POLICE MENTAL HEALTH CO-RESPONDER PROGRAMS IN FLORIDA: CONSIDERATIONS FOR DIFFERENT MODELS

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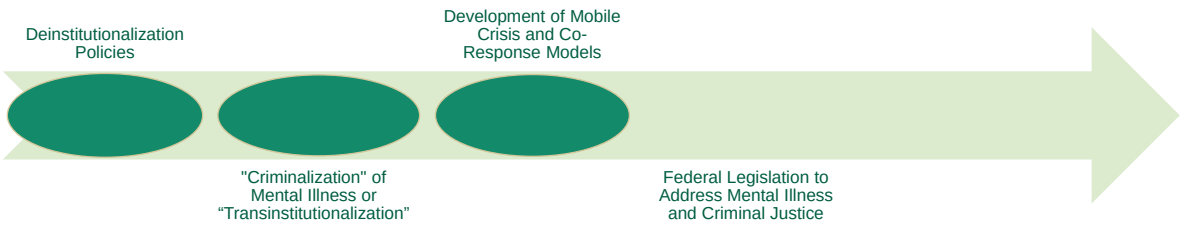

KEY HISTORICAL MOMENTS

EFFORTS TO

Outcome	Evidence for Effectiveness
Connection to Services	Mixed

WHAT DOES THE LITERATURE SAY?

MODEL 1: FRONT-END RESPONSE

Largo Police Department and Directions for Living Telehealth Response Assistance for Crisis and Evaluation (TRACE) Program

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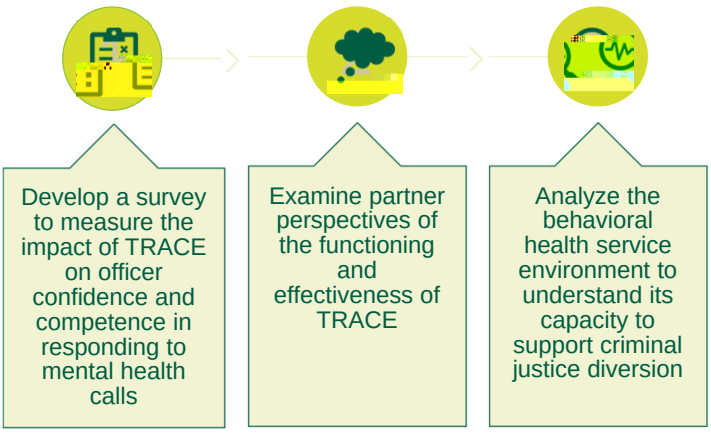
OVERVIEW OF TRACE STUDY



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PRELIMINARY TRACE OUTCOMES

PCSO MHU/ PIC TEAM OUTCOMES

41.5% decrease in arrests (short-term)

10% decrease in arrests after an entire year

44.4% decrease in Baker Act exams

44% improved in substance use; 42% improved in mental health

FARS: 62.3% improved

CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROGRAM DESIGNS

At which point(s) should an intervention be focused?
- During crisis, follow-up, long-term

How do models build in system coordination and collaboration?
- Co-located staff, formal partnerships, collaborative decision making

What strategies may help with engagement?
- Mental health specialist, system navigation, case management, peer specialists

What data elements are needed for comprehensively assessing outcomes?
- Ability to coordinate data systems, identification of target outcomes, understanding of baseline patterns

How will the program be sustainable?
- Government/foundation grants, agency funding, policy and system-wide changes

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BEST PRACTICES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- Establishing Readiness
  - Having shared vision for target population and goals
  - Using racial equity lens to assess/ensure representation
  - Formalizing agreements among partners
  - Determining decision-makers and involvement of other stakeholders
  - Ensuring data systems have capacity to measure impact
  - Continuous identification of funding from the beginning
  - Identifying long-term plans for change

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FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR INTERVENTIONS

Integrated Models	System Coordination	Comprehensive Evaluation	Community Engagement
• Multi-level Response • Partnerships between law enforcement and behavioral health	• Independent or centralized case management or system navigation • Capacity for data coordination	• Both criminal justice and mental health outcomes • Comparison studies • Long-term outcomes	• Peers/ Community Health Workers • Community Liaisons • Grass-roots Organizations

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RESOURCES

- Bureau of Justice Administration Police-Mental Health Collaboration Toolkit: https://bja.ojp.gov/program/pmhc#gcov4e
- Mental Health America Position Statement on Responding to Behavioral Health Crises: https://mhanational.org/issues/position-statement-59-responding-behavioral-health-crises
- BJA Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program Funding: https://bja.ojp.gov/program/justice-and-mental-health-collaboration-program-jmhcp/funding
- National Implementation Research Network Implementation Stages Planning Tool: https://nirn.fpg.unc.edu/sites/nirn.fpg.unc.edu/files/resources/Implementation%20Stages%20Planning%20Tool%20v8%20NIRN%20only%20Fillable.pdf
- National Implementation Research Network Hexagon Tool: https://nirn.fpg.unc.edu/sites/nirn.fpg.unc.edu/files/imce/documents/NIRN%20Hexagon%20Discussion%20Analysis%20Tool_September2020_1.pdf
- Crisis Intervention Team International: https://www.citinternational.org/Learn-About-CIT

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