

Strategic Planning and Reentry Services in the County of Northampton

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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, reslove 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:

2002-2003

Probation Department received grants for staffing positions.



2007-CURRENT

Drug & Alcohol received a grant commencing July 1, 2007. The 2012-2013 funding is \$191, 778 to specifically provide substance abuse treatment to offenders.



2006/2007

Revitalization of the CJAB

2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008

2003

The Pennsylvania Justice Network (J-Net) was developed by the Commonwealth as an on-line environment for private, secure exchange of criminal justice information. This system allows Criminal Justice Agencies and select support agencies, such as the Department of Public Welfare and Children, Youth & Family Services, to view and access criminal justice information.



Where We Started (continued)



2012

CJAB revision of the bylaws

201

Northampton County Reentry Coalition (NCRC) established, a subcommittee of the CJAB.



2011

Reentry Logic Model completed and adopted by Reentry Coalition.

2012

Identification of a lead agency for county-wide reentry planning.

JULY 2012

Department of Corrections contracts with Family Answers as Reentry Coordinator.

Fall 2012

CJAB strategic plan developed, adopted Jan. 2013.

2012



JUNE 2013

County-wide Mental Health Mapping workshop, facilitated by the PA Mental Health and Justice Center of Excellence.

SUMMER 2013

Department of Corrections adopts an internal Reentry Strategic Plan.

2009

2010

Forensic Advocacy Collaboration Team (FACT)

is established. FACT has shown success with

returning citizens with serious mental illness.

in the community at 12 months post-release.

78% of returning citizens FACT assisted remained

2011

2011

2012

SEPTEMBER 2012

The Returning Citizens'

Roundtable is established.

2013

2014

APRIL 2013-MARCH 2014

CJAB Reentry Strategic Planning process.

MARCH 2014

County of Northampton's Reentry Summit.



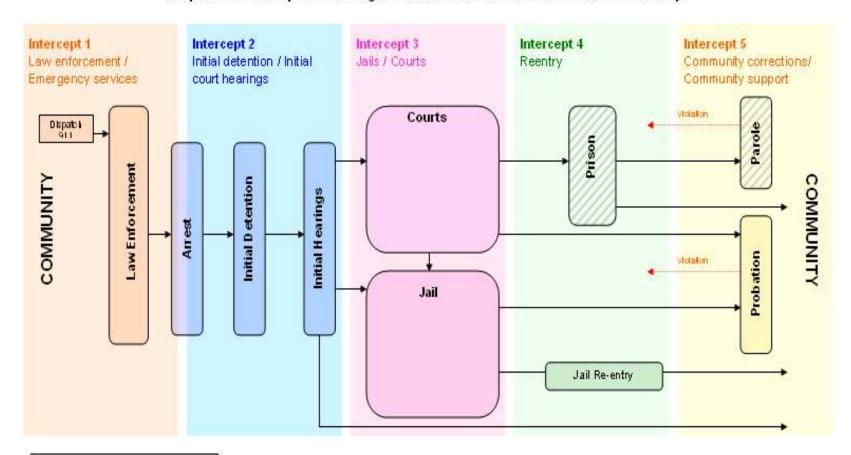
Live Scan machine purchased to begin new procedures for tracking Megan's Law/Adam Walsh offenders. A collaboration between the Sheriff's Department and Adult Probation.

2013

2012-current Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for first responders. 239 First Responders attended the six-hour training, 28 were trained as official CIT officers/first responders.

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:











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?