



JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM FACT SHEET

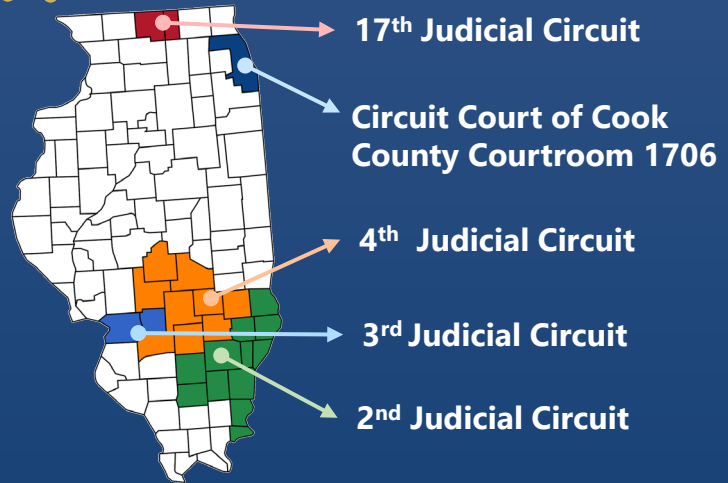


“Because the justice system plays such a major role in responding to Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD), the state courts of our nation play a vital role in leading change. State courts are most often the primary referral source for treatment, as individuals suffering from SMI or SUD get swept into the justice system.”
Joint Statement of Commitment to Continuing Cooperation (SAMHSA-CCJ-COSCA)

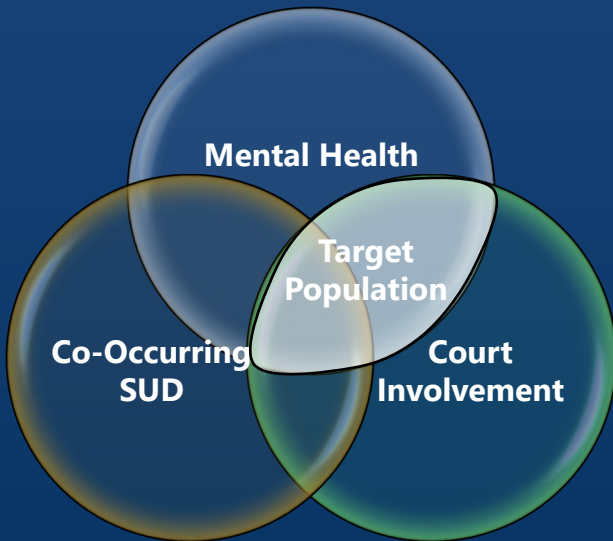
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- ✓ New court initiative from AOIC & the Illinois Supreme Court Mental Health Task Force
- ✓ Funded through a Bureau of Justice Assistance JMHCP grant
- ✓ Court & behavioral health cross-system liaison
- ✓ Pilots run January – December 2023
- ✓ Evaluation by National Center for State Courts

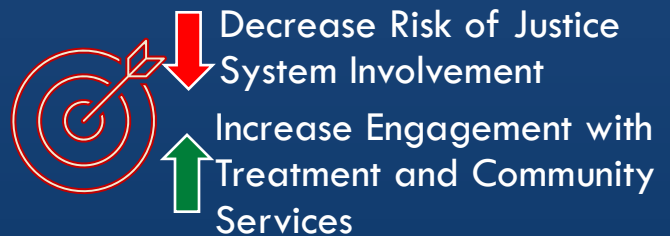
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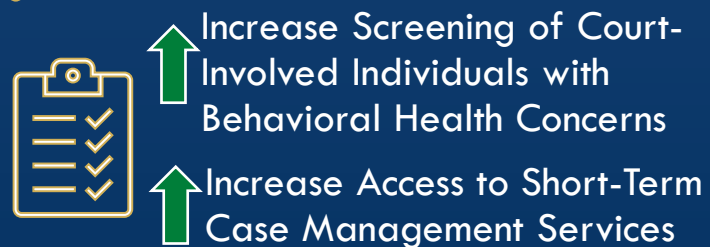
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GOALS



OBJECTIVES



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Court-Behavioral Health Liaisons



What is a Court-Behavioral Health Liaison?



LIAISONS DON'T

-  Befriend clients
-  Provide legal advice or advocacy
-  Share information without a release
-  Provide direct services
-  Meet with clients in holding

Court-Behavioral Health Liaisons

Are trained professionals with knowledge of the court and behavioral health systems who:

- ✓ *Work in the courthouse or at an identified community partner agency*
- ✓ *Facilitate collaboration between the court and behavioral health providers*
- ✓ *Accept referrals from court staff, defense, counsel, prosecutors, and self-referrals*
- ✓ *Provide a confidential, non-judgmental space to learn about clients' needs*
- ✓ *Utilize validated screening tools and evidence-based interventions to build trust and rapport*
- ✓ *Provide linkages to community-based services and treatment*
- ✓ *Educate clients on the court process, and help them find resources to ensure appearance*
- ✓ *Offer on-site, telephone, and virtual meeting options*

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