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Housing Learning Community Spotlight



PATH Across the Intercepts: Community Strategies from the Texas Panhandle

The Texas Behavioral Health and Justice Technical Assistance Center launched the first session of the Housing Learning Community in December 2025 to bring multidisciplinary teams across the state together to improve housing access for people involved in the justice system and living with mental illness, substance use disorders, or intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Participants learned about Intercepts 0 and 1 of the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM), which includes community-based services and crisis supports (Intercept 0), and initial encounters with law enforcement (Intercept 1).

Each Learning Community session includes a community highlight where participants hear from an organization or person improving housing access in their community. This workshop highlighted the Texas Panhandle Centers (TPC) and their Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) program.

The TPC is a certified community behavioral health clinic that serves adults and youth with severe mental illness, substance use conditions, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and children from birth to 3 years old who experience developmental delays. TPC serves 21 counties in the Texas Panhandle and provides services to over 10,000 people and their families each year.

Funded by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, TPC's PATH program works to reduce or eliminate homelessness for people living with serious mental illness, including those with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.

TPC PATH program administrator Jacqueline Cullum spoke about how TPC leverages their expertise at these early intercepts by focusing on intervention and collaboration to ensure people receive services appropriate for their needs, even when those needs overlap with crisis response or justice contact. They do this by partnering with the City of Amarillo's Coming Home Program, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development resources, and local agencies that serve people experiencing homelessness.

The PATH program stands out for its flexibility in meeting people where they are. Unlike traditional programs that discharge people after missed appointments, PATH allows more time before disenrollment to maintain engagement.

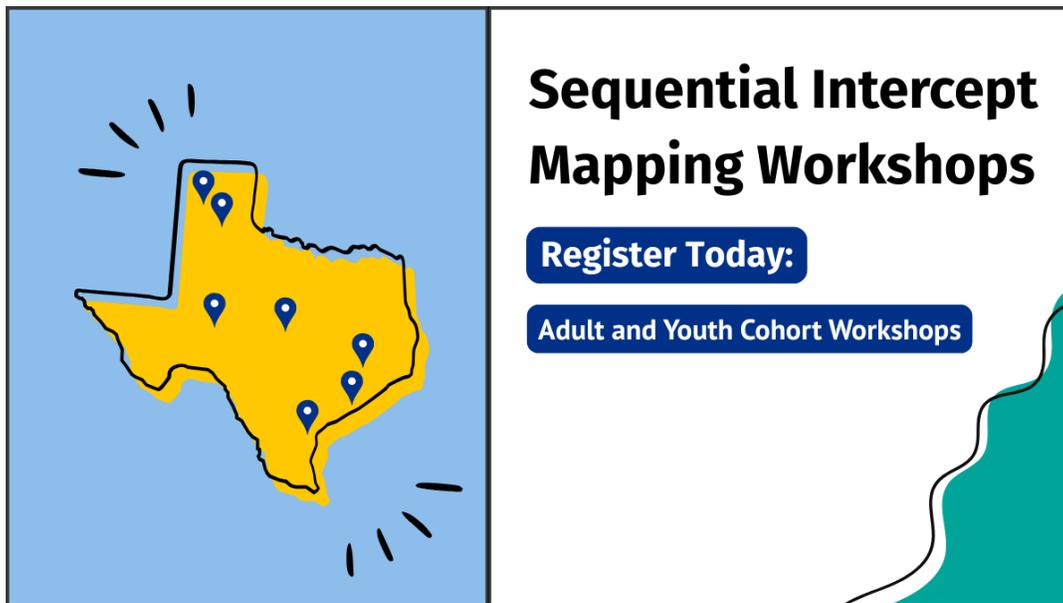
The TPC team conducts location-based outreach and operates the only PATH program in Texas with an on-site intake clinic, offering walk-in assessments without referrals or scheduled appointments. Its downtown Amarillo location provides a welcoming, accessible space near shelters and key resources, keeping the PATH team closely connected to the community.

These strategies help PATH respond quickly to connect with people when they are most ready to engage.

To learn more about PATH, visit samhsa.gov/communities/homelessness-programs-resources/grants/path. To learn more about the Housing Learning Community, visit txbhjustice.org/learn-and-engage/housing-learning-community/preview.

Stay tuned for more highlights from the Housing Learning Community series as we share innovative approaches across Texas.

Need to Know



Now Accepting SIM Mapping Workshop Applications for 2026

The Texas Behavioral Health and Justice Technical Assistance Center hosts SIM mapping workshops in partnership with the Judicial Commission on Mental Health.

These day-long workshops bring together community leaders and agency representatives to find ways to connect people with mental illness, substance use disorders and intellectual and developmental disabilities to treatment instead of incarceration.

Facilitators guide participants to:

- Map local resources and gaps across the SIM.
- Identify services that support diversion from criminal and juvenile justice systems.
- Share evidence-based and emerging best practices for each intercept.
- Strengthen relationships across systems and agencies.
- Create a customized local map and action plan to address gaps.

Submit Your Application

Texas Institute for Excellence in Mental Health is sponsoring a limited number of adult or youth SIM mappings in 2026. Visit txbhjustice.org/services/sequential-intercept-mapping to learn more about SIM mappings and to submit your application as soon as possible.



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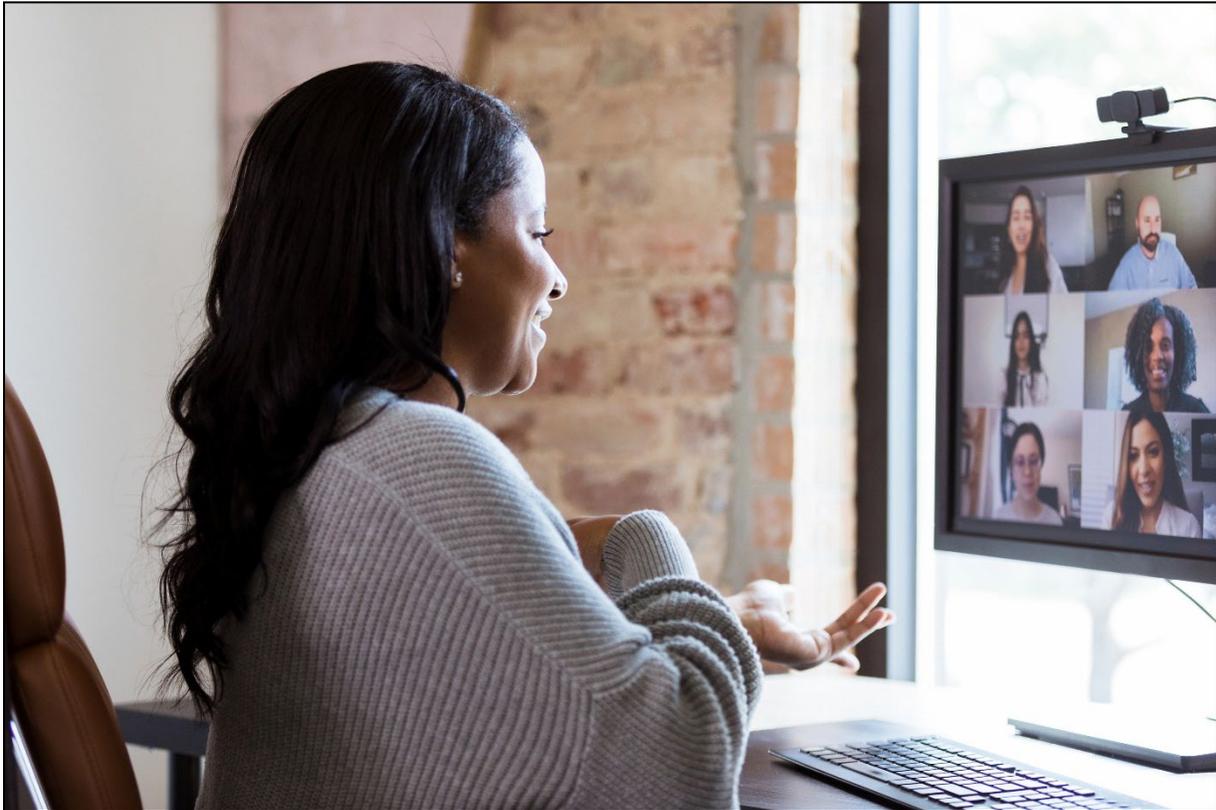
The Texas Behavioral Health and Justice Technical Assistance Center is conducting a survey to learn how you use and value this monthly newsletter.

We want to know which content supports your work, what you find most useful, and how we can make future issues more relevant and engaging. Our goal is to better support your professional needs and share information that matters to you.

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the survey. If you haven't participated yet, the survey is still open. Your feedback is important.

Take a few minutes to complete the [survey](#) and help shape the future of our newsletter.

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The Forensic and Jail Diversion Services team is ready to support you.

The Texas Behavioral Health and Justice Technical Assistance Center provides timely guidance and connections to stakeholders across Texas on a variety of behavioral health and justice topics. Reach out today to receive tailored support and troubleshooting for issues big and small.

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