



# Charlotte County, Florida: Improving Services for Juveniles with Mental Illnesses in Contact with the Juvenile Justice System

## Sequential Intercept Mapping

### Introduction

This report summarizes the Cross-Systems Sequential Intercept Mapping workshop held in Charlotte County, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The workshop was facilitated by the Florida Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse (CJMHS) Technical Assistance Center at Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI), University of South Florida (USF). This report includes materials developed by the group.

- ™ Summary, consensus and observations by the Florida CJMHS Technical Assistance Center to assist Charlotte County achieve its goals
- ™ A cross-systems intercept map based on the perceptions of the Charlotte County participants

### Background

The Honorable Judge Peter Bell, along with the full support of multiple local stakeholders and Charlotte County Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Planning Council requested that the Florida CJMHS Technical Assistance Center facilitate the Cross-Systems Sequential Intercept Model Mapping in Charlotte County, Florida to provide assistance with:

- ™ Creation of a map of the points of interface among all relevant systems
- ™ Identification of resources, gaps, and barriers in the existing systems
- ™ Development of an initial strategic act3(c) 0.12n popm3(0.286 p-7(e)o)-7( o1(g)-1 11.826 0-85 [(adv

## Objectives of the Cross-Systems Mapping Exercise

The Cross-Systems Mapping Exercise had three primary objectives:

1. The development of a comprehensive picture of how juveniles with mental illness, substance abuse and co-occurring mental health and/or substance use disorders flow through the Charlotte County criminal justice system along five distinct intercept points: Law Enforcement and Emergency Services (Intercept 1), Initial Detention/Initial Court Hearings (Intercept 2), Jails and Courts (Intercept 3), Community Re-entry (Intercept 4), and Community Corrections/Community Support (Intercept 5).
2. The identification of gaps, resources, and opportunities at each intercept point for individuals in the target population.
3. The development of priority areas for activities designed to improve system and service level responses for individuals in the target population.

The Charlotte County Cross-Systems Map created during the workshop is on the last page of this document.

## Resources and Opportunities

There are several features of the Charlotte County Systems Map that are particularly noteworthy. These include, but are not limited to the items listed below.

Existing Cross-Systems Partnerships include:

- ™ Diversion Programs
  - Juvenile Arbitration
  - Teen Court
  - Neighborhood Accountability
  - IDDS
- ™ Development of J

## Charlotte County Cross-Systems Map Narrative

The following information reflects the information gleaned during the *Cross-Systems Mapping* Exercise. These participant notes include a description of potential interventions at each intercept point in the Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health System as perceived by the participants during the mapping process. Gaps in service delivery and resource opportunities are identified at each intercept point. These notes may be used as a reference in reviewing the Charlotte County Cross-Systems Map and as a tool in developing a formal strategic action plan and/or future Memorandum of Understanding among community stakeholders and local planning entities.

Intercept I: Initial Contact w/ Law Enforcement , Prevention Programs, or Emergency Services

### ¾ Identified Gaps – Law Enforcement / Emergency Services (Intercept 1)

- „ Children Services Council lack of funding
- „ Federation of Families
- „ Location of residential services (most of the facilities are in Lee County)
- „ Need to expand use of civil citation
- „ Data tracking among various local agencies

### ¾ Identified Strengths

- „ School system has a wide array of effective programs available to students for alternative sanctions, diversion, intervention, and prevention
- „ Access to Children’s Crisis Stabilization Unit Treatment beds
- „ Detoxification services for juveniles
- „ Crisis Intervention Team Program (law enforcement based)
- „ Access to Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) – no overcrowding

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„ School-based

## Intercept V: Home and Community Supervision and Support

### $\frac{3}{4}$ Identified Gaps - Community Corrections / Community Support (Intercept 5)

- „ Need for intensive case management for those on probation with mental health/substance abuse problems
- „ Releasing youth to parents is ineffective and typically kids are back in the system – lack of positive support from parents
- „ No transitional housing or housing options for older adolescents released from programs
- „ Public transportation to services

### $\frac{3}{4}$ Identified Strengths

- „ Variety of neighborhood assistance once youth are back in community

Priority Area: Civil Citation  
[Intercept 1 ]

Objective

Priority Area: Strengthen Parental Involvement

Objective	Action Step	Who	When
<p>Connect diversion with parenting education classes (add as additional sanction)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nurturing Parents</li> <li>- Roots and wings</li> </ul>	<p>Create an agreement between diversion programs and parent(s)</p>	<p>Diversion programs (Court administration, DJJ, Human Services)</p>	<p>Within 60 days</p>
<p>Court mandated parenting education classes</p>	<p>Make recommendation on case-by-case basis</p>		





## Conclusions : Summary

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In closing, we would like to thank the Charlotte County Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Planning Council and its' partners for allowing the CJMHSa Technical Assistance Center to facilitate this workshop. In particular, we would like to thank Judge Peter Bell and Victoria D'Agostino for their organizing and leadership efforts. Finally, we would like to express a great gratitude to all the local stakeholders who took the time to share their experiences throughout the workshop. We look forward to continuing to work with Charlotte County.

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## Resources

Website Resources and Partners	
Florida Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse Technical Assistance Center	<a href="http://www.floridatac.org">www.floridatac.org</a>
Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute Department of Mental Health Law and Policy	<a href="http://mhlp.fmhi.usf.edu">http://mhlp.fmhi.usf.edu</a>
Florida Partners in Crisis	<a href="http://www.flpic.org">http://www.flpic.org</a>
Justice Center	<a href="http://www.justicecenter.csg.org">www.justicecenter.csg.org</a>
Policy Research Associates	<a href="http://www.prainc.com">www.prainc.com</a>
National GAINS Center/ TAPA Center for Jail Diversion	<a href="http://www.gainscenter.samhsa.gov">www.gainscenter.samhsa.gov</a>

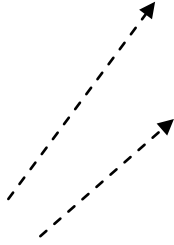
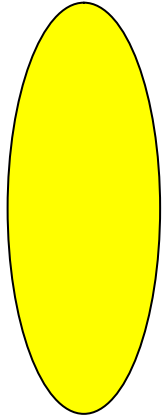
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