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Justice and Behavioral Health Newsletter

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#NeedtoKnow

New Resources to Reduce and Prevent Juvenile Justice System Involvement for Youth with Behavioral Health Needs

AUG. 29 **12:00 - 1:30 PM CT**

Upcoming Webinar Showcases New Resources to Reduce and Prevent Juvenile Justice System Involvement for Youth with Behavioral Health Needs

The return to school marks the unofficial end of summer and a shift back to a more predictable routine. Many young people — especially those with behavioral health needs and past trauma — can benefit from a more regular schedule.

As the school year begins, the Office of Forensic Coordination (OFC) is collaborating with the Texas Institute for Excellence in Mental Health to share new resources that support stakeholders working with some of the most vulnerable youth at the intersection of schools, communities, behavioral health and juvenile justice systems.

Join OFC for a webinar from noon to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 29. Guest speakers will discuss how recent research has provided insights into the juvenile justice system.

OFC will also discuss new resources, including a literature review of evidence-based practices across the Texas Youth Sequential Intercept Model (SIM), a statewide survey of programs serving youth with behavioral health needs who are at risk or involved in the juvenile justice system, and innovative program spotlights from across Texas.

[Register for the Upcoming Webinar](#)

Upcoming Technical Assistance Opportunities

APPLY NOW:

Jail In-Reach Learning Collaborative Cohort 4 Applications Open Until Sept. 4

Apply Now: JIRLC Cohort 4 Applications Open Until Sept. 4

Applications are now open for the fourth cohort of the JIRLC. The collaborative is a peer-to-peer learning opportunity for county teams to identify strategies to actively monitor people who have been found incompetent to stand trial (IST) and to reduce the wait for inpatient competency restoration services. Participating teams receive free monthly technical assistance, legal education, and clinical and forensic consultation services.

County forensic teams comprised of representatives from local mental and behavioral health authorities, county sheriffs' offices, jail staff, jail medical and psychiatric providers, prosecutors, defense counsel and judiciary officials are encouraged to apply.

The application deadline is September 4th, 2024.

[Apply Today](#)

#CountySpotlights

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



Austin-Travis County Sobering Center Utilizes Innovation for Positive Change

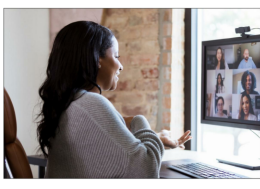
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The TA Center is here to lend perspective, expertise, and resources to help troubleshoot a variety of behavioral health and justice issues across disciplines. Reach out today through the website!

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#Resources



Texas Youth Sequential Intercept Model (SIM): Background and Evidence-Based Programs

This report provides an overview of the development of the Texas Youth SIM and provides evidence-based best practices and foundational definitions for each of the five intercepts. Communities can use this report to enhance their diversion efforts by reviewing Texas and national program examples of intercept-specific diversion and intervention efforts.

[>>View Resource](#)

Texas Youth SIM Pamphlet

This pamphlet offers a snapshot of the Texas Youth SIM. It includes information about workshops available for Youth SIM Mapping and a review of Texas Youth SIM's intercepts 0 through 4.

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Interested in Additional Resources?

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

#Events



2024 Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness

TOPIC: Courts
Date: September 11-13, 2024

Houston, TX
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American Academy of Forensic Psychology Third Annual Meeting and Workshops

TOPIC: Forensic Mental Health
Date: September 18-20, 2024

San Antonio, TX
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Annual Criminal and Civil Law Conference

TOPIC: Courts
Date: Aug. 12-15, 2024

Galveston, TX
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