

Stepping Up Six Questions Framework

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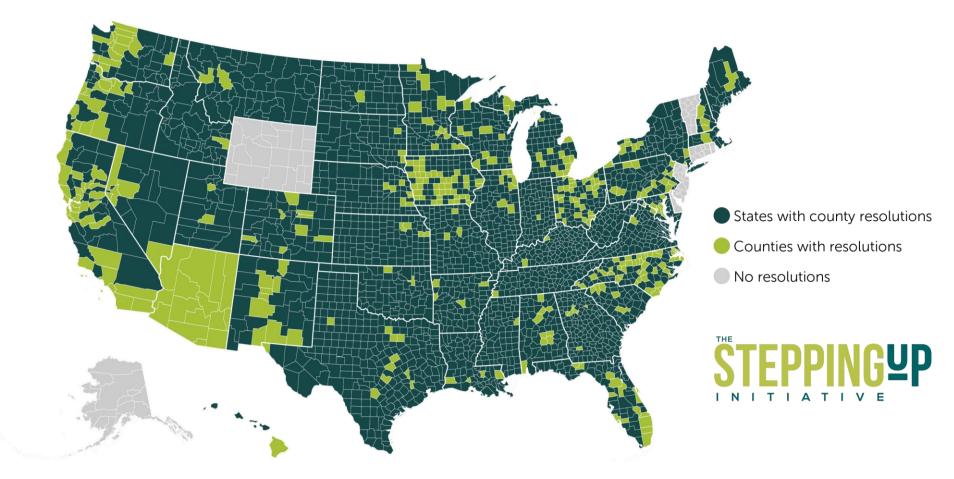






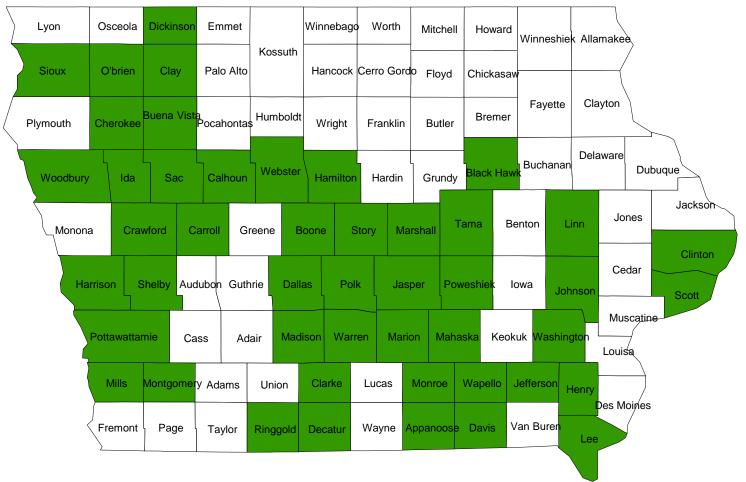
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To Reduce the Number of People With Mental Illnesses in Jails, County Leaders Should Ask These Questions

Reducing the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jail Six Questions County Leaders Need to Ask

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- 1. Is your leadership committed?
- 2. Do you have timely screening and assessment?
- 3. Do you have baseline data?
- 4. Have you conducted a comprehensive process analysis and service inventory?
- 5. Have you prioritized policy, practice, and funding?
- 6. Do you track progress?

Question 1: Is Your Leadership Committed?



Mandate from leaders responsible for the county budget



Representative planning team



Commitment to vision, mission, and guiding principles



Designated planning team chairperson



Designated project coordinator

Question 2: Do You Have Timely Screening and Assessment?



System-wide definitions of mental illness and substance use disorders



Validated screening and assessment tools for mental illnesses and substance use disorders





Validated assessment for pretrial risk



Mechanisms for information sharing

Question 3: Do You Have Baseline Data?



System-wide definition of recidivism



Electronically collected data



Baseline data on the general population in jail



Routine reports generated by a county agency, state agency, or outside contractor

Four Key Measures

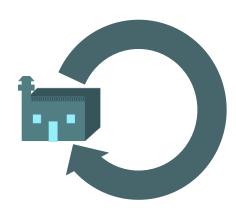


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2. Shorten the length of stay in jails for people with mental illnesses



3. Increase the number of people with mental illnesses connected to treatment



4. Reduce rates of recidivism

Question 4: Have you conducted a Comprehensive Process Analysis and Service Inventory?

Detailed process analysis

Decision-making process? Timely and efficient?Type of information? Accessibility? Properlytrained staff?

Service capacity & gaps identified

 What services exist (community and jail)?
 Capacity needs? Waitlists? Population projections?

Evidence-based programs & practices identified

What works to meet needs of population and

reduce recidivism?

Question 5: Have you prioritized policy, practice, and funding?



Prioritized strategies



Detailed description of needs



Estimates/projections of the impact of new strategies



Estimates/projections account for external funding streams



Description of gaps in funding best met through county investment

Prioritizing System Improvements



- Police-Mental Health Collaboration programs
- CIT training for LE and first responders
- Mobile crisis or Co-responder model
- Crisis diversion
 centers
- Policing of quality of life offenses

- Routine screening and assessment for mental health and SUDs in jail
- Pretrial mental health diversion
- Pretrial risk screening, release, and supervision
- Bail policy reform
 - Correctional officer training

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- Expand communitybased treatment & housing options
- Streamline access to services
- Leverage Medicaid and other federal, state, and local resources
- Healthcare
 enrollment
- Telepsychiatry
- Peer support
 specialists

- Apply Risk-Need-Responsivity principle
- Use evidencebased practices
- Specialized
 Probation
- Ongoing program
 evaluation

Potential Funding Sources



Department of Justice

- Second Chance Act
- Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program
- Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

Health and Human Services

- Mental Health / Substance Abuse Block Grants
- SAMHSA Diversion Grants
- SAMHSA Homeless Programs
- Community Services Block Grant
- Social Services Block Grant

Housing and Urban Development

- Continuum of Care Program
- Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) / Public Housing
- Section 811

Veterans Affairs

- Grant and Per Diem Program
- Supportive Services for Veterans and Families



Medicaid

STATE



- Mental health general fund dollars
- Community corrections
- State housing trust funds
- Justice reinvestment

COUNTY /



- General funds
- County-specific tax levies
- Municipal/city funds

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- Foundations
- Corporations
- Managed care
- Hospitals

Question 6: Do You Track Progress?



Reporting timeline on four key measures



Process for progress reporting



Ongoing evaluation of programming implementation

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Ongoing evaluation of programming impact

Track Progress on Four Key Measures

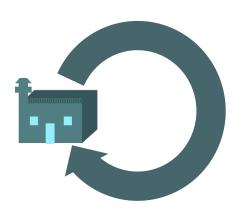


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Resources Toolkit



Upcoming Stepping Up TA Resources

Monthly Webinars and Networking Calls

- Next Webinar: Addressing Housing Needs of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails (November 9 at 2pm ET)
 - Network Call on Housing (November 16 at 2pm ET)
- Register at www.StepUpTogether.org/Toolkit

Quarterly Small-Group Networking and TA Calls

- Rural, Mid-Size and Large/Urban Counties
- Next calls in December. Email Nastassia to join.

Coming Soon!

- A Project Coordinator Handbook
- Self-Assessment Tool
- Guidance on measuring the prevalence of people with mental illnesses in jails
- Guidance on establishing baseline data



THANK YOU

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