



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 5 – October 27, 2020

- **Illinois' Path to Improving Court and Community Response to Persons with Mental Illness: Bringing the Community Together in One Voice and Common Mission**

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Coordinated Court and Community Responses

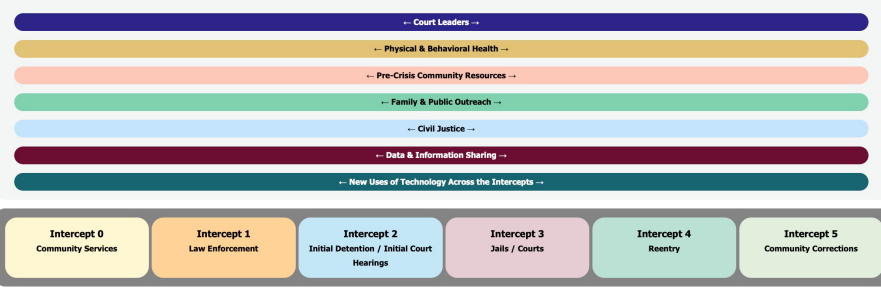
In order to address mental health needs in your community, certain court and community responses must be developed early on. The best practices recommended on this website build the foundation for improving the court and community responses to mental health and co-occurring disorders.

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.

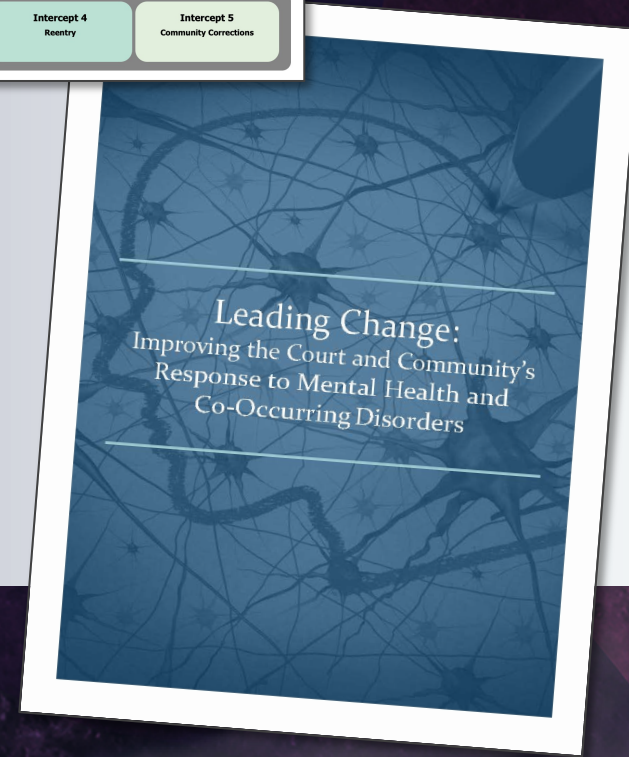
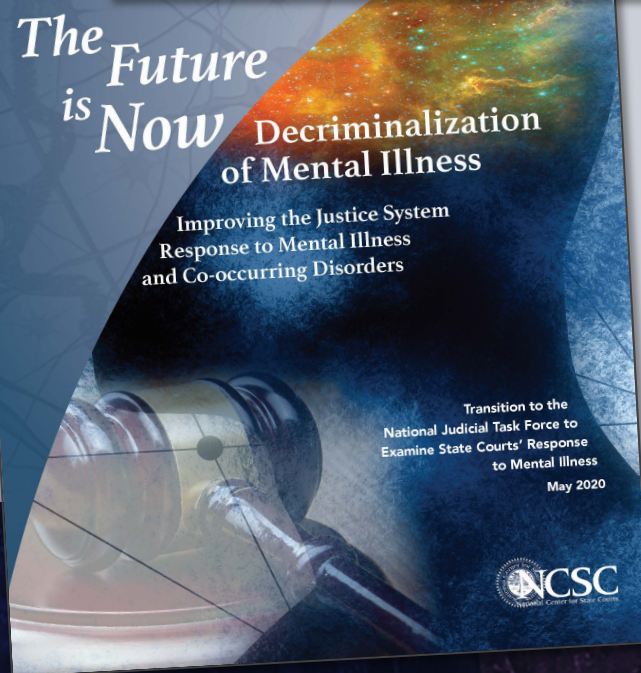
Every community will be at a different place with each of these practices. As you look through the various recommendations, consider your own community and the best way to use these tools to build a structure of support for mental health issues within it. Your community may require additional practices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



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Logistics

- This webinar is being recorded and will be made available to participants following the session at 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>.
- The Summit may be concluding but our work has just begun. Look for future invitations to participate in upcoming events hosted by the Illinois Mental Health Task Force, including a screening of the documentary *The Definition of Insanity*, followed by a group discussion in December.

Session 1 Overview

Welcome, Overview, and Instructions for Breakout Sessions - Marcia Meis, Director, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts

Breakout Sessions for Action Planning

Breakout Session Report Back

Moderator – Michelle O'Brien, Principal Court Management Consultant, National Center for State Courts

Call to Action – Chief Justice Anne M. Burke, Illinois Supreme Court



Thank you!

- Thank you for joining us for the Illinois Mental Health Task Force Virtual Summit Sessions.
- For any questions about this Summit, please contact Michelle O'Brien at mobrien@ncsc.org.