

Jail Reentry Practices for People with Mental Illness

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Reentry Guiding Principle

- Access to services while Incarcerated
- Continuity of Care upon Release
- Benefits Assistance
- “Warm Hand-off” to Support Reentry

Reentry Planning begins at Admission

- Information Gathering
 - Screening & Assessment
 - Patient Self Report
 - Data Matching & Information Sharing
- PSYCKES
 - Up to 5 years of Medicaid Utilization Data
 - 3 month lag in data

APIC Model (Osher, 2002)

- Assess the individual's clinical and social needs and public safety risks
- Plan for the treatment and services required to address the Individual's needs
- Identify required community and corrections programs responsible for post-release services
- Coordinate the transition plan to ensure implementation and avoid gaps in care with community based services

Screening & Assessment

- Clinical Needs
 - Mental health
 - Substance abuse
 - Trauma-informed care
- Social Needs
 - Entitlements (SSI/DI; MGP; Medicaid; Public Assistance)
 - Housing
 - Peer Support

Public Safety/Criminogenic Risks

- Use of Risk and Needs Assessment
- Specialized Screens
- Stages of Change
- Motivational Interviewing
- Cognitive-behavioral Approaches

Reentry Planning

- Continuity of Care & Access to Community-based Care
 - Entitlements
 - Treatment
 - Care Coordination/Health Homes
 - Housing
 - Peer Support

Entitlements

- SSI/SSDI
 - NYS OMH Consumer Affairs
 - SOAR Model
- Medication Grant Program
 - Covers prescriptions for up to 90 days while Medicaid application is pending
 - Non-participating counties
- Medicaid
 - May be submitted up to 30 days pre-release
 - Medicaid Suspension

SSI/DI Outreach, Access & Recovery (SOAR)

- Evidence-based approach designed to increase access to SSI/DI for adults with mental illness who are homeless or at risk of homelessness
- Approval rates for first time applicants can be as low as 10%; SOAR increases it to 70% and approval received in an average of 101 days.
- SOAR Training are available to interested counties by a certified trainer through this initiative

Treatment

- Developed in collaboration with community corrections
- Access to Evidence-based Practices
- Continuity of Care
 - Medication Management
 - Mental Health
 - Clinic, PROS
 - Substance Abuse
 - Other Important Considerations
 - Complex Medical Issues; OPWDD/DDSO Services; Veterans

Trauma-Informed Care

- High percentages of justice-involved women and men have experienced serious trauma throughout their lifetime
 - Experience of trauma can increase risk of involvement in criminal justice system
- Trauma-Informed Cross-Systems Training is available through this initiative to
 - Increase understanding of trauma
 - Create an awareness of the impact of trauma on behavior
 - Develop trauma-informed responses

Care Coordination/Health Homes

- Medicaid moving to Managed Care
 - Enrollment for individuals with Active Medicaid
 - Health Homes manage the physical health and behavioral health of members
 - Opportunity for collaboration pre-release
- Care Coordination
 - Intensity of services determined by Health Home
 - Set-up meetings locally to develop protocols for reentry population
 - Non-Medicaid slots available for those not yet enrolled in Health Home
 - Role of Single Point of Access (SPOA)

Housing

- Critical for individuals with mental illness
- Engage mental health housing providers to increase access to housing immediately upon release
- Role of SPOA
 - Case Conferences, In-person Interview pre-release/VTC Capacity
- Wrap-around Services
 - Peer Support
 - Community Corrections Partnership
 - Care Coordination

Peer Support

- In-reach prior to release to support recovery and engagement
- Post-release support to assist in reentry transition
 - HALI in-reach support at CORP
 - Recovery Connections
- Benefits Support through OMH Consumer Affairs

Other Supports

- Identify Community Resources & Strengthen linkages with providers
- Develop Reentry Guides
- Establish formal linkages through MOUs with community corrections and other providers
- Reentry Taskforces as mechanism or sub-committee to focus on Jail Reentry
- Information Sharing & Data Matching
- Identification Documents – establish ability for inmates to have picture ID upon release
- Vocational & Education Opportunities
 - Ticket to Work

Transition Management

- Funding provided to Counties through establishment of Kendra's Law to assist in discharge planning
- How is this funding utilized in your county?

Summary

- Develop seamless plan that promotes direct linkages for post-release treatment and community corrections
 - Warm Hand-off
- Provide resource guides and reentry handbooks
- Set-up intake appointments and communicate critical information to providers (e.g., medication)
- Provide temporary supply of medication (state corrections standard: 2 weeks supply & 2 week prescription)
- Transportation on day of release and coordination of housing