



Sequential Intercept Model Mapping Workshops

Supporting community-based responses for people with behavioral health disorders

What's at Stake

Seventeen percent of people in local jails have experienced a serious mental illness. In the general population, the rate is just 6 percent. Sixty-three percent of people in jail or prison have a substance use disorder, but only 20 percent of them will receive treatment while incarcerated.

Calls involving an individual with behavioral health conditions are often responded to by law enforcement.

Ideally, these individuals could easily be connected to supports. When that isn't possible, they often end up in the criminal legal system instead. They are less likely to make bail and more likely to lose employment and housing, face longer sentences, cycle through the system, and face numerous challenges upon reentry.



Our Solution

In [Sequential Intercept Model Mapping Workshops](#), participants consider the situation faced by people in their area with behavioral health needs. They explore how these individuals become involved with and flow through the criminal legal system.

During the 1.5-day workshop, vested partners identify what supports or services these individuals need and whether they already exist in the community. Using this information, participants create a map of the local system.

The map outlines existing resources, gaps, and opportunities. Once participants have their cross-systems map, the group sets priorities for action and engages in strategic planning to determine immediate next steps.



Participants

The participants involved in the **Sequential Intercept Model Mapping Workshops** are:

- Criminal legal system professionals
- Behavioral health professionals
- People with lived experience in the behavioral health and criminal legal systems and family members
- Social services professionals
- Appropriate state or regional representation from agencies that fund services for adults in the behavioral health and criminal legal systems



The Sequential Intercept Model

Mark Munetz, MD, Patricia A. Griffin, PhD, and Henry J. Steadman, PhD, developed the linear [Sequential Intercept Model](#).

The six-intercept model highlights opportunities for community-based responses for people with mental and substance use disorders involved in the criminal legal system. It outlines a series of moments, called intercepts, when an individual faces such possible alternatives.

Each intercept highlights opportunities in which the person could be connected with services or go deeper into the criminal legal system.



Get Started With the SMTC

The Systems Mapping and Training Center, operated by [Policy Research Associates](#), uses a public health model to create data-driven systems change. The Systems Mapping and Training Center provides cross-systems mapping and training services on different topics related to behavioral health, the criminal legal system, Veterans, homelessness, and more. This includes a 2-day Sequential Intercept Model Facilitator Training that trains participants to facilitate their own Sequential Intercept Model Mapping Workshops.

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