

## About the Texas Youth Sequential Intercept Model

The Texas Youth Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) is a strategic planning tool used to create a communitywide response for youth with mental illness (MI), substance use disorders (SUD), and intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) who encounter and move through the juvenile justice system. Using the Youth SIM, communities consider resources and identify gaps and opportunities across their local systems.

Collaborating closely with state agencies working at the intersection of youth behavioral health and juvenile justice systems, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission Office of Forensic Coordination adapted the Critical Intervention Model developed by the National Center for Youth Opportunity and Justice to create a Texas-specific model.



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## Workshops Available for Youth SIM Mapping

The Texas Behavioral Health and Justice Technical Assistance Center offers a Youth SIM mapping workshop that brings together community leaders and different agencies and systems to identify strategies for diverting youth with MI, SUD, IDD, or a combination of these disorders, away from the juvenile justice system and into treatment.



Throughout the one-and-a-half day workshop, trained facilitators tap into local expertise to:

- Use the Youth SIM to develop a comprehensive picture of how youth with mental illness and co-occurring disorders move through the juvenile justice system along five distinct intercept points.
- Identify gaps and resources across the SIM.
- Identify local services to support diversion from the juvenile justice system.
- Introduce community leaders and staff to evidence-based and emerging best practices.
- Enhance relationships across systems and agencies.
- Create action plans to address identified gaps and community priorities.

## Texas Youth Sequential Intercept Model Mapping

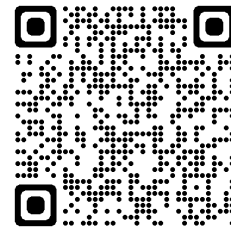
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Scan the QR code to request a SIM Mapping Workshop for your community.



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A strategic planning tool to create a communitywide response for youth with behavioral health conditions who are involved in the justice system.



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## Mapping Helps

### Communities Identify and Prioritize Best Practices Across the Justice System

**Collaboration** between juvenile justice and behavioral health professionals to appropriately and effectively provide services to youth with behavioral health conditions.

**Identification** of youth behavioral health needs at all critical stages of juvenile justice processing.

**Diversion** of youth with behavioral health needs to effective community-based treatment whenever possible.

**Treatment** to effectively meet the needs of youth with behavioral health conditions in the juvenile justice system.

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