

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Without adequate training and access to community-based mental health resources, law enforcement officers face tremendous obstacles in responding to people with mental illness. This section identifies resources for local law enforcement agencies looking to address mental health issues.

Preventing Individuals with Mental Illnesses from Entering Local Corrections Systems

Produced by the Community Services Division of the County Services Department

<http://www.naco.org/research/pubs/Documents/Health,%20Human%20Services%20and%20Justice/Community%20Services%20Docs/CrisisCarePublication.pdf>

Partnering with Jails to Improve Reentry: A Guidebook for Community Based Organizations

Produced by the Urban Institute August 2010: <http://www.urban.org/uploadedpdf/412211-partner-with-jails.pdf>

The Prison Crisis Returns Chris Fitzsimon, NC Policy Watch 2010:

<http://www.ncpolicywatch.com/cms/2010/02/18/the-prison-crisis-returns/>

John Locke: Spotlight: 2008 North Carolina Download PDF file: [Jail Diversion Programs: A step toward better mental health reform](#) (156.7KB)

- **Mental Health Court Learning Sites:**
 - Akron, Ohio Mental Health Court
<http://consensusproject.org/downloads/mhcp/Akron.snapshot.pdf>
 - Bonneville County, Idaho Mental Health Court
<http://consensusproject.org/downloads/mhcp/Bonneville.snapshot.pdf>
 - Bronx County, New York Mental Health Court
http://www.consensusproject.org/downloads/Bronx_snapshot.pdf
 - Dougherty Superior Court, Georgia
http://consensusproject.org/downloads/Georgia_snapshot.pdf
 - Washoe County, Nevada Mental Health Court
http://consensusproject.org/downloads/Reno_snapshot.pdf
- **Navigating the Mental Health Maze – A Guide for Criminal Justice Personnel (May 2005):**
Provides a crash course for criminal justice professionals whose understanding of mental illness and the mental health system may be limited.
<http://consensusproject.org/mhcp/Navigating-MHC-Maze.pdf>
- **Mental Health Courts – A Guide to Research-Informed Policy and Practice (2009):**
Reviews the design and function of mental health courts, outcomes of mental health court participation, and questions and implications for policy and practice. This guide is intended to assist policymakers and practitioners in assessing the utility of mental health courts.
http://consensusproject.org/jc_publications/mental-health-courts-a-guide-to-research-informed-policy-and-practice/MHC_research_guide.pdf
- **Problem-Solving Justice Toolkit:** Interactive resource providing guidance on the planning and implementation of problem-solving courts.
http://www.ncsconline.org/d_research/Documents/ProbSolvJustTool.pdf

Ten Essential Elements of a Mental Health Court:

http://consensusproject.org/jc_publications/essential-elements-of-a-mental-health-court/mhc-essential-elements.pdf

CORRECTIONS

The number of people with mental illness, who are in prison or jail, or under probation or parole supervision, has increased dramatically in recent years. This section identifies resources for initiatives targeting people with mental illness upon their admission to jail or prison, while they are incarcerated, and after they are released to the community to the supervision of probation and/or parole.

- **Council of State Governments: Reentry Programs Database:** The Council's Justice Center has compiled descriptions of reentry programs and initiatives from across the country in a searchable database. These examples highlight promising efforts that may provide valuable ideas for policymakers to consider or build upon as they develop their own initiatives.
<http://reentrypolicy.org/reentry-program-examples/reentry-programs-start>
- **Reentry Housing Options: The Policymakers' Guide (2010):** The policy guide provides practical steps that lawmakers and others can take to increase public safety through better access to affordable housing for individuals released to the community. It offers an overview of several commonly accessed housing options and also examines three distinct approaches to increasing the availability of these options: improving access, increasing housing stock and revitalizing neighborhoods.
http://reentrypolicy.org/jc_publications/reentry-housing-options
- **Getting out with Nowhere to Go: The Case for Re-entry Supportive Housing (October 2008):** This booklet contains information regarding the cycle of homelessness due to prisoner re-entry into communities without the needed supports. It details statistics on the rising cost, the issue of homelessness among this population, and makes the argument that a plan needs to be in place before an inmate's release. It also highlights innovations from New York, Chicago, Ohio and Los Angeles, and provides some promising outcomes around the country.
<http://documents.csh.org/documents/pubs/GetOutwNowheretoGo.Oct2008FINAL.pdf>
- **Transition from Jail to Community (TJC) Implementation Toolkit:** This web-based learning resource is designed to guide jurisdictions through implementation of the TJC model, in whole or in part. The Toolkit serves as a hands-on resource for users interested in jail reentry, whether in a criminal justice or community-based organization. Users can navigate the nine modules at their own pace. Toolkit modules incorporate examples from jurisdictions across the country, tools developed to facilitate implementation in the six current TJC learning sites, resource suggestions, and detailed content.
<http://www.urban.org/projects/tjc/Toolkit/>
<http://www.jailtransition.com/Toolkit>
- **Bazon Center - Creating New Options – Training for Corrections Administrators and Staff on Access to Federal Benefits for People with Mental Illnesses Leaving Jail or Prison (2007):** This manual describes the needs of individuals with mental illnesses who are incarcerated in jail and prison and explains how correctional staff can help them access

the federal benefits that can enable them to make a successful transition to the community.

<http://bazelon.org.gravitatehosting.com/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=b7UagW8enCw%3d&tabid=104> (Manual)

<http://bazelon.org.gravitatehosting.com/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=xnFYs5puoPg%3d&tabid=104> (PowerPoint)

- **Bazelon Center - Building Bridges - An Act to Reduce Recidivism by Improving Access to Benefits for Individuals with Psychiatric Disabilities upon Release from Incarceration (2002):** Provides a template for developing legislation targeting access to entitlement benefits for individuals re-entering the community from correctional settings.
<http://bazelon.org.gravitatehosting.com/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=2taTvRnlroc%3d&tabid=104>

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS/ARTICLES

- **GAINS Center – Getting Inside the Black Box – Understanding How Jail Diversion Works (August 2010):**
http://www.gainscenter.samhsa.gov/pdfs/jail_diversion/Getting_inside_the_black_box.pdf
- **NACO – Crisis Care Services for Counties – Preventing Individuals with Mental Illness from Entering Local Corrections Systems (June 2010):**
<http://www.naco.org/research/pubs/Documents/Health,%20Human%20Services%20and%20Justice/Community%20Services%20Docs/CrisisCarePublication.pdf>
- **National Association of Counties (NACo) - Crisis Care Services for Counties - Preventing Individuals with Mental Illnesses from Entering Local Corrections Systems (June 2010):**
<http://www.naco.org/research/pubs/Documents/Health,%20Human%20Services%20and%20Justice/Community%20Services%20Docs/CrisisCarePublication.pdf>

Criminal Justice Resources

Building Safer Communities: Improving Police Response to Persons with Mental Illness – Recommendations from the IACP National Policy Summit June 2010:

<http://www.theiacp.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=JyoR%2fQBPIxA%3d&tabid=87>

NC's Criminal Justice Resource Directory:

http://www.justicepolicycenter.org/Directory/Directory_June9_2010.pdf

- **Criminal Justice/Mental Health Consensus Project:** consensusproject.org
 - **Directory of programs:** <http://consensusproject.org/programs>
 - **Consensus Project Forums:** <http://consensusproject.org/forums>
- **Justice Center:** www.justicecenter.csg.org
- **Justice Reinvestment:** www.justicereinvestment.org
- **Re-Entry Policy Council:** www.reentrypolicy.org

- **National Reentry Resource Center:** www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org
- **National GAINS Center /TAPA Center for Jail Diversion:** gainscenter.samhsa.gov
- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):**
www.samhsa.gov
 - **Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS):** mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/cmhs
 - **Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT):** csat.samhsa.gov
 - **National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP):**
nrepp.samhsa.gov/

NAMI: www.nami.org

Veterans Resources:

http://www.nami.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Find_Support/Veterans_Resources/Veterans_Resource_Center.htm

Mental Health America: www.nmha.org

Individual and Family Resources

When A Person With Mental Illness Goes to Prison – How to Help

http://www.urbanjustice.org/pdf/publications/mhp_08sept10.pdf

Guidelines for Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) in North Carolina:

<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas/cit/cit-guidelines.pdf>

NC Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC)

<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas/tasc/index.htm>

NC Join: <http://www.ncdjjdp.org/statistics/ncjoin.html> NC-JOIN is the North Carolina Juvenile Online Information Network - a web-based system that allows DJJDP staff at various points in the State's juvenile justice system to track the progress and placement of youth being served by various programs and facilities.

NC Division of Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities/Substance Abuse:

<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas/divisioninfo.htm>

NC Local Management Entities/Area Mental Health/Substance Abuse Programs – Serving Counties in North Carolina – providing individuals with Crisis Services, Screening and Triage:

<http://www.nccouncil.org/members/Members/Content/NavigationMenu/Links/NorthCarolinaMHDDSAAreaPrograms/default.htm>

NC Division of Social Services - Programs and Services for Families:

<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/programs>

National Alliance on Mental Illness North Carolina: www.naminc.org

Alcohol and Drug Council of North Carolina: <http://www.alcoholdrughelp.org>

NC CRIMINAL JUSTICE/MENTAL HEALTH ONLINE RESOURCES – 2/2/2011

NC Children's Advocacy Agencies:

NAMI NC www.naminc.org

Family Support Network www.fsnc.org

Families United www.ncfamiliesunited.org

Exceptional Children's Assistance Center www.ecac-parentcenter.org

NC Critical Access Behavioral Health Care Agency (CABHA) listings: www.cabha.com

NC Care Link – on line resources <https://www.nccarelink.gov/default.aspx?se=disabilities>

NC Pearl – Personal Economic Assistance Links:

<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lss/pearl/finance.html>

Videos:

The Right Tools: CIT in North Carolina*

Frontline: The Released * - stories of inmates with mental illness who bounce in and out of incarceration.

*Both videos are available from the NAMI NC lending library gharrison@naminc.org