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COMMUNITY SUPERVISION RESOURCE CENTER (CSRC)

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SECTION 1

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS



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Introductions



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Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

CSRC Overview

Community Pathways Initiative

Q&A

Wrap-Up



U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

Mission: BJA's mission is to provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support state, local, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities. BJA works with communities, governments, and nonprofit organizations to reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement, and promote a safe and fair criminal justice system.

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How BJA Supports the Field



Fund

Invest diverse funding streams to accomplish goals.



Educate

Research, develop, and deliver what works.



Equip

Create tools and products to build capacity and improve outcomes.



Partner

Consult, connect, and convene.

Funding and Equipping the CSRC

- BJA established the CSRC to help community supervision authorities advance faster along the continuum of best and emerging practices.
- The CSRC is intended to help agencies understand where they are on the continuum, define where they want to be, and take steps to get there.
- This program will collect and share relevant and available resources, develop tools to help agencies operationalize that knowledge to strengthen and make their work more effective, and provide training and technical assistance (TTA) to agencies in close consultation with BJA.
- This new center will complement the work of the National Reentry Resource Center and the Swift Certain Fair Resource Center.



BJA's Objectives

Translate

Share knowledge with the community supervision field, defined as probation, parole, and pretrial supervision of adults.

Advance

Move agencies along a continuum of best and evidence-based practices.

Establish

Resource hub for entities responsible for community supervision.

Develop

Make available and provide TTA on tools and resources such as checklists, curricula, assessments, and technology.

SECTION 2

CSRC OVERVIEW



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- The CSRC serves **pretrial**, **probation**, and **parole** supervision agencies and helps them to align their operations with best and evidence-based practices.
- The CSRC supports agencies in implementing supervision policies, programs, and practices that promote successful outcomes and ensure public safety.
- The CSRC will synthesize and translate research on supervision strategies and offer wide-ranging training opportunities to implement them across the nation.

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Supervision**
RESOURCE CENTER



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Center for Effective Public Policy

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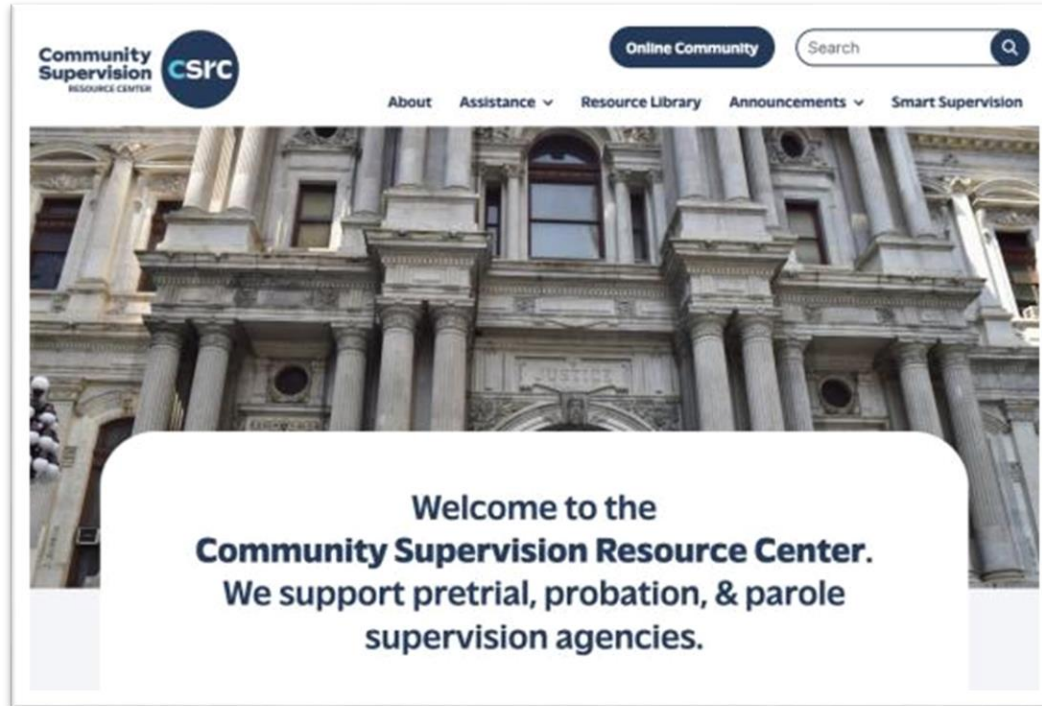
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Community Supervision Resource Center (CSRC) Website

communitysupervisioncenter.org



Community Supervision Resource Center (CSRC)



Community Supervision Resource Center (CSRC)

- Curated web-based library of research and policy materials
 - Over 300 publications on a variety of community supervision topics
- New resources for the field
 - Language Guide
 - Q & A with practitioners
 - Stories from the Field
 - Infographic on differences between Pretrial/ Probation/ Parole
 - Self-Assessment Guides

- Delivered:
 - Wellness
 - Advancing Equity in Community Supervision
 - Responsivity in Community Supervision
- Upcoming
 - Compare & contrast pretrial, probation, and parole
 - Post-conviction risk assessments
 - Employee Peer Support
 - Rural supervision
 - Crime Desistance

- Initial offering to Releasing Authorities
- Offering for probation agencies interested in addressing staff recruitment, retention, and wellness
- Ad hoc application for pretrial, probation, and parole supervision agencies available on website

SECTION 3

COMMUNITY PATHWAYS INITIATIVE



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MA Parole Overview

- In addition to the MA Parole Board Members, there are four units:
 - Transitional Services Unit (TSU)
 - Field Services Division (FSD)
 - Victim Services Unit (VSU)
 - Life Sentence Unit (LSU)



MA Parole Overview

- 2022 data shows that over 3,008 face to face hearings were conducted.
- There was an 14% increase in the number of incarcerated individuals released on parole supervision in 2022 (1,876).
- Field Parole Officers assisted 653 parolees with transitional or sober housing in 2022 (increase of 8%).



What is Community Pathways?

PRO's Community Pathways program develops channels for the enhanced delivery of care to individuals with substance use and other behavioral health disorders reentering the community.

What is Community Pathways?

- Utilizing the strategy of expert consultants, the program works to increase communication across parole officers, parolees, and community providers.
- By developing and nurturing relationships that adhere to the needs of parolees, the program maximizes resources available to parole officers, and improves positive health outcomes, compliance, and our ultimate goal to increase community tenure.



What is Community Pathways?

Program involves access to expert consultants, assistance with establishing relationships for parole staff to community providers, ability to maximize resources and in turn, improve patient outcomes.



Community Pathways Development

- With the support of Undersecretary Andy Peck, a partnership between ForHealth Consulting at UMass Chan Medical School was developed with the MA Parole Board
 - **Phase I:** Policy-based Substance Use Disorder (SUD) training for all MPB staff (Board, Field, and Transitional)
 - **Phase II:** Development and implementation of a program with individuals with SUD, focusing on SUD/Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)
 - **Phase III:** Community Support Building



Phase I

- Training was broken up into two parts:
 - Level 1: MOUD Training
 - Level 2: ADA Training
- Involved training from SMEs in MOUD and SUDs including forensic psychologist, pharmacist and licensed mental health counselors.
- Training consisted of information regarding MOUD and evidence-based practices for utilization of MOUD.
- Level 2 training discussed Americans with Disabilities Act, the impact on SUD and resources for both staff and individuals on parole.



Phase II

- Ongoing Support Phase
- First step was a literature review
- Developed and implemented a program for individuals with SUD, focusing on mental health disabilities and SUD/MOUD
- Assigned a clinical lead to develop and deliver training to Field POs
- Created and hired a MOUD Coach, who is a consultant pharmacist
- Field staff can utilize clinical and pharmaceutical support to assist with diversion, urine analysis, program and treatment placement, etc.

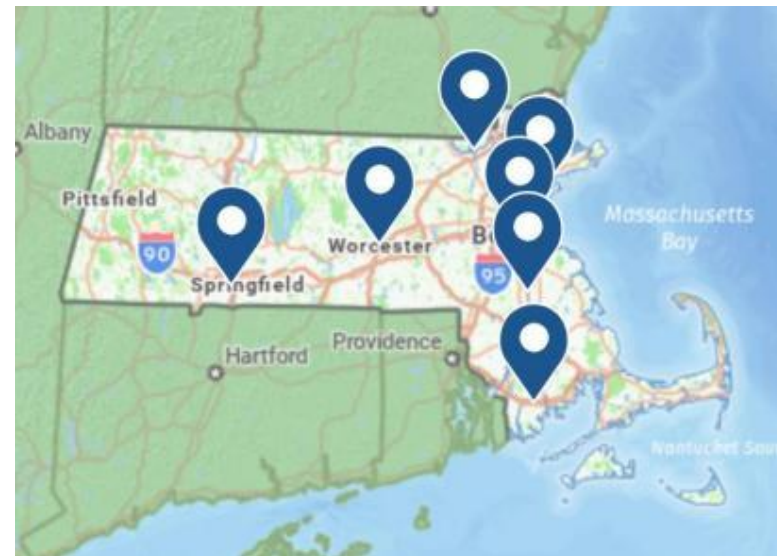


Phase III

- Community Support Building, which included clinical lead and pharmacist assisting individual Field POs to develop and sustain collaborative relationships with community-based MOUD providers
- Goal is to improve communication and demystify roles of both parties
- Plans to expand to community based mental health providers

Where does this Occur?

- There are 9 Regional Parole Offices across the Commonwealth (see map).
- TSU staff are embedded in all Department of Corrections and House of Corrections facilities across MA
 - 12 DOC facilities
 - 14 HOC facilities





Why is this Important?

- By effectively providing appropriate treatment responses, resources, and interventions, PRO Community Pathways will improve positive outcomes and the lives of the individuals.
- Implementation of the Parole PRO resource will seek to improve the lives of the Individuals on parole.
- Benefit their parole officers by supporting them as they seek to find behavioral health services for their members.

Expert Consultation
Needed for those with
SUDs on Parole

Maximization of
Available Interventions,
Treatment & Recourses

Improvement of
Outcomes for those on
Parole



Who Benefits from the Program?

- Clinical and Pharmaceutical consultation services for field parole officers
- Individuals on parole who:
 - Have SUD and need support around accessing and connecting to resources
 - Have Mental Health diagnoses and need support around accessing and connecting to resources
 - Increased calls related to elderly individuals on parole needing support and access to resources
- Parole officers also receive specialized training in behavioral health to help improve their working relationship with individuals on parole and increase their knowledge and awareness of community resources



Goals of Community Pathways

- Training (develop and present MA parole staff on numerous topics to include):
 - Methods of MOUD
 - Introduction to ADA
 - Health Implications of Incarceration
 - Signs and Symptoms of Mental Illness
 - Motivational Interviewing
- Provide education and connection to community-based MOUD and mental health providers
- Clinical and Pharmaceutical consultation available to field parole staff



How does the Program Work?



Referrals & Increased
Access to Supports



Connections to
Community Providers



Establish & Enhance
Relationships



Increased Community
Tenure & Decrease
Revocations



Educational Materials

Clinical pharmacist has developed and shared multiple educational “one-pagers” on different topics to include:

- Stimulant use
- Gabapentin
- Xylazine
- Sublocade

Areas of Consultation

- False positives on urinalysis tests; OTC Medications and urinalysis testing
- Drug interactions & Drugs laced with other substances
- Explanations of urinalysis tests
- Drug screening

Medications for
Opioid Use Disorder
(MOUD)



Urinalysis
Testing



General
Health



Plans for Expansion

- Since grant involvement we have held monthly trainings for all field and transitional staff
- Trainings have included topics such as:
 - Signs and Symptoms of Mental Illness
 - Stimulant Training and Resources for those with Stimulant Use
 - Deep Dive into K2 and the Impact
 - ADA Level II Training (TSU Staff Only)
 - MOUD Training
 - Reentry Simulation

Plans for Expansion (continued)

- Adding a Senior Clinical Evaluator to our team
 - Goal will be to have this individual conduct assessments while an individual who is eligible for parole is still incarcerated to determine resources that will assist with successful reentry to the community and community tenure upon release

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Q & A



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- August 13: Compare and Contrast Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision
- September 26: Featuring CSG: Post-Conviction Risk Assessment
- October 16: Featuring CJI: Employee Peer Support and Other Wellness Programs



Thank you!