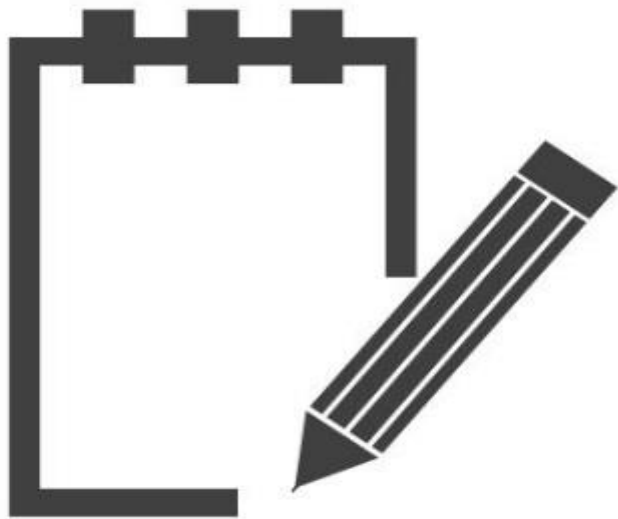


Criminal Justice/CIT Overview

Law Enforcement and Community:
Crisis Intervention Team Training

Module Overview



- **Background Problem**
- **CIT – The Memphis Model**
- **Advantages of CIT**
- **An Effective CIT Response**

Problem Statement



Massachusetts 2022

Jailed:

- 53% of jail inmates have a mental illness (26% have a major mental illness)

Prison

- 25% of males have serious mental illness
- 83% of women (76% have major mental illness)
- 1/3 of the homeless population have serious mental health issues

Background: U.S. History

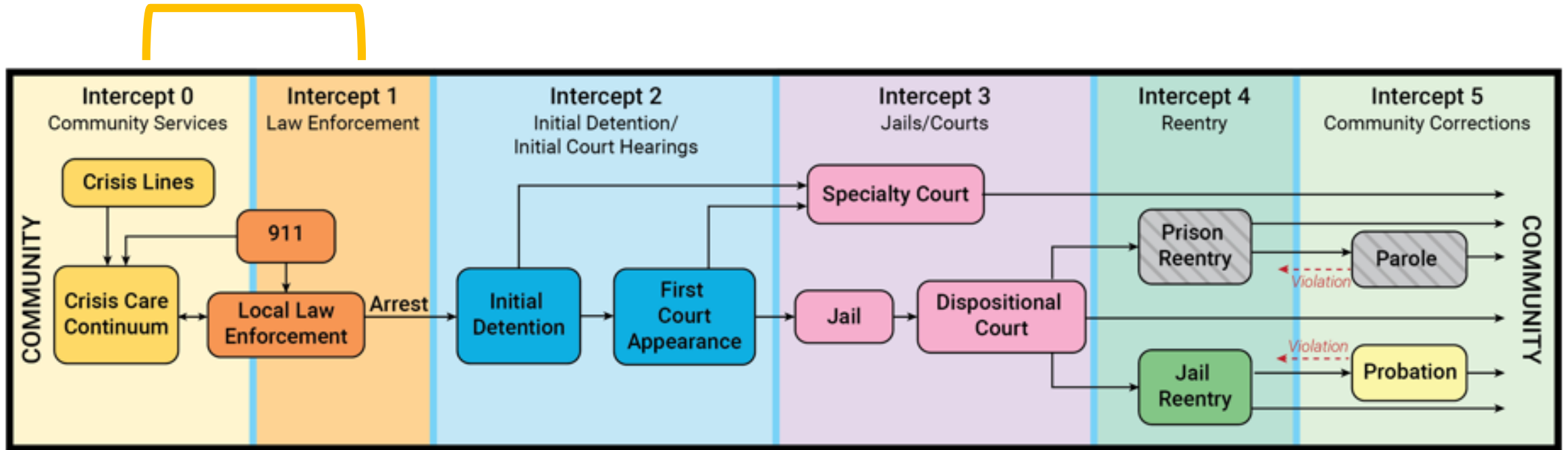
Deinstitutionalization



Today's broken mental health system



Criminal Justice Approaches: Sequential Intercept Model (SIM)



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CIT: The Memphis Model



- Developed in Memphis, TN – 1988; in response to community tragedy
- Key characteristics of the Memphis Model:
 - Community partnerships
 - Specialized officer training
 - Emphasis on de-escalating crisis situations
 - Focus on routing to community service providers rather than jail
 - Improving and expanding crisis response and service systems



CIT Program: Steering Committee & CIT Coordinators



STEERING COMMITTEE

Members: Community partners and stakeholders

Responsibilities:

- Lead community coordination
- Evaluate community system and resources
- Coordinate CIT training and outreach
- Seek funding

CIT COORDINATORS

- Law Enforcement, mental health and/or advocacy
- At the heart of a CIT program
- Helps to manage day to day aspects of the program
- Keep CIT partners together

A Model for the Nation



- **Advantages of CIT:**

- Provides excellent immediacy of response (*Deane et al., 1997*)
- Reduces injuries to officers, use of force (*Dupont and Cochran, 2000*)
- Changes attitudes and perceptions (*Borum et al., 1998*)
- Lowers arrest rates (*Steadman et al., 2000*)
- Increases health care referrals (*Dupont and Cochran, 2000*)
- Helps communities transform their crisis response system to be more effective

An Effective CIT Response

Dispatch (911 operators)

- Training
- Identify CIT officers
- Policies and procedures that align with CIT

Officer Characteristics

- Specialized training
- Volunteers
- Enhanced Communication skills
- Policies and procedures that align with CIT

Community Involvement

- Resource
- Assist with delivery of training
- Improve crisis response system

Disposition

- Officer discretion
- User friendly receiving facility
- Safety
- Jail diversion
- Improved outcomes

Module Wrap-Up

Questions?