that may be going unnoticed. It is critical that youth, and their families, attending remote learning at home, have the ability to access and knowledge of available resources.

Seminole County Sheriff's Office - Florida

- **Partnerships:**
 - Partnerships and collaboration are the backbone for the success of our Mobile Crisis Response Program.
 - These partnerships aid in a mutual respect across disciplines as well as a continuity of care for our youth and families.
 - SCSO has a variety of intervention programs for youth and families experiencing behavioral and or mental health concerns.

Seminole County Sheriff's Office - Florida

- **Achievements:**

- Follow up within 24 hours of any Baker Act has significantly decreased the recidivism for the families and youth.
- Improved access to case management services.
- Decrease in calls for service.
- Significant collaboration with the community and schools to assist in identifying youth that may need services.
- Creation of a QR code for ease of the referral process.

Essex County Sheriff's Department, Middleton, MA

Essex County, located in the Northeast Region of Massachusetts, encompasses 34 cities and towns and serves a population of over 789,000 residents. The Average Daily Inmate Population for Calendar Year 2019 was 1,449. The Department's top priorities are to ensure public safety for its residents and provide secure and fair treatment of in-custody individuals. We use innovative correctional approaches and evidence-based practices to provide pre and post release rehabilitation, with emphasis on identifying individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring disorders.



Essex County JMHCP Grants:

2014 ECSD Mental Health Diversion Planning Grant - \$49,998.00 (1 year)

- Created Essex County Justice & Mental Health Task Force
- Identified and diverted individuals with mental health and co-occurring disorders from criminal justice system to treatment
- Implemented shared, law enforcement-based diversion strategies across Essex County

2016 ECSD Mental Health Diversion Program - \$250,000.00 (3 years)

- Collaborative effort between ECSD and Volunteers of America, Mass.
- Administer Brief Mental Health Screen at intake and comprehensive clinical assessment and diagnosis by program staff
- Diversion program provides individualized case management services
- Care coordination through community service providers for continued treatment and support services upon release

Essex County JMHCP Grants cont'd:

2019 ECSD Mental Health Diversion Program Expansion - \$750,000.00 (3 years)

- Expansion of 2016 JMHCP grant
- Increases number of offenders from 88 to 450 to be served
- Provides increased training and support services:
 - i. Trauma Informed Care
 - ii. Opioid abuse recognition and overdose training
 - iii. Medicated Assisted Treatment
 - iv. Renews certifications for the Mental Health First Aid Assessment
 - v. Provides Naloxone and staffing for post release follow up services

Panel Discussion

Questions and Answers

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