



TEXAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND JUSTICE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER

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#NeedtoKnow



Texas Competency Guide & Accompanying Videos

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Everything You Need to Know About Competency Restoration in Texas

The Office of Forensic Coordination, in collaboration with local stakeholders across the state, developed the Texas Competency Restoration Guide to support community behavioral health and justice stakeholders in navigating the competency to stand trial process.

The guide and accompanying videos are **now available** in downloadable and interactive formats on the Texas Behavioral Health and Justice Technical Assistance Center (TA Center) website.

The guide highlights 10 principles of competency restoration, accompanied by statutory references, workflows and tips from experts around the state. Visit the website today to dive into competency topics as varied as neurocognitive disorders and traumatic brain injuries, legal severity and community impact, and bond decisions. Be sure to sign up for the upcoming webinar showcasing these tools in greater depth.

[View the Texas Competency Restoration Guide](#)

Upcoming TA Center Learn and Engage Opportunities



New Resources to Support Competency Restoration Decision-Making

[JUNE 26](#) [VIRTUAL](#) [CLE & CE PROVIDED](#)



June 26 Webinar: "New Resources to Support Competency Restoration Decision-Making"

The TA Center is continuing the Behavioral Health and Justice webinar series with "New Resources to Support Competency Restoration Decision-Making."

Participants in this 90-minute webinar will:

- Get an overview of the legal process related to competency restoration.
- Learn about new technical assistance resources developed by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.
- Hear from local competency restoration providers on innovative programs that support access to treatment, enhance local coordination and collaboration, and promote public safety.

Time: June 26, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm CST

Where: Virtual

Continuing legal education (CLE) and continuing education (CE) credit hours are offered to webinar attendees.

[Register Today](#)

Introducing the Reentry Learning Collaborative: Supporting Local Teams with Recovery Support



The Office of Forensic Coordination is excited to announce the launch of the Reentry Learning Collaborative. This learning collaborative will support local teams in developing comprehensive reentry programs that provide continuity of care and recovery support for people with mental illness or co-occurring substance use disorders who are returning to the community following incarceration in a local jail.

Learning collaborative members will receive guidance on and discuss benefits re-enrollment, linkages to medication support, medical records sharing, and recovery support services, including peer recovery support, housing, transportation, and employment services. Sign up for the Texas Behavioral Health and Justice Technical Assistance Center email list for updates on this opportunity.

Applications for this learning collaborative open on June 18, 2024.

Subscribe and stay up-to-date with the Texas Behavioral Health and Justice Technical Assistance Center newsletter to receive updates on this opportunity and others.

[Learn More](#)

#CountySpotlights

Learn about innovative programs across Texas that aim to reduce justice involvement for youth with behavioral health needs and connect them to care in the community.



Williamson County's 9-1-1 Crisis Call Diversion Program

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Via Hope Empowers People with Lived Experience to Reshape their Futures

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#TechnicalAssistance



Looking for Specialized Support? Submit a TA Request!

The TA Center is here to lend perspective, expertise, and resources to help troubleshoot a variety of behavioral health and justice issues across disciplines. Reach out today through the website!

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#Resources



Eliminate the Wait: The Texas Toolkit for Rightizing Competency Restoration Services

The Eliminate the Wait Toolkit outlines a set of strategies for behavioral health and justice professionals to help reduce the wait for inpatient competency restoration services in Texas.

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Workflow: Competency Restoration Process for Courts

This resource is a general overview of available avenues to treat people found incompetent to stand trial.

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Six Steps to Establishing a Jail In-Reach Program

This brief summarizes the steps needed for communities to establish a jail in-reach program and provides implementation examples from counties across Texas.

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Interested in Additional Resources?

Find more resources and information on our [Downloads](#) and [Links](#) webpages.

#Events



Texas Council of Community Centers Annual Conference

TOPIC: Community Behavioral Health

Date: June 17-19, 2024

San Antonio, TX

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2024 National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference

TOPIC: County Government

Date: July 12-15, 2024

Tampa, FL

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2024 Drug Impact Conference

TOPIC: Substance Use

Date: Aug. 12-15, 2024

Grapevine, TX

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[Link to Additional Events](#)

Please Note: For any inquiries or interest in an event, please contact the organization hosting the event directly.

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