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Reentry Learning Collaborative

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Behavioral Health Services completed the fiscal year 2025 reentry learning collaborative. The collaborative supported local teams in building reentry programs that promote continuity of care and recovery support for people with mental illness or co-occurring substance use disorders returning to the community after incarceration in a local jail.

HHSC partnered with Rulo Strategies and the Texas Institute for Excellence in Mental Health to facilitate the collaborative. Fourteen competitively selected teams from 23 counties, representing more than 35 organizations, came together to share strategies, build partnerships, and improve outcomes for people with behavioral health needs transitioning from jail to the community.

Key Takeaways

Participants deepened their understanding of key reentry topics, including enrolling or reenrolling in benefits, accessing housing and transportation, and finding employment after incarceration.

Participating communities reported that sessions on reentry models and continuity of care were the most helpful in supporting their local reentry efforts. Participants also expressed greater confidence in evaluating program effectiveness and a stronger ability to serve people with mental health conditions, substance use disorders, and co-occurring conditions after the collaborative compared to when it began.

The reentry learning collaborative made measurable progress in building local capacity, increasing knowledge and strengthening cross-system partnerships. While opportunities remain to encourage and strengthen engagement and address system-level barriers, this work has laid a strong foundation for continued collaboration and improvement.

Applications for the fiscal year 2026 learning collaborative open in September. For more information, visit the [Texas Behavioral Health and Justice Technical Assistance Center website](#).

Upcoming Events

JUDICIAL SUMMIT ON MENTAL HEALTH

OCTOBER 7-8, 2025

THE ROYAL SONESTA HOUSTON GALLERIA
HOUSTON, TX

The Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health (JCMH) is hosting the 2025 Judicial Summit on Mental Health Oct. 7-8. Participants will hear from expert speakers and learn about key mental health law topics. The event brings together professionals across disciplines to share ideas, build partnerships and find practical solutions to improve how Texas responds to mental health needs.

For more information and details about the conference, [visit the JMCH website](#)



The Summit: Reaching New Heights in Mental Health and Justice Collaboration

HHSC Forensic and Jail Diversion Services thanks everyone who attended The Summit. The conference brought together professionals from across Texas for two days of education, collaboration and networking. Participants explored the core systems that intersect with behavioral health and justice, gained foundational knowledge about how these systems interact and discussed strategies to strengthen cross-agency partnerships.

The Summit emphasized practical approaches to improve outcomes through coordinated efforts. The next issue of this newsletter will include key takeaways, participant insights and additional resources.

Technical Assistance



Need help? The Forensic and Jail Diversion Services team stands ready to support you.

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

[Request support today.](#)