

Michigan Collaborative to End Mass Incarceration

MI Statewide Violence & Incarceration Prevention
Learning Community: Jail Prevention and Deflection

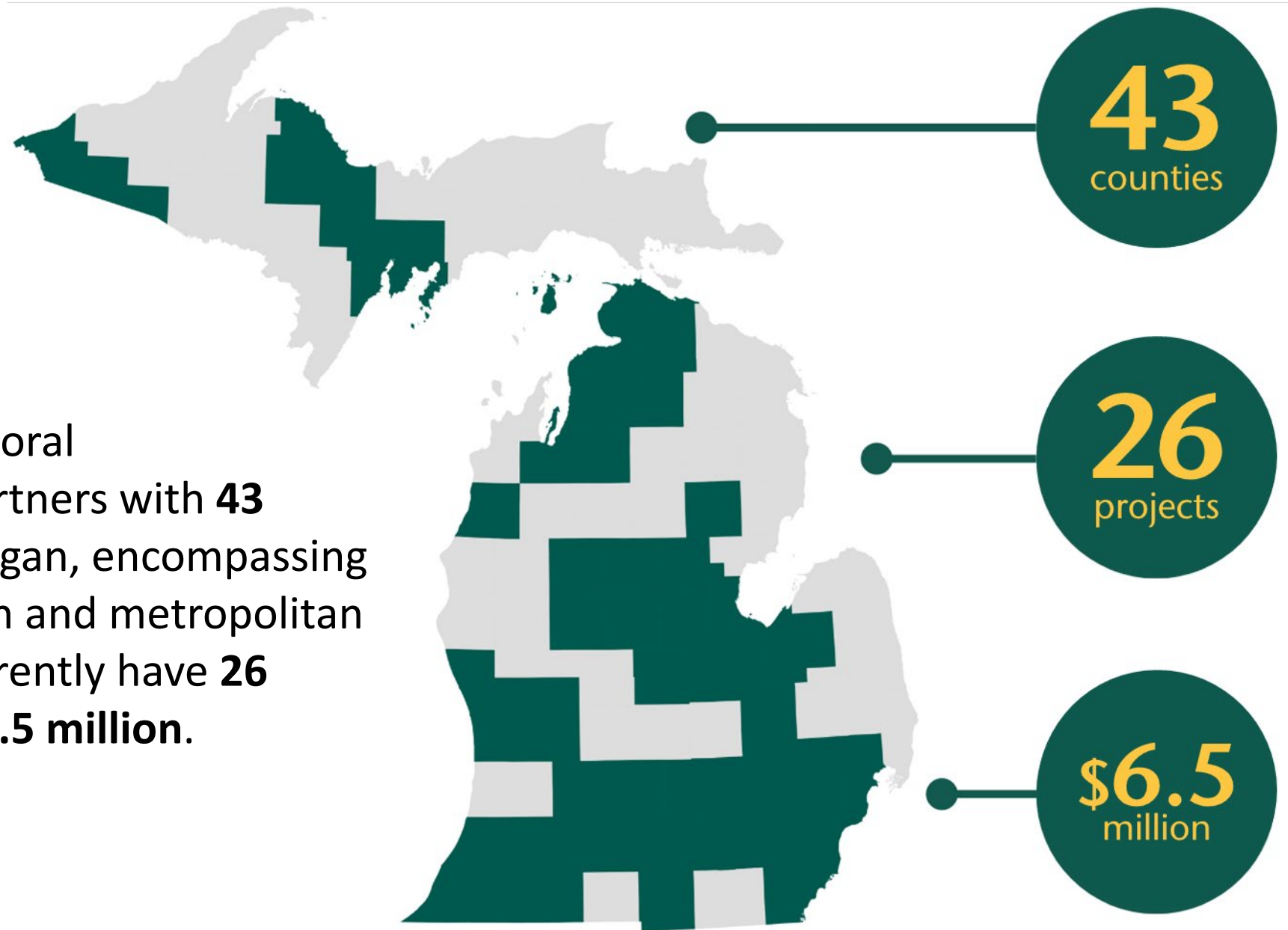
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Center for Behavioral Health and Justice

The Center for Behavioral Health and Justice partners with **43 counties** across Michigan, encompassing a range of rural, urban and metropolitan communities. We currently have **26 projects** funded at **\$6.5 million**.





OUR VISION

We envision a society that prevents, deflects, and diverts people with behavioral health concerns from the criminal legal continuum to appropriate care settings as a means to optimize individual and community wellbeing.

OUR PURPOSE

We are external facilitators of change who bridge the complex behavioral health / criminal legal intersection by fostering meaningful dialogue with community partners to advance solutions that promote effective community treatment across multiple settings.



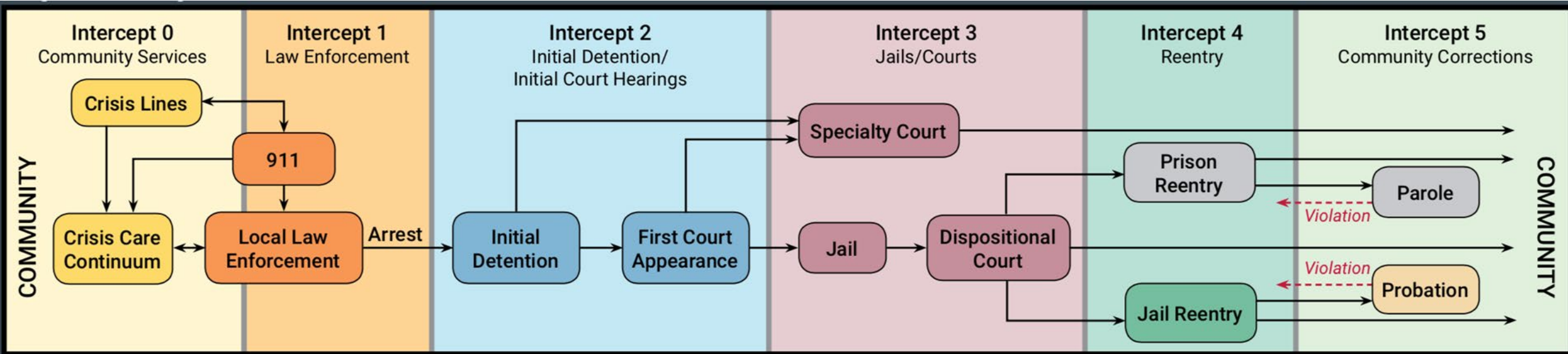


OUR MISSION

We deliver actionable data, person-centered research and evaluation, and collaborative technical assistance at the behavioral health / criminal legal intersection to empower community partners to adopt high-impact care solutions.



The Sequential Intercept Model



Current Initiatives

Across the Sequential Intercept Model

Federal grants

Juvenile Justice

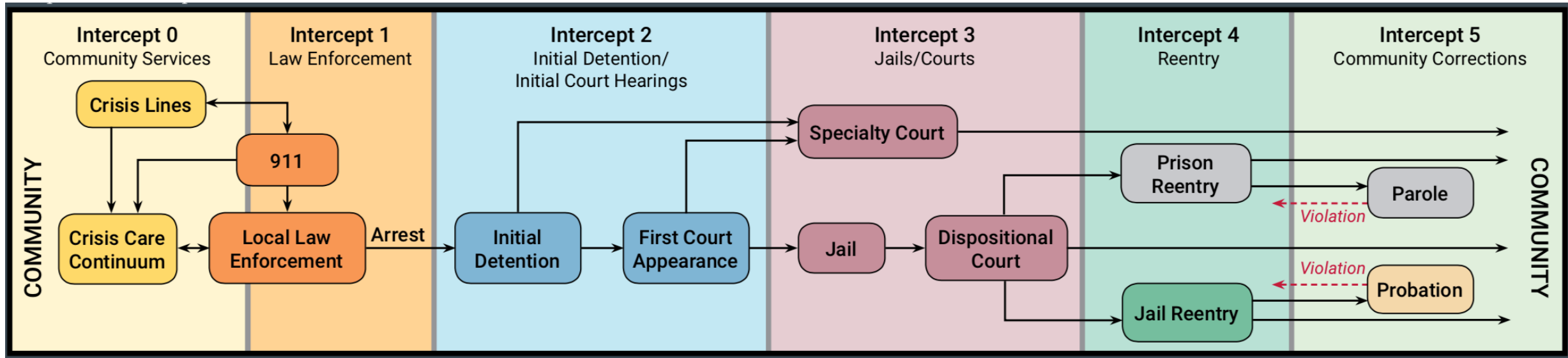
Opioid Treatment Ecosystem

Jail Diversion

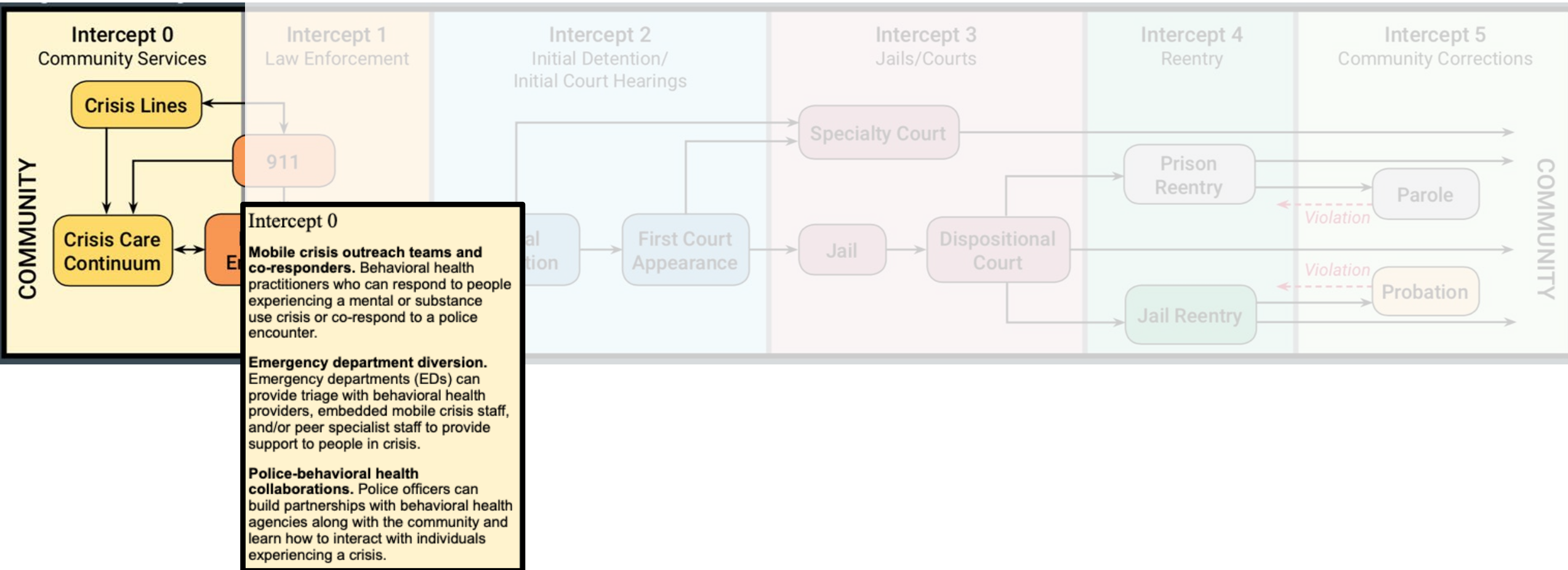
Crisis response

AOT/Courts

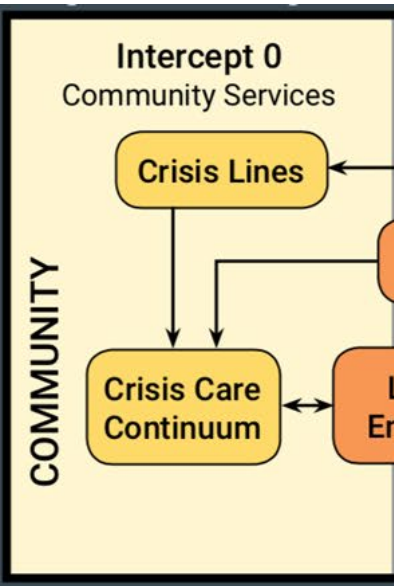
Wayne County Jail/Mental Health Initiative



Intercept 0 – Community services



Intercept 0 – National programs



The **CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out on The Streets)** program started in Eugene, Oregon has shown that behavioral health professionals can effectively respond to crisis calls without law enforcement presence in many situations. For instance, in 2023, they successfully responded to over 17,000 calls, with less than 1% requiring law enforcement backup.

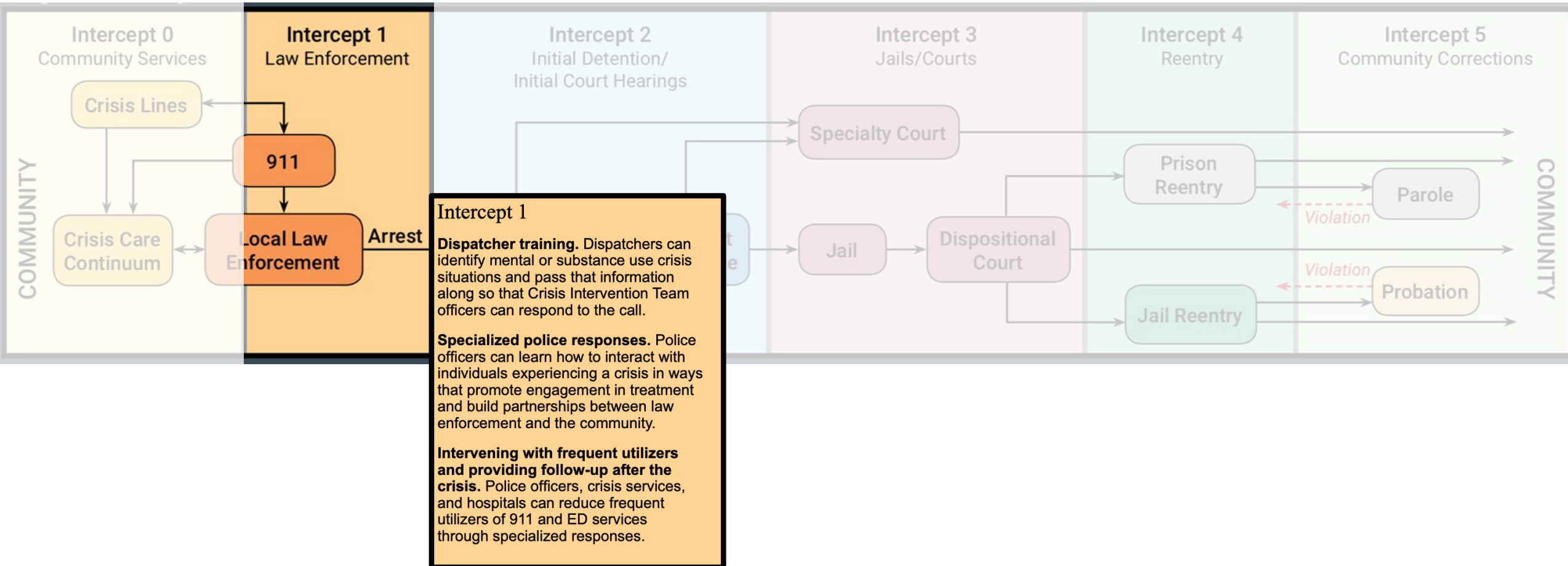
<https://www.eugene-or.gov/5129/CAHOOTS>

<https://whitebirdclinic.org/cahoots/>

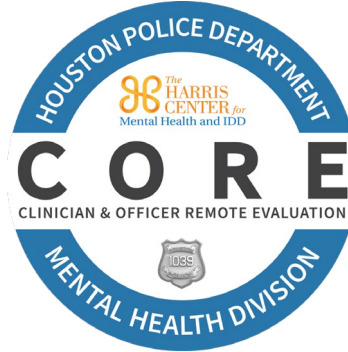
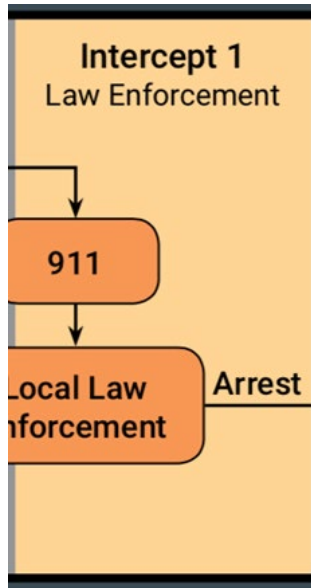
The **Crisis Now Model** – or the Arizona Model – delivers a comprehensive crisis response system featuring 24/7 crisis call centers, mobile crisis teams, and dedicated crisis stabilization facilities. This model includes a real-time bed registry to seamlessly coordinate care and has significantly reduced psychiatric emergency department admissions by 45% and inpatient psychiatric admissions by 40%.

<https://crisisnow.com/>

Intercept 1 – Law enforcement



Intercept 1 – National programs



Houston's **Clinician-Officer Remote Evaluation (CORE)** program pairs crisis intervention trained officers with mental health clinicians for real-time video consultation during crisis calls. Early data shows a 20% reduction in unnecessary arrests.

<https://www.houstoncit.org/core/>

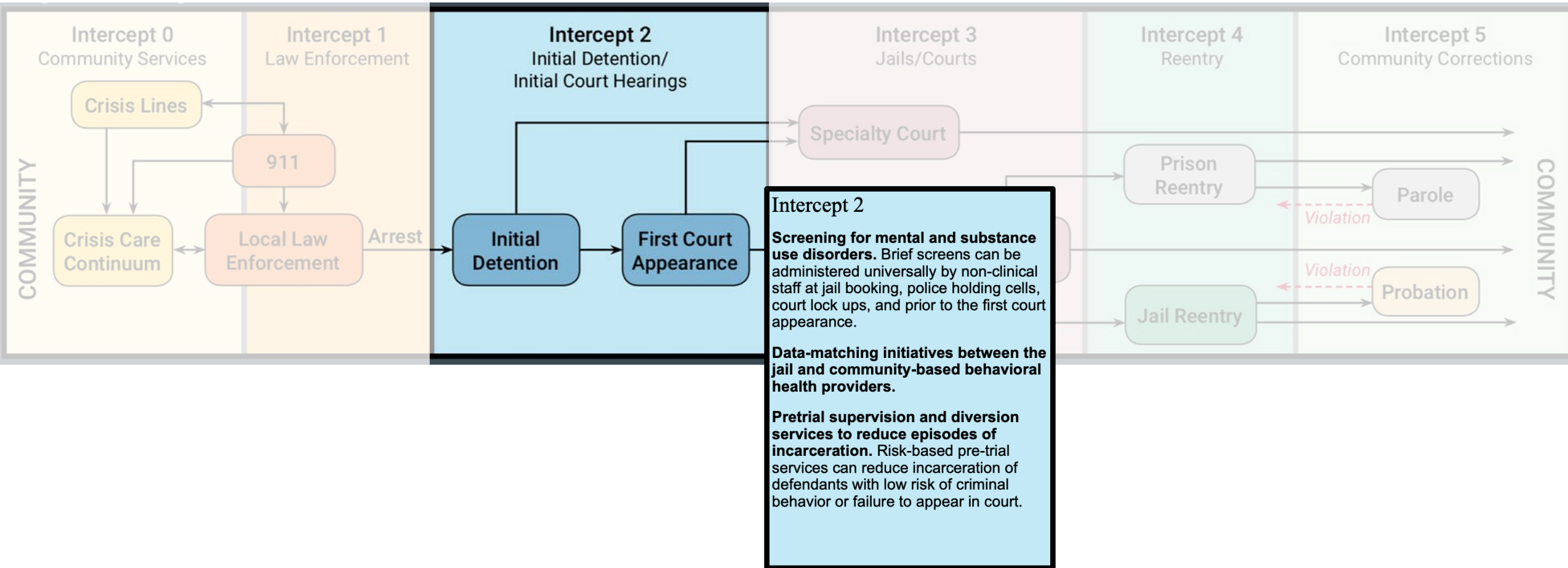


**LET EVERYONE
ADVANCE WITH DIGNITY**
Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion

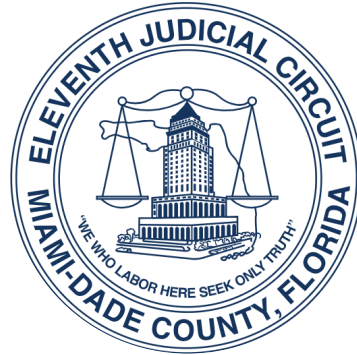
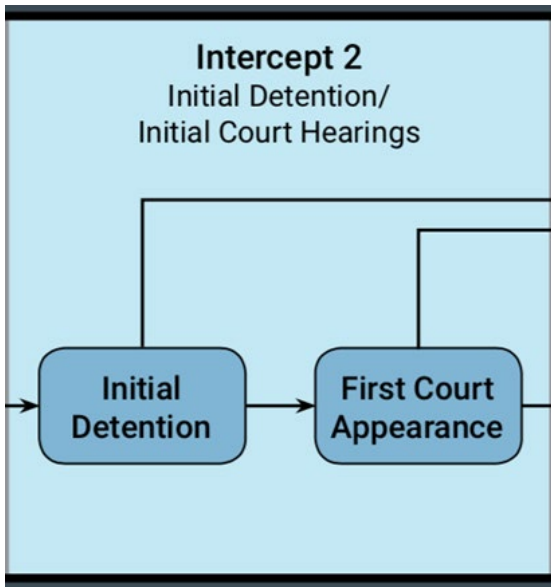
Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD), out of Seattle, operates as a pre-booking diversion program for low-level drug and prostitution offenses, connecting individuals directly to case management services instead of jail. Program evaluation shows participants are 58% less likely to be arrested after enrollment compared to their similar situated peers.

<https://leadbureau.org>

Intercept 2 – Initial Detention/Initial Court Hearing



Intercept 2 – National programs



**PROJECT
RESET**

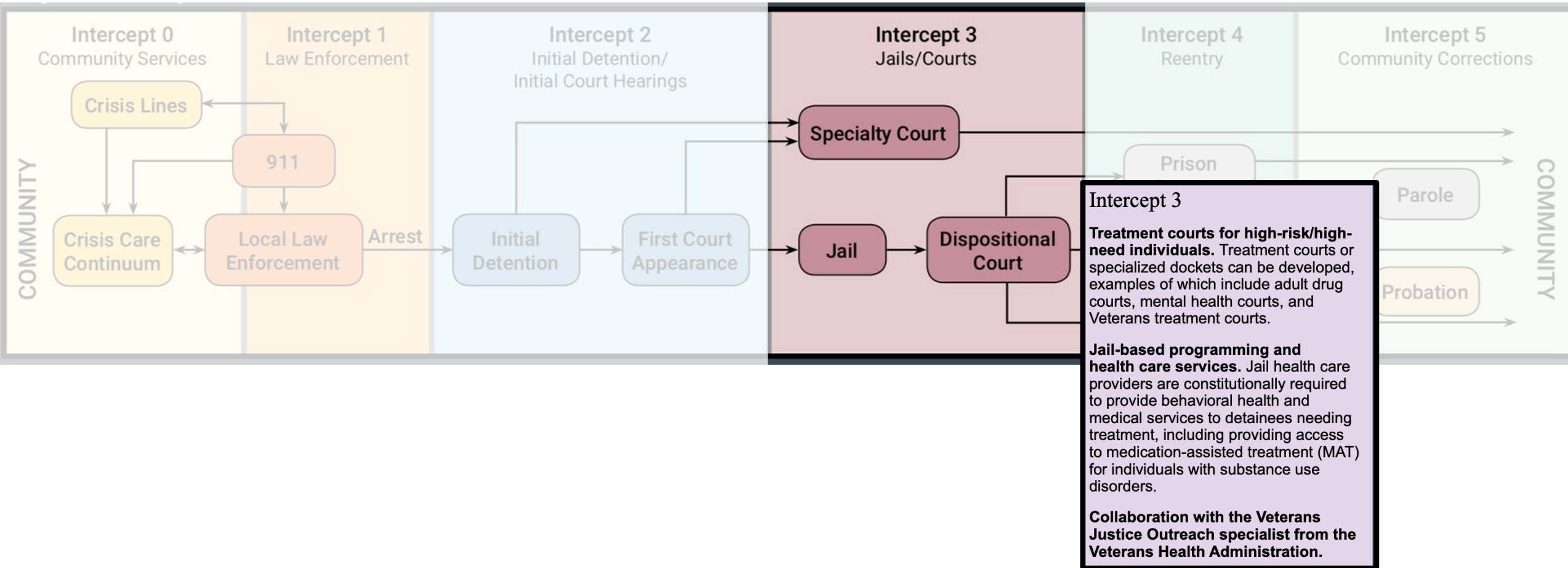
Miami-Dade's **Criminal Mental Health Project (CMHP)** operates as a pre-trial diversion program providing mental health screening and linkage to community-based treatment, with separate misdemeanor and felony tracks that maintain judicial oversight. The program has reduced jail bookings by 59% and days in jail by 80% for participants with serious mental illness, demonstrating significant benefits for both participants and the criminal justice system.

<https://www.jud11.flcourts.org/CRIMINAL-MENTAL-HEALTH-PROJECT>

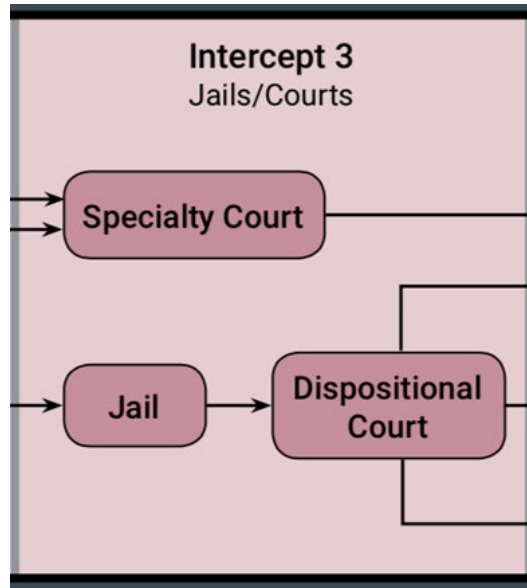
New York's **Project Reset** provides comprehensive screening and assessment at arraignment for behavioral health needs, offering immediate connection to community services as an alternative to detention. Having successfully diverted over 4,500 people from jail with 87% of participants appearing for subsequent court dates, the program maintains public safety while addressing underlying behavioral health needs.

<https://www.projectreset.nyc>

Intercept 3 - Jail/Courts



Intercept 3 – National programs



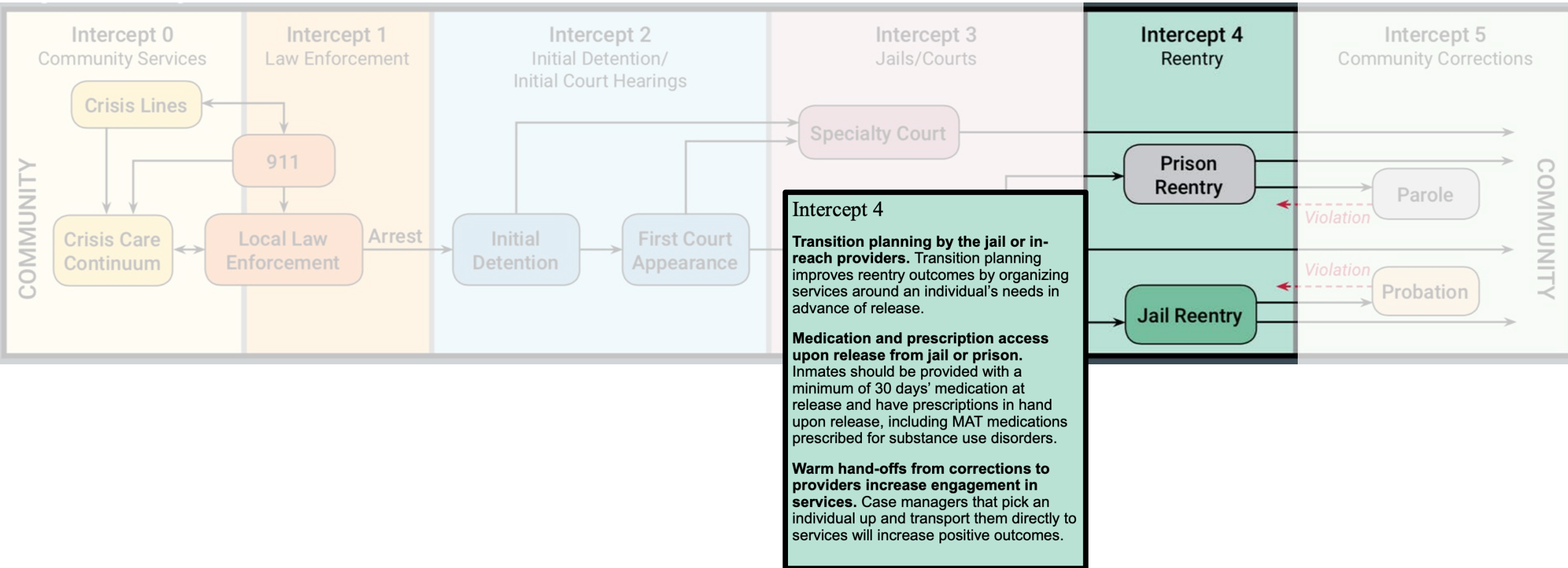
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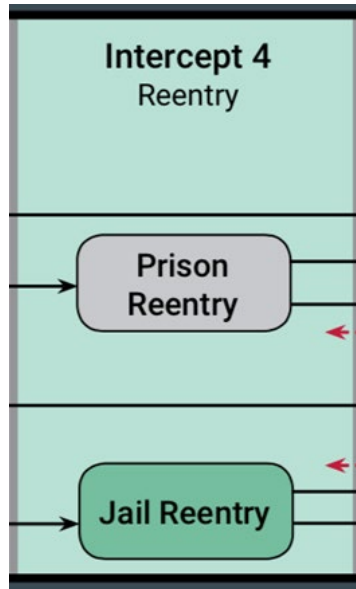
Bronx Community Solutions provides judges with meaningful alternatives to jail and fines through a range of options including community service, counseling, treatment readiness programs, job readiness training, and educational services. This approach has reduced the use of jail sentences by 30% in the Bronx's criminal courts.
<https://www.innovatingjustice.org/programs/bronx-community-solutions>

The **Stepping Up Initiative**, originally funded by the BJA in partnership between the NAC, CSG, and American Psychiatric Association, is a long-standing program born in 2015 that has helped counties implement standardized behavioral health screening in jails, with participating jurisdictions showing improved identification and treatment of mental illness.
<https://behaviorhealthjustice.wayne.edu/report/su-aggregate-may2020>

Intercept 4 - Reentry



Intercept 4 – National programs



Critical Time Intervention, or CTI, is a time-limited case management model designed specifically for the transition from institutions to community, providing decreasing intensity of support over a nine-month period while connecting individuals to long-term community supports. CTI participants experience 61% fewer homeless nights, 61% reduction in psychiatric rehospitalization, and roughly 30% reduction in rearrests compared to standard services.

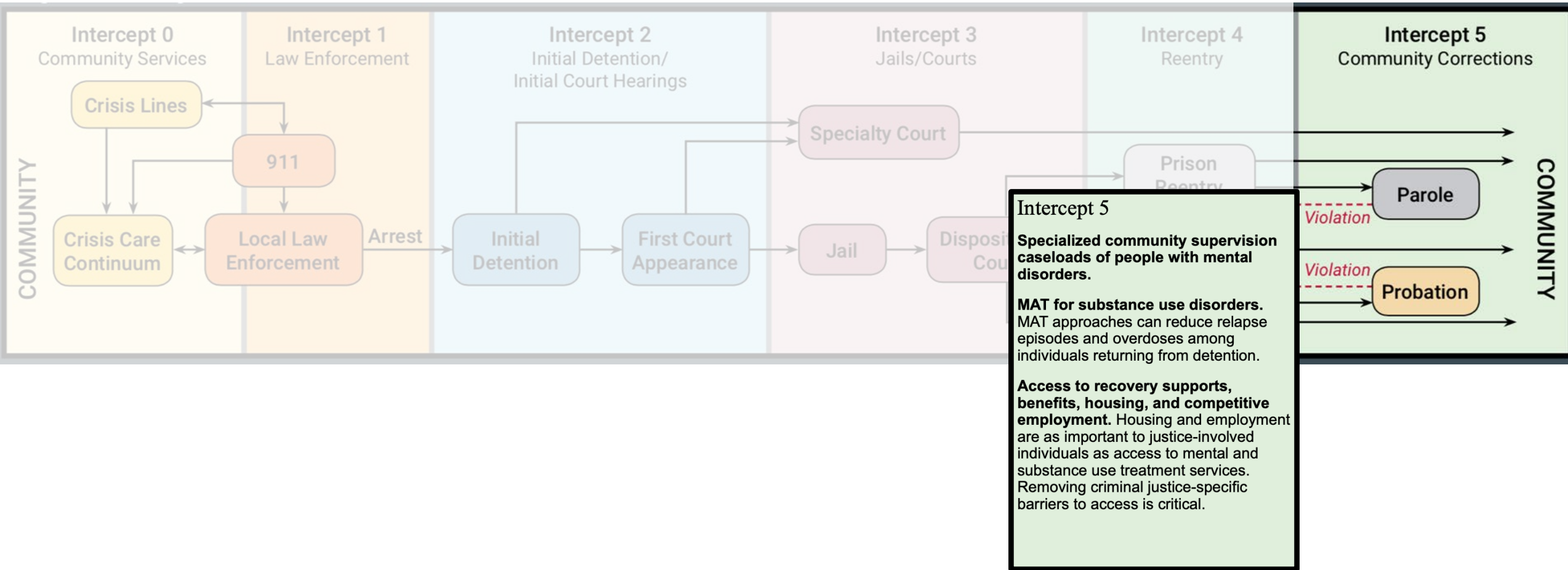
<https://www.criticaltime.org/cti-model>



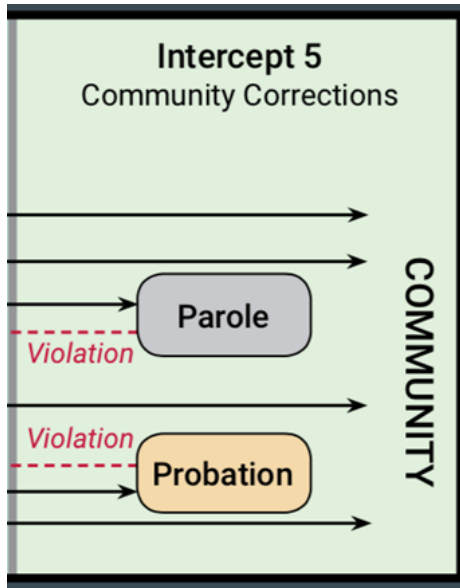
Returning Home Ohio, or RHO, provides pre-release engagement and permanent supportive housing with wraparound services for individuals with behavioral health disorders exiting prison. Program evaluation demonstrated that participants were ~40% less likely to be rearrested and ~6-% less likely to be reincarcerated for a new crime compared to similar individuals receiving standard reentry services.

<https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/publication/25716/412632-Supportive-Housing-for-Returning-Prisoners-Outcomes-and-Impacts-of-the-Returning-Home-Ohio-Pilot-Project.PDF>

Intercept 5 – Community Corrections



Intercept 5 – Community Corrections



Maricopa County's **Specialized Mental Health Probation** features officers with reduced caseloads working exclusively with people with serious mental illness, integrating mental health treatment needs with supervision requirements. Participants are 36% less likely to have new criminal charges compared to standard probation, highlighting the effectiveness of specialized supervision.
<https://superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/departments/probation-offices/specialized-services/>



Hawaii's **Opportunity Probation with Enforcement** (or HOPE) implements a "swift, certain, and fair" approach to violations, focusing on immediate, predictable, and proportionate sanctions rather than delayed, severe consequences. The program's structured approach has reduced positive drug tests by 83% and new arrests by 55% compared to standard probation.
https://www.courts.state.hi.us/special_projects/hope/about_hope_probation



Stepping Up

Overview



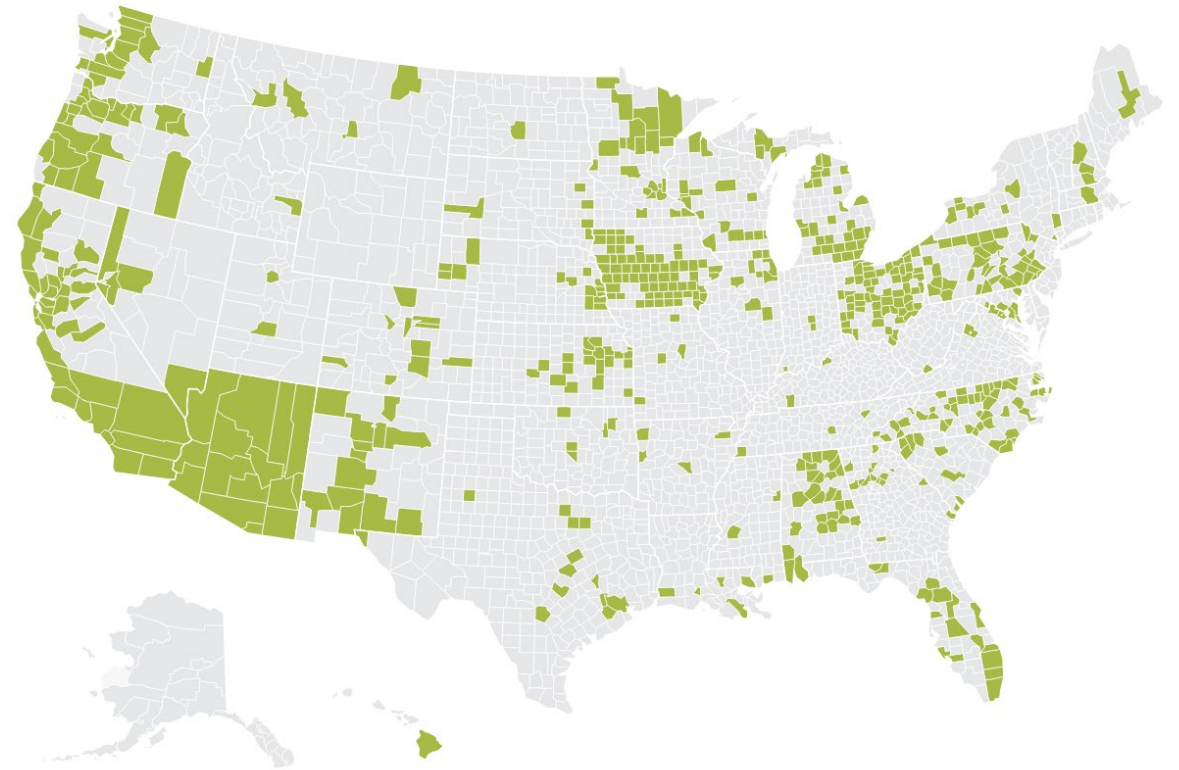
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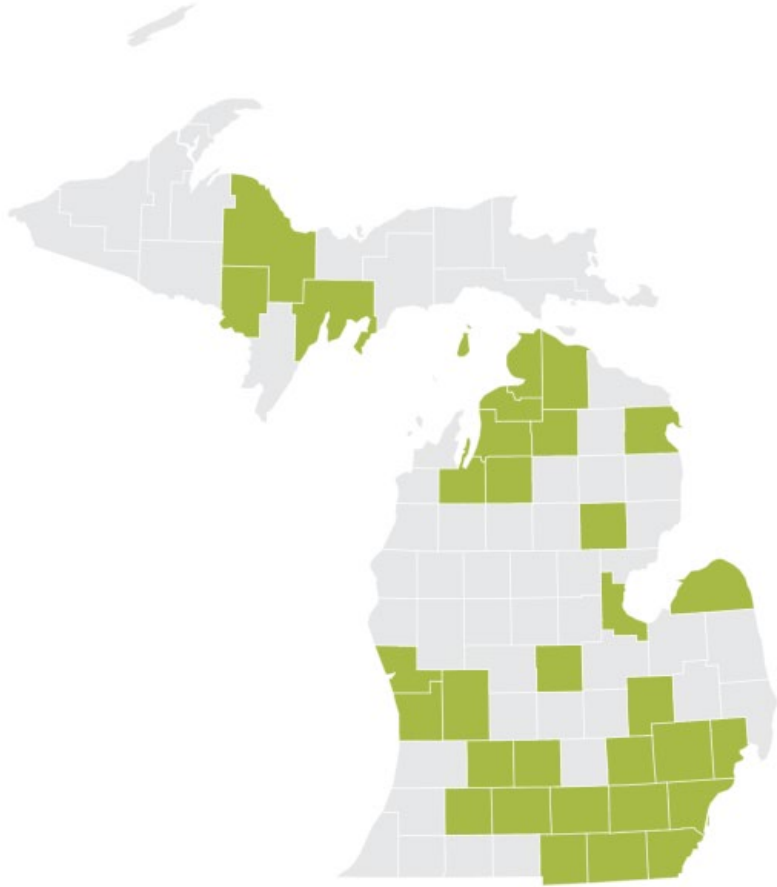
What is Stepping Up?

- National Initiative
- Goal to reduce the number of individuals with mental illness and co-occurring disorders in county jails.
- Establishes and encourages **cross-systems collaboration**.
- Prepares communities to build out services and supports to reduce incarceration.



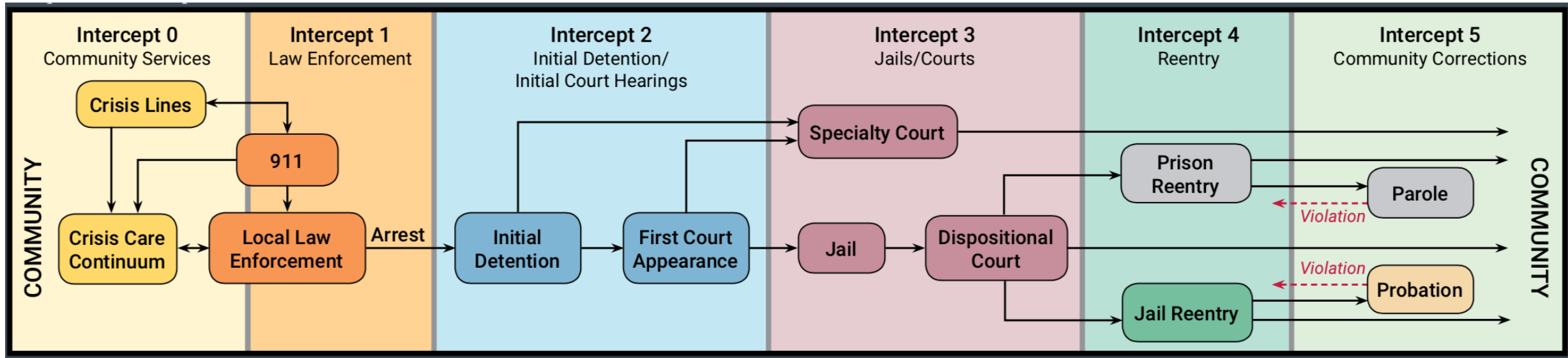
www.stepuptogether.org

Stepping Up in Michigan



- 32 counties in MI have passed a Stepping Up resolution.
- The CBHJ has provided technical assistance to 18 MI counties.
- Technical assistance funded by the Mental Health Diversion Council.

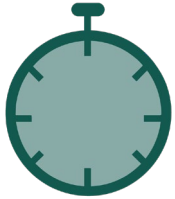
Utilization of the Sequential Intercept Model



What Does Stepping Up Address?



Jail Bookings & Prevalence



Average Length of Stay



Connections to Care



Recidivism

What is Accomplished During Technical Assistance?



- Regular coordination and support from CBHJ Project Coordinator **throughout TA process**
- Development of mission, vision, and short- and long-term goals related to jail diversion efforts with assistance of Strategic Planner
- Guidance on development of formal Advisory Board to sustain efforts beyond CBHJ involvement

Sustainability in Stepping Up Counties



Exploration of opportunities for pre- and post-booking diversion and deflection for individuals with mental illness and/or substance misuse.

Consideration of benefits of early deflection and diversion including appropriate pathways to treatment and reduced use of jail space and resources.

Recommendations for working with local emergency departments to mitigate wait times and barriers.

Guidance on Different Law Enforcement Training.

Connection to other Stepping Up counties.



Stepping Up Success Stories

- Placement of standardized screening process into Jail Booking Processes
- Data collected demonstrated need for additional funding:
 - Grant funding
 - County millage
 - Increased budget allocation from Board of Commissioners
 - Funding supports implementation of programming and services
- Expansion of diversion efforts across the SIM



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Thank you



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