

STEPPING UP

A National Initiative Reducing
Overincarceration of People with Mental
Illnesses

Stepping Up and Dane County, Wisconsin

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AGENDA

1. Set, Measure, Achieve (SMA) Overview
2. County Successes
3. Prioritizing Next Steps
4. Questions and Answers



Stepping Up Set, Measure, Achieve Overview

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Stepping Up is a national initiative reducing overincarceration of people with mental illnesses in jails.



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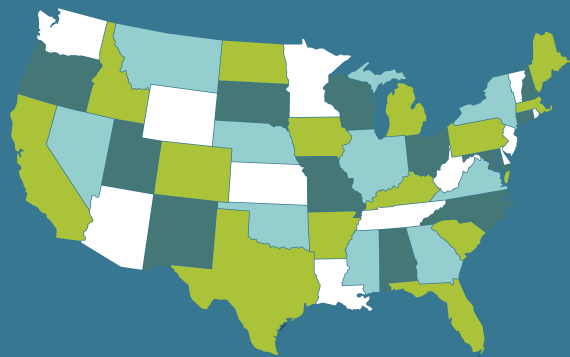


STEPPING UP

7 YEARS AND COUNTING



More than **550** counties across **45** states have joined Stepping Up to reduce the prevalence of mental illnesses in jails.



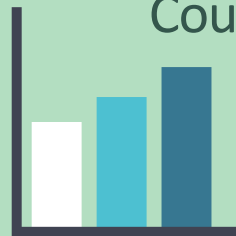
48% of Americans live in a Stepping Up county.



Approximately **2 million** times each year, people who have serious mental illnesses are booked in jails.



40+ Innovator Counties are blazing the trail in data collection.



5 states have launched statewide Stepping Up initiatives.



STEPPING UP SET, MEASURE, ACHIEVE (SMA)

- Step 1: Set Your Targets
 - Average daily jail population
 - Jail bookings
 - Average length of stay
 - Post-release connections to care
 - Recidivism
- Step 2: Measure and Report Progress
- Step 3: Achieve Results

**Set,
Measure,
Achieve**

A national call to action for counties to commit to goals that demonstrate reduced prevalence of mental illness in local justice systems.

THE **STEPPING UP**
INITIATIVE

Stepping Up County Successes

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SAMPLE COUNTY SUCCESSES

- Dauphin County, PA, **reduced its average daily population of people with SMI** in the jail from 16 percent to 13 percent in 2021.
- Douglas County, KS, **reduced jail SMI population by 56 percent** from 2014 to 2019.
- Fairfax County, VA, operates the Merrifield Crisis Response Center, which **has diverted over 2,800 people** with mental illness from potential arrest since 2016.
- Philadelphia County, PA, reduced the number of people with SMI in county jail from **1,620 in the first quarter of 2015 to 583 in the fourth quarter of 2021.**

Prioritizing Next Steps

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QUESTION 4: HAVE YOU CONDUCTED A COMPREHENSIVE PROCESS ANALYSIS?



Detailed process analysis



Service capacity & gaps identified



Evidence-based programs & practices identified

QUESTION 5: HAVE YOU PRIORITIZED POLICY, PRACTICE, AND FUNDING IMPROVEMENTS?



Prioritized strategies



Detailed description of needs



Estimates/projections of the impact of new strategies



Estimates/projections account for external funding streams

SAMPLE COUNTY PRIORITIZATION CHART

Hancock County Justice and Mental Health Recommendations Drafted for Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Committee Approval on February 28, 2019						SIM: SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL		STEPPING UP KEY MEASURE
Cost Factor		Implementation				JMHCP: JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION GRANT		
Low Cost: \$0 - \$10,000		Short Term: Under 18						
Medium Cost: \$10,000 to \$100,000		Long Term: Over 18 months						
High Cost: \$100,000 above								
RECOMMENDATION		WORKGROUP		COST FACTOR	IMPLEMENTATION	PROGRESS	RECOMMENDATIONS	

SHORT TERM

Implement a validated jail mental health screen for 100% of bookings. Institute a standardized process in the Hancock County Jail for identifying, assessing, and treating mentally ill offenders based on clinically sound best practices and verifiable data.	CQI (Continuous Quality Improvement)	LOW COST	SHORT TERM	COMPLETED	JMHCP GRANT	2,3
Coordinate community-based Case Manager to track and monitor number of days individuals stayed in jail, the GAINS discharge plan and those that return to jail upon release.	CQI	LOW COST	SHORT TERM	COMPLETED	LINKAGES GRANT	2, 3, 4
Develop and implement a standardized training plan aimed at training 100% of law enforcement officers using Crisis Intervention Training, trauma-informed responses, and other evidence-based crisis trainings.	CIT (Crisis Intervention Team)	LOW COST	SHORT TERM	COMPLETED	SIM	1, 4

QUESTION 6: DO YOU TRACK PROGRESS?



Reporting timeline on the four key measures



Process for progress reporting



Ongoing evaluation of programming implementation



Ongoing evaluation of programming impact

DANE COUNTY PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL INITIATIVES

Activity	Nationally
Stepping Up	556
Stepping Up Set, Measure, Achieve	35
Stepping Up Innovator?	40
Law Enforcement-Mental Health Learning Site (MPD)	14
MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge	57

EXAMPLE OUTCOME CHART FOR SMA SITES

	Key Measure 1: Jail Bookings	Key Measure 2: Average Length of Stay	Key Measure 3: Connections to Care	Key Measure 4: Recidivism
Baseline data	21% SMI (42/200 bookings)	29 days ALOS for SMI (vs. 13 non-SMI)	81/176 SMI bookings connected (46%)	67/120 rebookings with SMI (55%)
Current data	17% SMI (38/220 bookings)	26 days ALOS for SMI (10% reduction)	89/160 SMI bookings connected (55%)	70/135 rebookings with SMI (52%)
Interventions making an impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community response program Co-responder team Crisis stabilization unit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competency restoration alternatives Pretrial diversion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jail linkage program Forensic peer support program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialized mental health training for probation

Wrap-Up and Questions

