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Enhancing Substance Use Treatment and Recovery Supports for People with Justice Involvement

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Overview

- Addiction and Substance Use 101
- Introduction to the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Framework
- Recovery Across the Intercepts
 - ▶ Available Programs
 - ▶ “Peerspective”



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Addiction and Substance Use 101

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Substance Use Disorder: Substance use disorders (SUDs) occur when the **recurrent use of alcohol, drugs or a combination** of the two **causes clinically significant impairment**, including health problems, disability and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school or home.

Disease Model of Addiction: Addiction is a **treatable, chronic medical disease** involving complex interactions among brain circuits, genetics, the environment, and a person's life experiences.

Stigma: Set of **negative beliefs about a group of people** or people who demonstrate a particular behavior.



Addiction and Substance Use 101

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Recovery: A process of change through which people improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life and strive to reach their full potential.

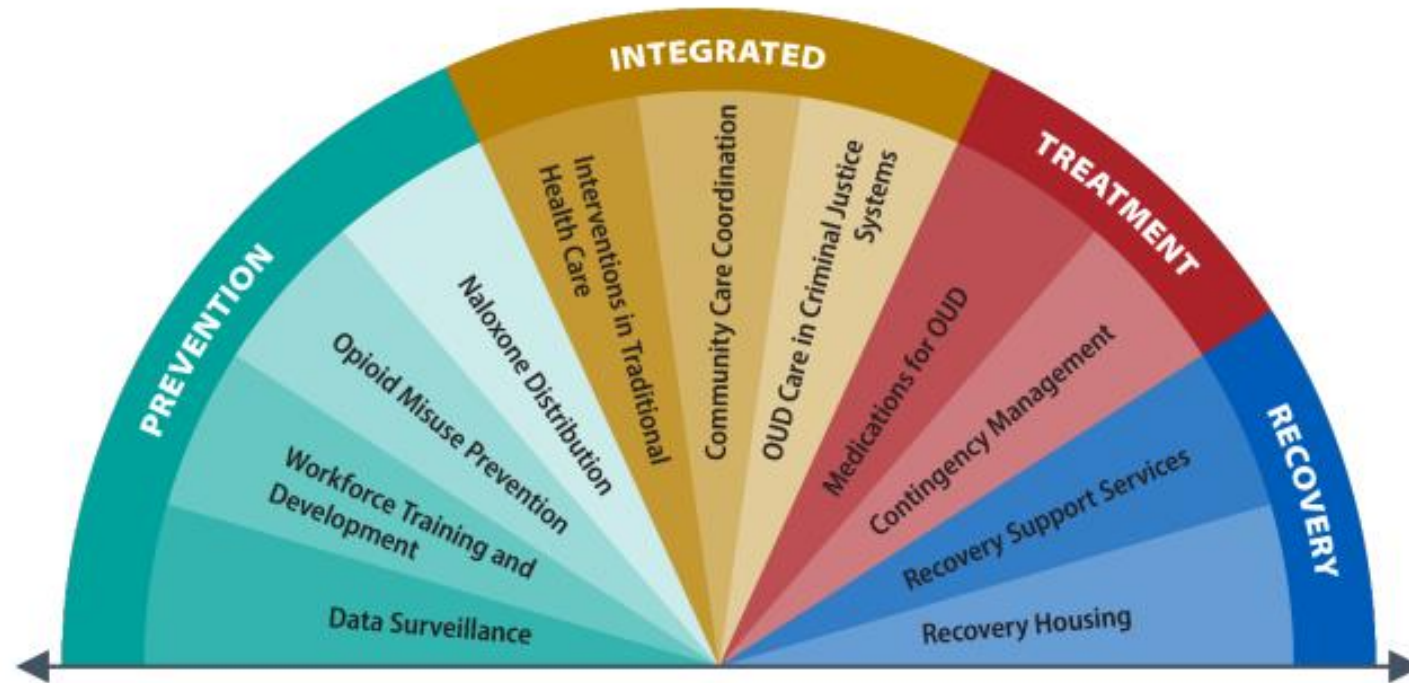
Four Pillars of Recovery:

- Health
- Home
- Purpose
- Community



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Texas Targeted Opioid Response (TTOR) Services Continuum



Texas Targeted Opioid Response Continuum of Services

Source: [Texas Targeted Opioid Response Report](#), 2023.



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Language Shifts

Avoid Using:	Preferred Language	Why?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addict• User• Junkie• Drug abuser	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Person with a substance use disorder• Person with opioid use disorder	Person has an illness or problem, rather than "is" the problem
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alcoholic• Drunk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Person with alcohol use disorder	Person has an illness or problem, rather than "is" the problem
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Former addict• Former junkie• Reformed addict	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Person in recovery, or long-term recovery• Person who previously used drugs	Use of similar medical terminology like other illnesses can reduce stigma

Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse, *Words Matter: Preferred Language for Talking About Addiction*, 2021.



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Co-Occurring Disorders

Co-Occurring Disorders include any combination of two or more SUDs and mental disorders identified in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5).

42%

of state prison inmates met criteria for a co-occurring disorder.

37%

of federal inmates met criteria for a co-occurring disorder.



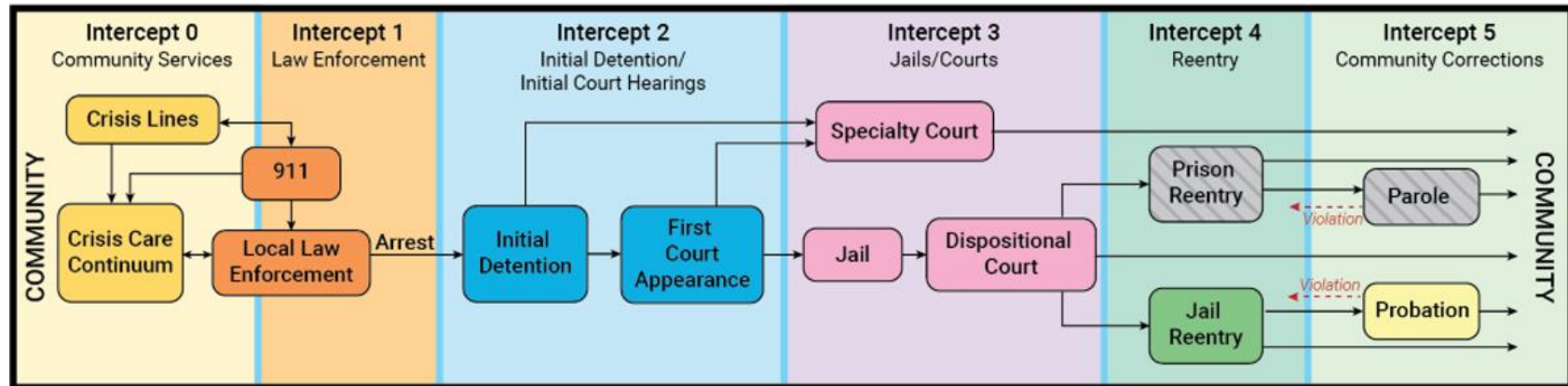
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The SIM

People move through the criminal justice system in predictable ways.

The SIM illustrates key points, or intercepts to identify:

- Opportunities for diversion and treatment
- Speedy movement through the system
- Community partners



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Intercept 0: Community Services



Intercept 0 connects people who have substance use disorders with services prior to being charged with an offense by law enforcement.

BEST PRACTICES:

- Mobile crisis outreach teams and co-responders
- Remote connection to a clinician
- Post-overdose response teams
- Sobering centers
- Opioid Response Network

PROGRAMS:

- Overdose prevention
- Local mental health authority (LMHA) or local behavioral health authority (LBHA) SUD services
- Substance use treatment
- Pre-arrest diversion
- Sobering center
- Opioid Response Network
- Recovery support services
- Recovery housing
- Employment support



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Peerspective: Community Services



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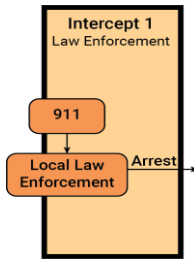
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Intercept 1: Law Enforcement

Intercept 1 begins when law enforcement or emergency services respond to a person with a SUD who is in crisis and ends when the person is arrested or diverted to treatment.

BEST PRACTICES:

- Specialized Overdose Response
- Diversion or “No Wrong Door” entry to treatment
- Handoff to Outreach, Screening, Assessment and Referral
- Familiar Faces and high utilizer programs

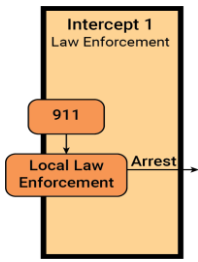
PROGRAMS:

- LMHA and LBHA SUD services
- Community-based treatment
- Pre-arrest diversion
- Recovery Support Services



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Peerspective: Law Enforcement or Emergency Medical Services Diversion to Substance Use Services



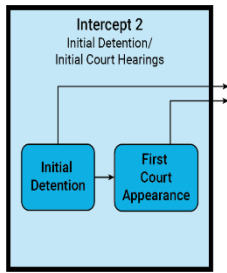
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Intercept 2: Initial Detention and Court Hearings

Intercept 2 begins when a person with a SUD has been arrested and is going through booking and faces an initial hearing by a judge or magistrate.

BEST PRACTICES:

- Screenings for SUD and detox
- Court navigators and advocates
- Connection to services
- Continuity of medications

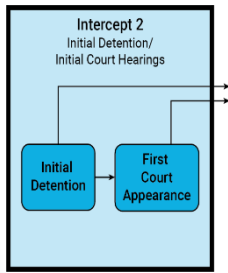
PROGRAMS:

- LMHA and LBHA SUD services
- Recovery support services



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Peerspective: Initial Detention and Court Hearings



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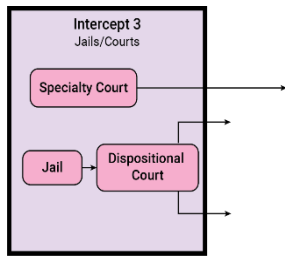
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Intercept 3: Jails and Courts

Intercept 3 begins when a person with a SUD has not been diverted and is held in pretrial detention while awaiting disposition of their criminal case.

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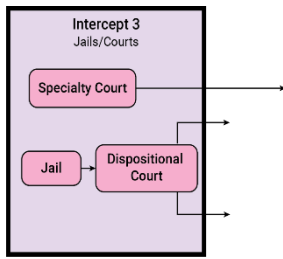
- Treatment courts
- Alternatives to prosecution
- Jail-based programming and jail in-reach
- Connection to community-based treatment providers
- Specialty courts

PROGRAMS:

- LMHA and LBHA SUD services
- Recovery support services
- Indigent client assistance



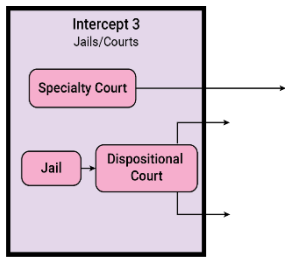
Reflections from the Bench: Judge Lela Lawrence Mays



Honorable Judge Lela Lawrence Mays
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STAC Court: Recovery Story

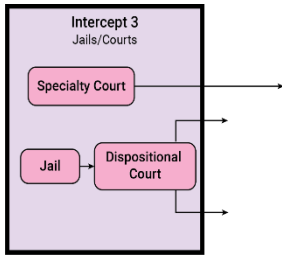


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Peerspective: Jails and Courts



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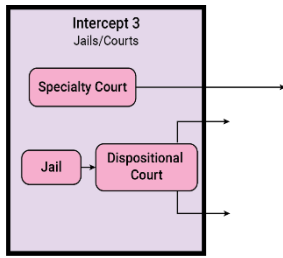


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Reflections from the Bench: Judge Yolanda Huff



Honorable Judge Yolanda Huff,
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**Mental Health
Court Graduation**
Courtesy of Yolanda Huff



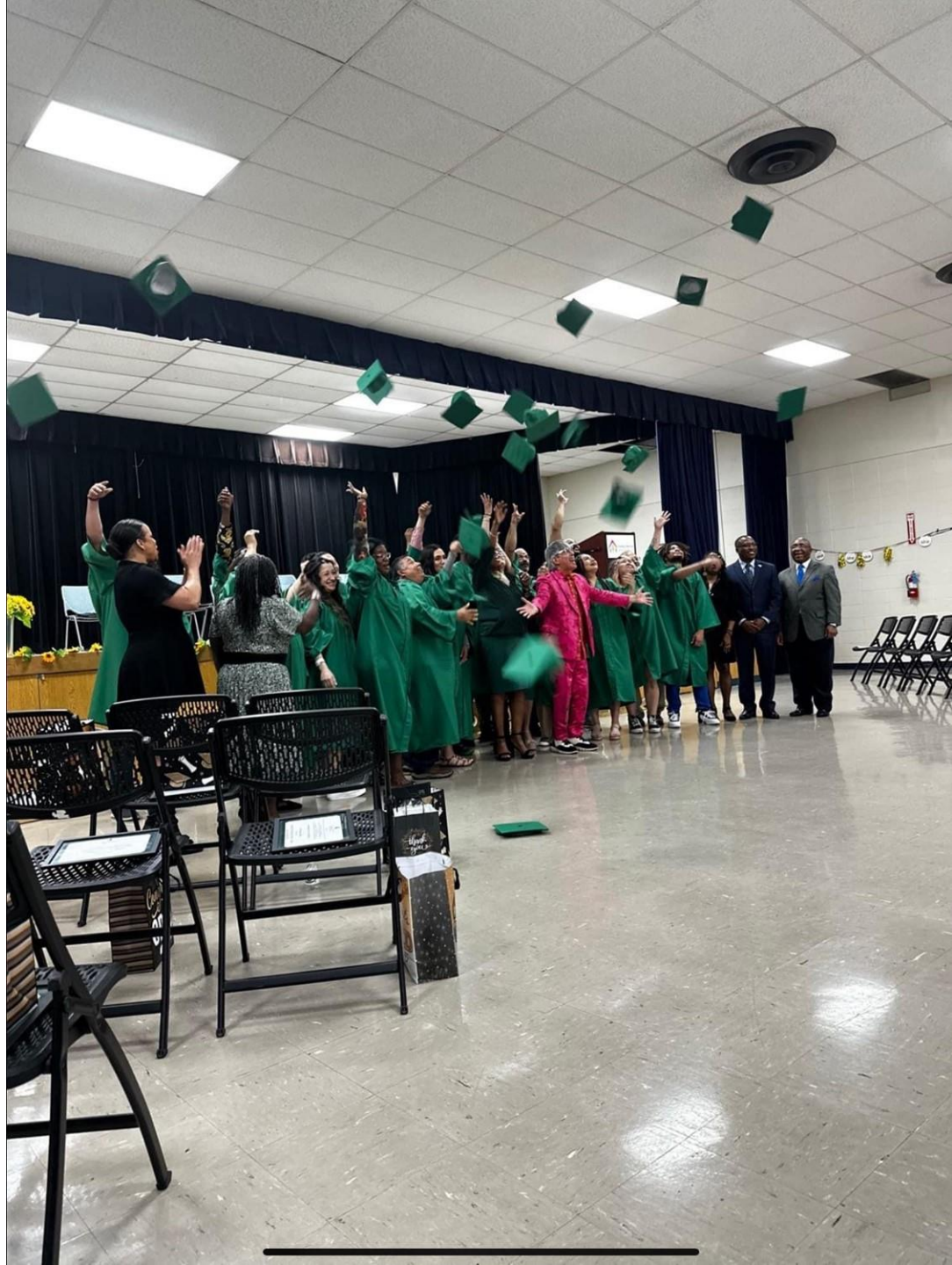


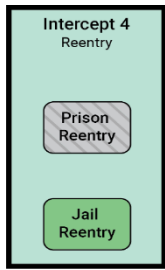












Intercept 4: Reentry

Intercept 4 begins when a person with a SUD is transitioning from jail or prison back into the community.

BEST PRACTICES:

- Access to medication-assisted treatment including medications for opioid use disorder
- Warm handoffs
- Recovery supports
- Transition planning
- Peer and social supports

PROGRAMS:

- LMHA and LBHA SUD services
- Recovery support services
- Indigent client assistance



Intercept 4
Reentry

Prison
Reentry

Jail
Reentry

Peerspective: Reentry



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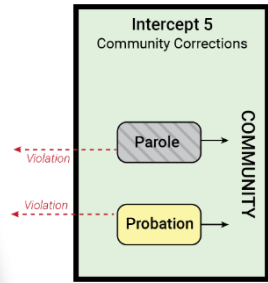


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Intercept 5: Community Corrections



Intercept 5 begins when a person with a SUD is under correctional supervision (usually parole or probation) as part of their sentence.

BEST PRACTICES:

- Specialized caseloads and staff training
- Access to recovery supports
- Community partnerships

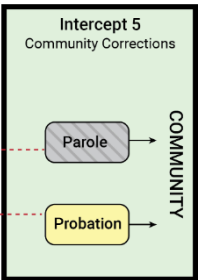
PROGRAMS:

- LMHA and LBHA SUD services
- Texas Department of Criminal Justice TTOR Integrated Program
- Recovery housing
- Texas Workforce Commission Vocational Rehabilitation



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Peerspective: Community Corrections



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Questions?



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