



# Strategic Planning and Reentry Services in the County of Northampton

# The Panel

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# CJAB Comes Into Focus

## County of Northampton Criminal Justice Advisory Board

**OUR MISSION** is to examine and address community criminal justice issues and recommend ways in which public safety, governmental agencies and private organizations can efficiently, effectively and collaboratively deliver criminal justice programs throughout those communities encompassed by Northampton County.

**OUR VISION** is to have CJAB provide a forum to identify opportunities, resolve issues and create solutions with a unified approach, combining agency strengths, efficiently using resources and educating the community; thereby improving the quality of life for the citizens of Northampton County.



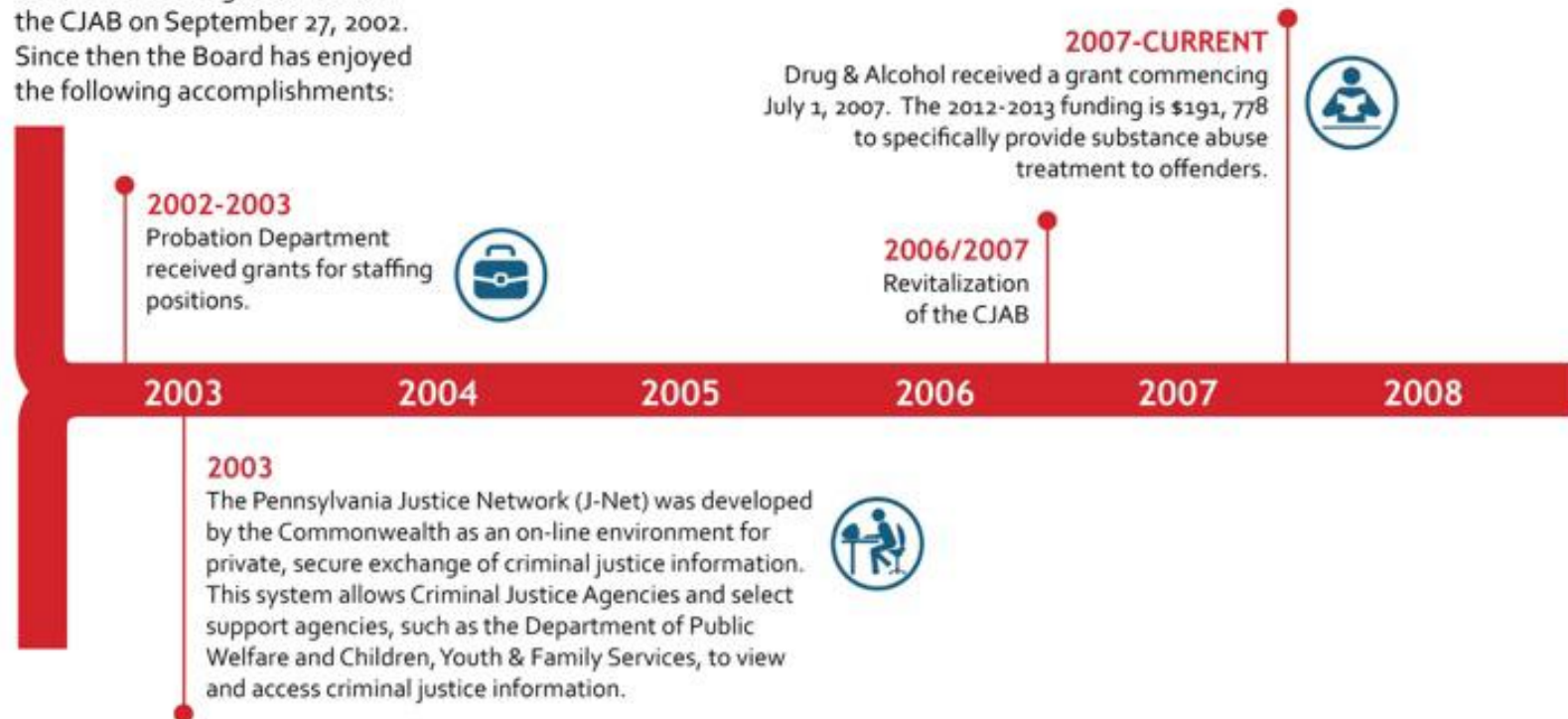
**OUR VALUES:**  
INTEGRITY  
COLLABORATION  
ACCOUNTABILITY  
DEDICATION  
COMMITMENT  
RESPECT  
OPTIMISM  
TEAMWORK

# Where We Started

## COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD (CJAB)

### TIMELINE

The County Executive and the President Judge established the CJAB on September 27, 2002. Since then the Board has enjoyed the following accomplishments:

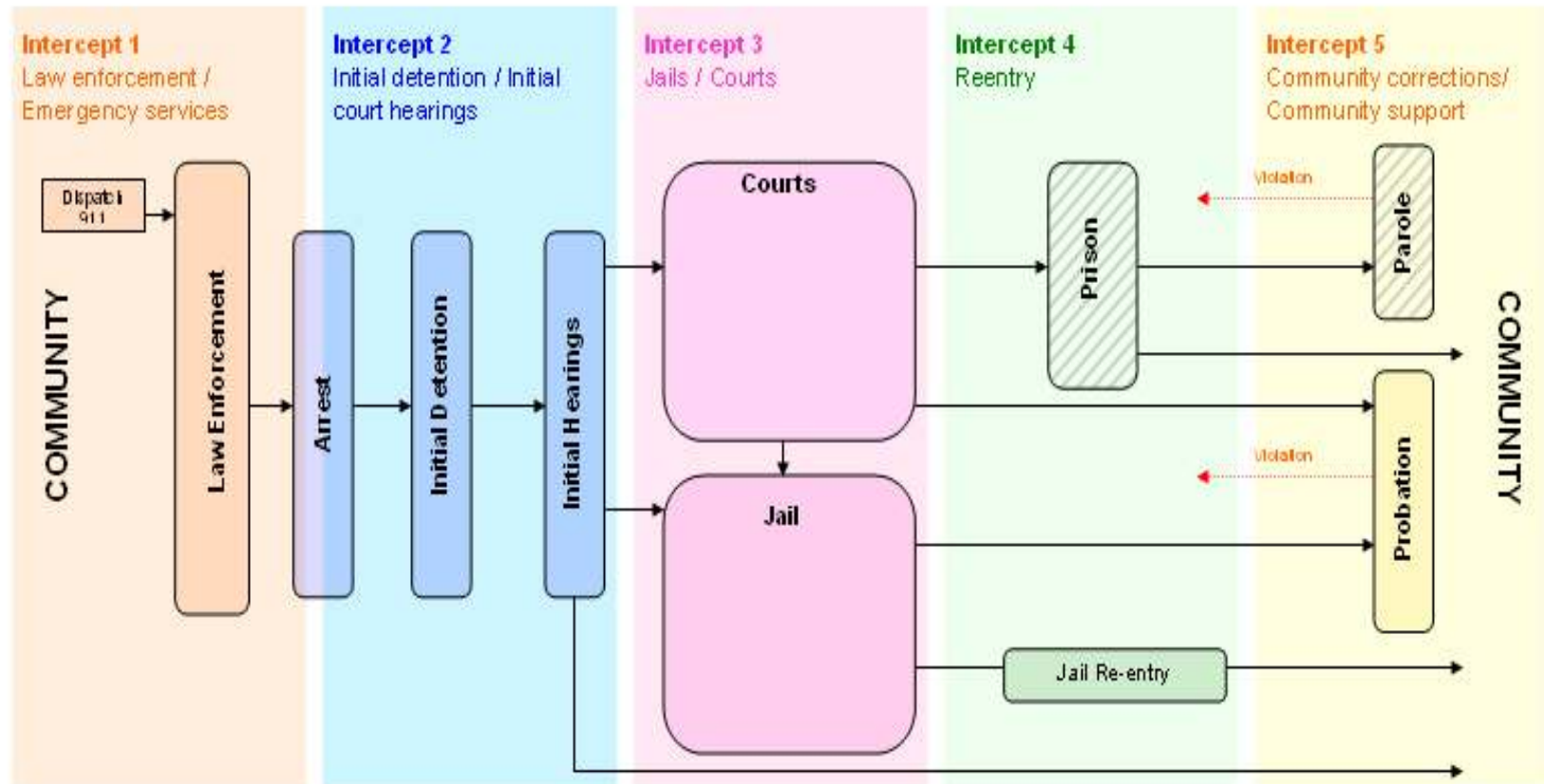


# Where We Started (continued)



# Mental Health Cross Systems Mapping - 2013

## Sequential Intercepts for Change: Criminal Justice - Mental Health Partnerships



Policy Research Associates, Inc.  
Adapted from Minetz & Griffin 2006



# Strategic Plan for Reentry 2014



THE REENTRY GOALS  
IDENTIFIED IN THE  
LARGER CJAB  
STRATEGIC PLAN ARE:

01.  
INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY  
THROUGH REDUCED RECIDIVISM
02.  
EDUCATE AND POSITION  
RETURNING CITIZENS
03.  
CONTINUED STRATEGIC  
PLANNING AND PLAN  
IMPLEMENTATION

STAKEHOLDERS CONTRIBUTED  
TO THE PLANNING PROCESS  
THROUGH **FIVE**  
ORGANIZED WORK TEAMS:

EDUCATION



EMPLOYMENT



HOUSING



DRUG AND  
ALCOHOL  
TREATMENT



MENTAL HEALTH  
TREATMENT



# Developing Partnerships

- The CJAB and its subcommittee, the Reentry Coalition, have fostered new partnerships across the 5 focus areas.



# Problem Solving Courts, FACT and CIT

- Mental Health and Drug Courts  
Established in 2015
- Multi Disciplinary FACT team meets  
biweekly
- CIT training for first responders

# Workforce Development & Corrections

- Department of Labor –  
LEAP Grant 2015-2017
- How did we develop this partnership between our systems?
- Why are the workforce professionals investing in reentry?
- What does the program look like and what are some early lessons learned from planning and implementing the program?

## In Summary

- The collaborative planning and implementation approach that the CJAB model fosters has allowed Northampton County to dream bigger and see a concrete collective impact. It has allowed us to align services to actual needs of the community and provides a venue for information and resource sharing.



# What Comes Next?