



Illinois Mental Health Task Force Virtual Summit Sessions  
*Convened by Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Anne Burke*

# Improving the Court and Community Response to Persons with Mental Illness Through Compassion and Hope

*Session 1 – September 29, 2020*

- **The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Crisis System:  
Strategies for Mental Health and Law  
Enforcement Collaboration to Prevent  
Justice Involvement**

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## Coordinated Court and Community Responses

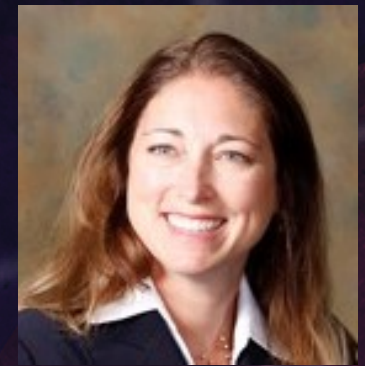
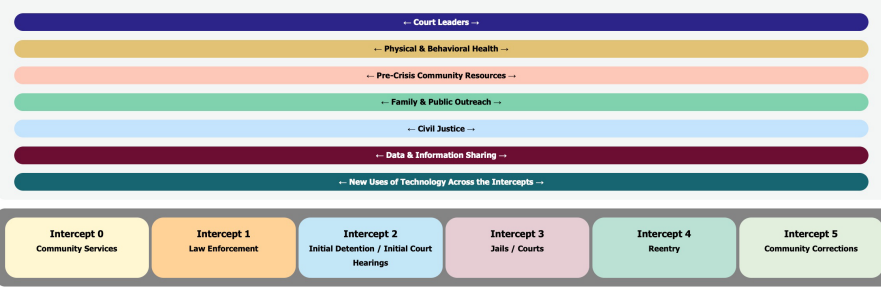
In order to address mental health needs in your community, certain court and community responses must be developed early on. The best practices recommended on this website build the foundation for improving the court and community responses to mental health and co-occurring disorders.

The most effective approach is to design responses that are regularly engaged in by community collaborators. The resources on this webpage build on the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM), which identifies appropriate responses at particular intercepts that can keep an individual from continuing to penetrate the criminal justice system. Additionally, effective court and community responses require interventions prior to engagement in the criminal justice system.

This website highlights several additional areas of focus that, if engaged in proactively, can create necessary support structures and prevent justice-system involvement for those with mental health disorders. These additional practices address physical and behavioral health needs, pre-crisis community resources, family and public outreach, civil justice needs, and data and information sharing.

Finally, meaningful system change requires leadership. Courts, and judges in particular, are in a unique position to convene stakeholders and to lead such a group to consensus and action. This website begins with leading change resources specifically designed for judges.

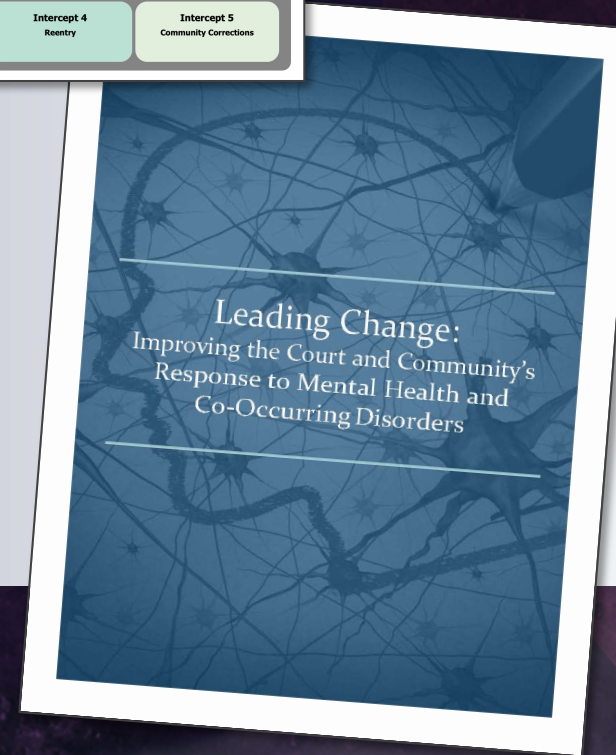
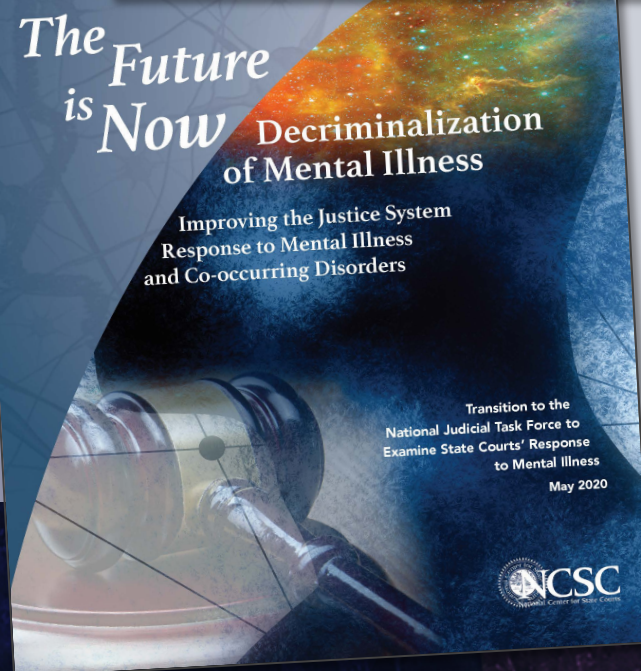
Every community will be at a different place with each of these practices. As you look through the various recommendations, consider your own community and the best way to use these tools to build a structure of support for mental health issues within it. Your community may require additional practices or approaches not listed below.



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# Logistics

- All participants will remain on mute during this session.
- You are encouraged to submit questions through the Q&A box. Questions will be collected and presented to the speakers and panelists during the Q&A session. If you have the same or similar question to one already submitted, you can upvote it by clicking the thumbs up icon.
- This webinar is being recorded and will be made available as well as any session materials to participants following the session at [www.ncsc.org/mentalhealth](http://www.ncsc.org/mentalhealth).
- Sign up for Behavioral Health Alerts through the National Center for State Courts website at <https://www.ncsc.org/publications-and-library/newsletters>.
- You will receive a survey in the next day, please take the time to complete the survey.
- Registration for the remaining sessions can be found at [www.ncsc.org/mentalhealth](http://www.ncsc.org/mentalhealth) under the Illinois Mental Health Task Force section.
- Registration for Session 5 Planning Event will be coming soon.

# Session 1 Overview

## Welcome

- Chief Justice Anne Burke, Illinois Supreme Court
- Grace Hou, Secretary, Illinois Department of Human Services

## Speaker

- Dr. Margie Balfour, Chief of Quality and Clinical Innovation, Connections Health Solutions; Associate Professor of Psychiatry, University of Arizona

## Panel

- Moderator – Dr. Lorrie Jones, President, Behavioral Health Innovations
- Crisis Intervention Team Training
  - Amy C. Watson, PhD, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee; President of the Board of Directors, CIT International
  - Kurt Gawrisch, CIT, Chicago Police Department
- Mobile Crisis Teams
  - Geri Silic, LCSW, Park Ridge Police Department
- Community Policing
  - Marc Buslik, Cmdr. (Ret.), Chicago Police Department; Adjunct Instructor, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Crisis Centers
  - Nathan Whinnery MS, LCPC, LPHA, CADC, Director, Rosecrance Mulberry Center

## Questions & Answers



# Thank you!

- **Please join us for the remaining Summit Sessions**
  - **October 6, 2020** – Mental Health Diversions from the Justice System through Leadership, Collaboration, and Building Momentum and Moving Forward with Lessons Learned from the Pandemic
  - **October 13, 2020** – Learning from the Voices of Lived Experience: Informing Change
  - **October 20, 2020** – How Mental Illness and Trauma Affect Quality of Life
  - **October 27, 2020** – Illinois’ Response to improve the Court and Community Response to Those with Mental Illness: Bringing the Community Together in One Voice and Common Mission
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- **For any questions about this webinar, please contact Michelle O’Brien at [mobrien@ncsc.org](mailto:mobrien@ncsc.org).**