

Working with the Re-entry & Justice Involved: Part 2

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Meet the Presenter

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You Talked and we listened.



Trauma Informed Approaches



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Re-Entry Curriculum





Trauma-Informed Approaches

What are they?



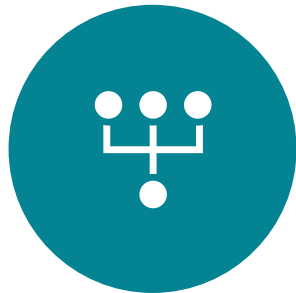


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Incorporating a trauma-informed approach into reentry services and community supervision can be an important way to better engage participants and involve them in the reentry planning process. This sets the stage for positive outcomes such as reduced recidivism and behavioral health recovery.

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Sequential Intercept Model



The Council for State Governments Justice System talks about a Trauma-informed approach called the Sequential Intercept Model. (SIM)



The Sequential Intercept Model (SIM)¹³ provides a framework for understanding how most people move through the criminal justice system



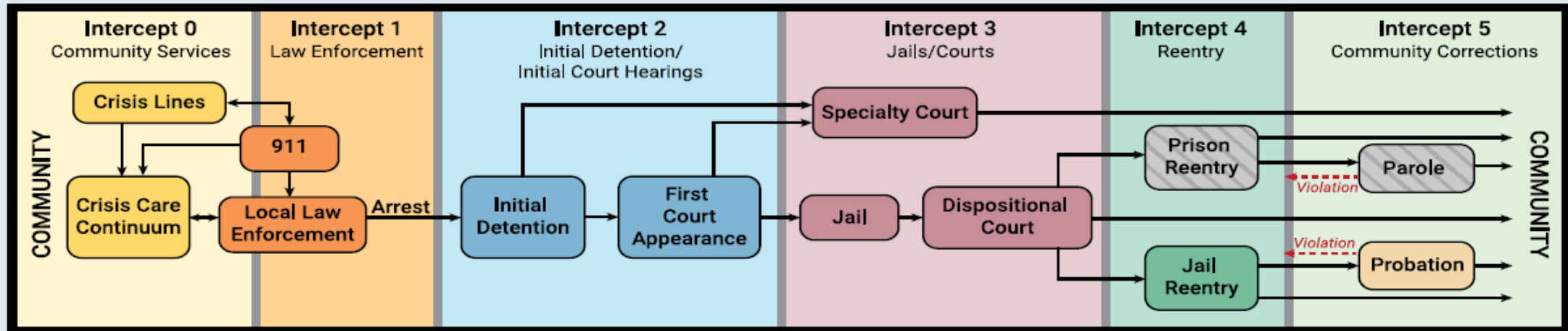
Have you heard of this model?



Have you practiced this model?

Communities can use the SIM as a strategic planning tool to understand how people interact with the criminal justice system, identify service gaps, and determine priorities for improvements in each intercept and system wide.

Knowing where trauma can occur can help!



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The SIM Model helps to.....

- Identify opportunities that exist to develop cross-training, enhanced communication strategies, and trauma-informed policies and practices at each intercept.
- Staff at each intercept should understand the prevalence and impact of trauma, explore which evidence-based trauma-specific services exist for their participants, and examine how their current workplace environment promotes a sense of safety for all.

The SIM Model helps to.....

- After determining where gaps exist, a jurisdiction then, for example, may decide to implement practices such as incorporating a trauma-specific screening tool into their intake processes or adding a peer support specialist to a specialty court team who can use their lived experience to promote a sense of hope and help to engage participants.

Guidance for a Trauma-Informed Approach



SAMSHA'S CONCEPT OF A TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH



Realize how widespread trauma is, not just among people in the criminal justice system, but also among staff;

Recognize the signs and symptoms of trauma among people under supervision and in treatment, or who are providing supervision and treatment services;

Resist retraumatizing people in the justice system and staff who work with them.

Respond by developing and implementing trauma-informed policies and practices through leadership, training, and resources; and

What makes a re-entry program or curriculum successful?

- **Start Early.** A reentry program must start early, instead of devising plans that begin after an individual's release date.
- **Change perceptions.** Government agencies and social service organizations must look at individuals like clients who need tailored support, not “offenders” for whom one-size-fits-all solutions will work.
- **Revisit frameworks.** To ensure that reentry programs meet their goals, it's imperative for government agencies and social service organizations to reassess their program frameworks. Ideally, these programs must take into account Risk-Needs-Responsivity (RNR).

What makes a re-entry program or curriculum successful?

- **Focus on evidence.** All reentry programs must be built on evidence to be successful in the real world.

Most importantly.....

- *Elevating the voices of the reentry/justice-involved population and family members*

Questions and Discussion Time

- Are you using a Trauma-Informed Approach? If so, what?
- What is currently working well within your re-entry developments?
- Where do you feel you need more guidance?
- What is something that you feel could currently be better?
- Do you have any best practices that are working well with this current demographic of people?
- Questions?

Grantee Open Forum

- What are some services/resources that your organization offers for the Reentry, Justice-Involved population?
 - Is there any resources or upcoming events you would like to share?
- Are you open to collaborating with any of the other PWI/EPOC organizations to conducting trainings or offering services together?
 - If you are already collaborating with one of the other PWI/EPOC grantees, can you speak a little more about this?



Thank You

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