



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 3 – October 13, 2020*

- **Learning from the Voices of Lived Experience: Informing Change**

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## Coordinated Court and Community Responses

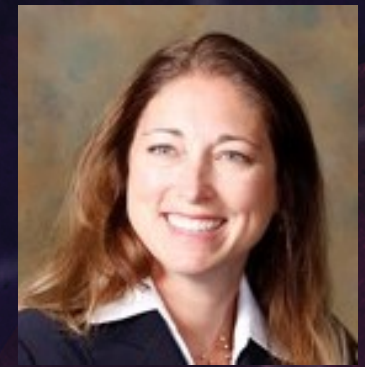
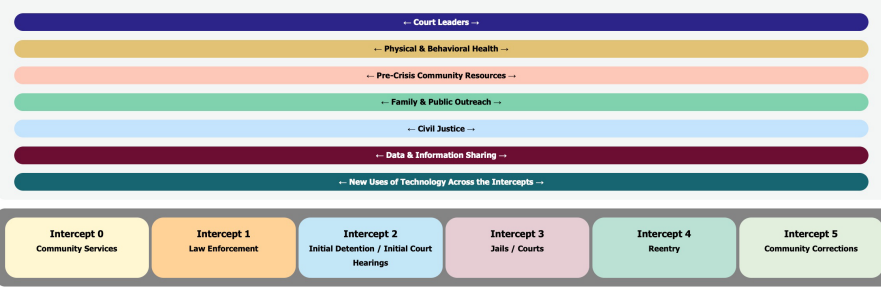
In order to address mental health needs in your community, certain court and community responses must be developed early on. The best practices recommended on this website build the foundation for improving the court and community responses to mental health and co-occurring disorders.

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.

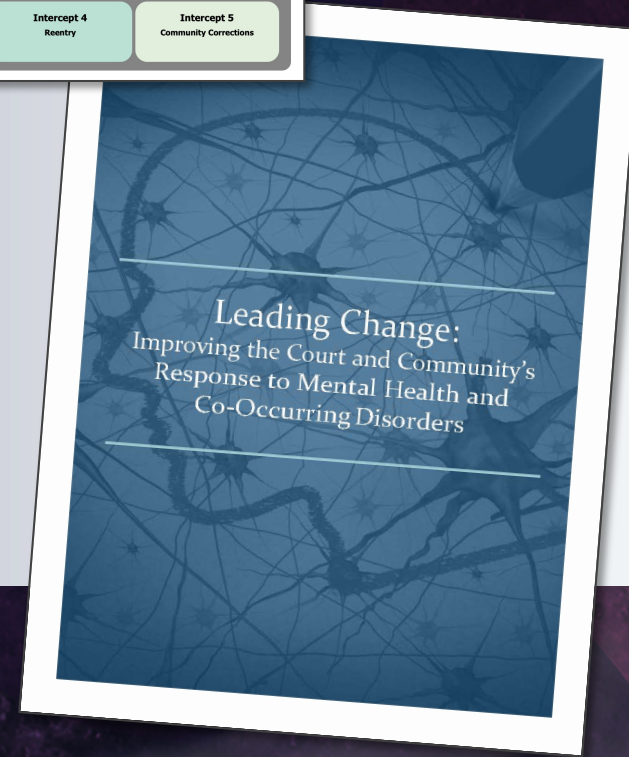
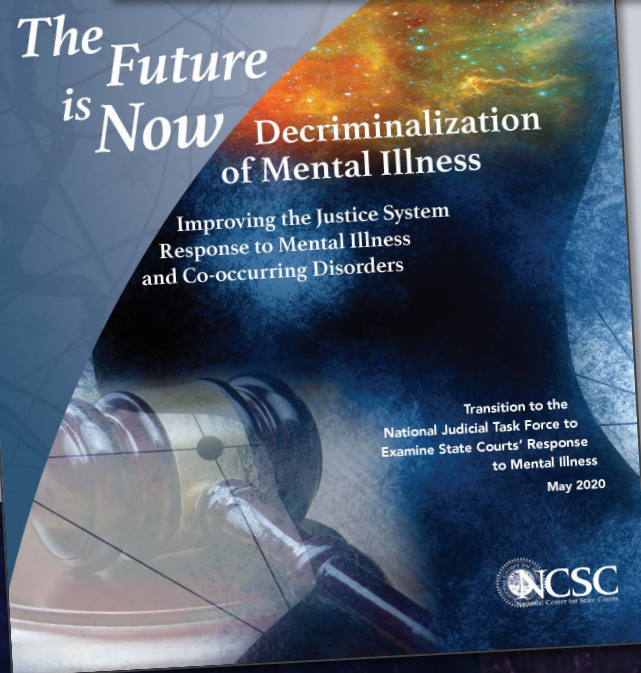
Every community will be at a different place with each of these practices. As you look through the various recommendations, consider your own community and the best way to use these tools to build a structure of support for mental health issues within it. Your community may require additional practices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



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# Session 3 Overview

## Welcome

- Illinois Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton
- Rob Jeffreys, Acting Director, Illinois Department of Corrections

## Speaker

- Dr. Debra Pinals, Medical Director, Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; Director of the Program in Psychiatry, Law, and Ethics and Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of Michigan

## Panel

- Moderator – Alexa James, MS, LCSW, Executive Director, NAMI Chicago
- Olachi Etoh, Panelist
- Frederick Nitsch, Panelist

## Questions & Answers



**Thank you!**

- **Please join us for the remaining Summit Sessions**
  - **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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