



# Deflection Strategies: Decriminalizing Behavioral Health Crises

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- Retired Dane County Sheriff (1990-1997)
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- Elevating Humane Treatment and Common-Sense Reforms
- International Recognition for Restrictive Housing Reforms
- Focus on the Role of Treatment in Public Safety

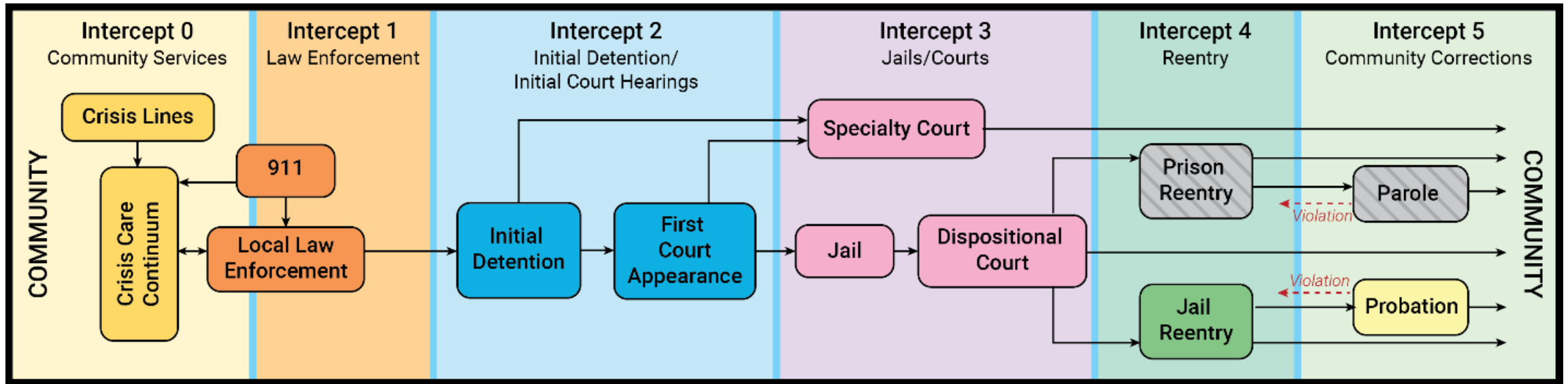


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- Board-Certified in Forensic Psychology
- Focus on Addressing Clinical and Criminogenic Risk
- Deflection | Diversion | In-Custody | Re-Entry | Care Coordination
- Healthcare Delivery in Justice Facilities
- Wellness and Trauma-Informed Approaches Across Justice System

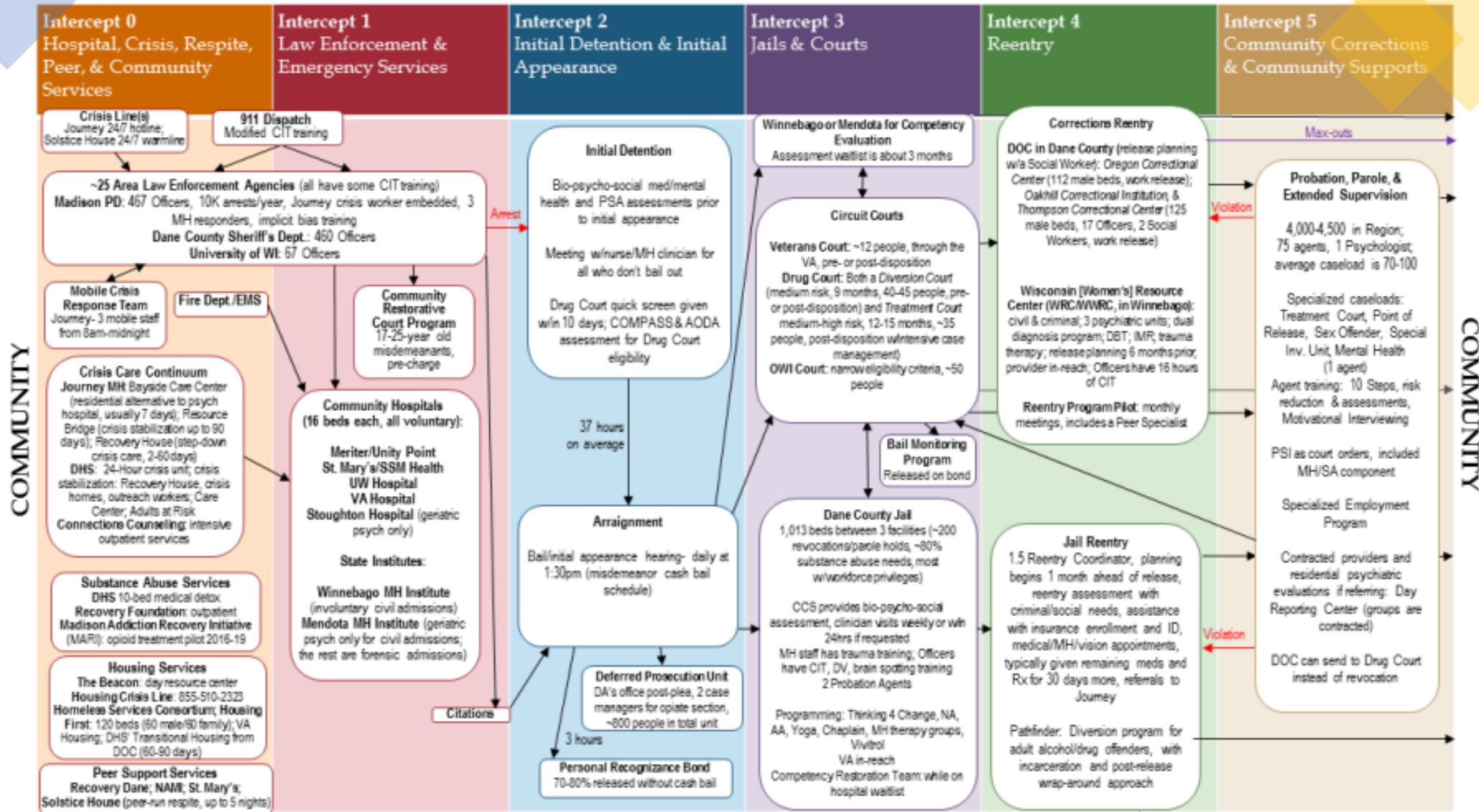
# INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

- Jail snapshots: Average Daily Population (ADP) and composition
- Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) as helpful scaffolding
- Focus: front-end solutions and back-end connectivity
- Link between systems of public health and public safety
- Fiscally sound models that reduce cost and incarceration
- Essence of community policing and relationships with constituents



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# SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL MAP FOR DANE COUNTY, WI



# CONTINUUM OF CARE | TERMINOLOGY

## Deflection

- Pre-Arrest (Intercepts 0 & 1)
- No Justice Footprint
- Focus on Restorative Treatment

## Diversion

- Post-Arrest (Intercepts 2 & 3)
- Minimize Justice Footprint
- Restorative Treatment with Accountability to a Court

## In-Custody Treatment

- Detention (Intercepts 2, 3 & 4)
- Stabilization and Assessment
- Focus on Re-Entry

## Re-Entry & Care Coordination

- Intercepts 4, 5 & 0
- Healthcare Model of Planning
- Create Warm Handoffs
- Focus on Continuity of Care

## Deflection Model



# MODELS OF DEFLECTION

- **Bexar County, Texas**

- Three-phased program
  - Deflection | Diversion | Re-Entry
- Cost
  - **\$2,295** per jail booking
  - **\$350** per deflection
- Outcomes
  - **2,200** people per month treated
  - LEO time waiting **12H to 15 Minutes**
  - **>\$10M** in annual jail and Emergency Department savings

- **Pima County, Arizona**

- Deflection Program launched 2017
- FY19
  - **547** people deflected to treatment
- Estimated Savings
  - Emergency Departments: **\$15,093,117**
  - Jail Savings: **\$3,290,654**



# MODELS OF DEFLECTION

- **Miami-Dade County, Florida**

- Covers Multiple Intercepts
  - Deflection using CIT
  - Diversion for Misdemeanants
  - Diversion for Felonies
  - Forensic Hospital Diversion
- Outcomes
  - 2010-2016 CIT fielded **71,628** calls
  - **138** arrests
  - Misdemeanor recidivism **75% - 20%**
  - Felony jail diversion bookings down **75%**
  - **ADP fell 31%** between 2005-2014
  - **\$12M** in annual savings

## Critical Elements for Success

- ✓ Interdisciplinary Committee
- ✓ Stakeholder Involvement
- ✓ Strong Sequential Intercept Mapping
- ✓ Representative of Local Needs
- ✓ Clear Understanding of Local Laws
- ✓ Right-Sizing
- ✓ Licensing
- ✓ Project Funding

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: ADVOCACY

## Powerful Social Movement – A Conversation

### Collaborative Engagement around Complex Issues

- Response to mass incarceration
- Recognition of criminogenic risk
- Assumption of treatment need
- Shifts resources to non-custodial
- Deflects those in crisis
- Decriminalize behavioral health
- Response to perception of police
- Recognition of desired relationships
- Reallocate monies to community
- Essence of community policing
- Reduce role of jail in public health
- Improve efficiency of law enforcement

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: THE COST OF CRIME

- Fiscal arguments have focused only on operations
- Cost of crime: community, government, families, proceedings
- Approximately ½ of police agencies expect budget cuts
- Nuance required: dangers of all-or-none thinking

Homicide:	\$8.65M
Rape:	\$217,866
Robbery:	\$67,277
Serious Assault:	\$82,238
Burglary:	\$13,096
Larceny:	\$2,139
Motor Vehicle Theft:	\$9,079

# REFRAMING OPPORTUNITIES

- Accept the link between public health and public safety
- Assume those who are justice-involved have unmet treatment needs
  - Clinical and Criminogenic
- Minimize the justice footprint for those in behavioral health crises
- Shift resources to front-end community-based solutions
- Reduce Average Daily Populations (ADP)
- Recognize fiscal savings for hospital systems and the County
- Strengthen relationship between police and communities they serve



# Thank You

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