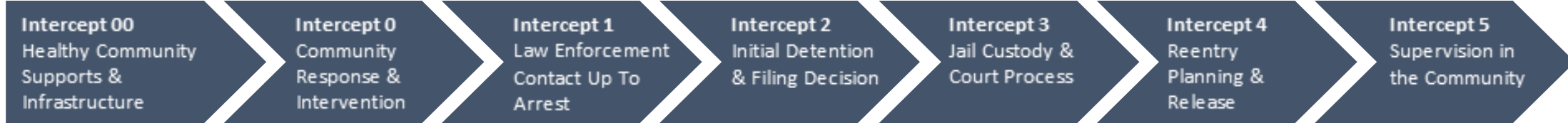


Diversion / Alternatives to Incarceration Intercept Model

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Principles and Recommendations

Overarching Principles

- I. Implementation of Public Safety Realignment in Los Angeles County is guided by the County’s Care First, Jails Last priorities.
- II. Los Angeles County’s justice system operates with a racial and gender equity lens and aims to reduce racial and gender disparities.
- III. The provision of services that meet the needs of individuals in contact with the justice system, including survivors of harm, are provided by community based service providers, outside the custody or supervision environments when possible.
- IV. Recovery is not a linear process. As individuals engage in this journey, strategies to assist in recovery should not penalize them and should afford individual agency and a spectrum of services utilizing a harm reduction approach.
- V. Alternative to incarceration efforts must focus on serving communities that are most vulnerable, including BIPOC and individuals with behavioral health needs, transition age youth, women – particularly Black Women – TGI and LGBTQ+ people.
- VI. Services and interventions are designed and delivered based on an individual’s needs and strengths.
- VII. Strategies must be implemented to ensure safe and equitable access to services, resources and obligations, including transportation, geographic proximity, child care, etc.
- VIII. Strategies must be data-driven, evidence based best practices, with metrics of success to include the impact of strategies on individual and community health, reducing the jail population, improving racial equity and enhancing public safety.
- IX. Strategies must prioritize addressing the root-causes of economic, racial and gender inequity; poverty and homelessness; criminalization and incarceration; and other forms of interpersonal and systemic harm.

Intercept 00 - Healthy Community Supports & Infrastructure

Objective: To build a robust community based network of behavioral health supports, housing, employment, transportation, and other resources to help prevent people from entering or reentering jails

Principle	Programmatic/Strategic Recommendation
1. Resource and support communities to meet their own needs so that they can grow and thrive, without law enforcement or criminal legal system intervention.	a. Community-based Service and Resource Hubs - e.g. DOORS Reentry Center (ODR); Restorative Care Villages (BOS/DHS/DMH);
2. Youth Development Resources	a. (Youth Justice Reimagined)
3. Safe transportation, housing, safe child care, access to all medical care, free and appropriate public education, diagnosis and support, access to green space and healthy food, employment.	
4. Services in the community are delivered by individuals with lived experience that represent the intersections and identities of those impacted in a culturally humble way.	a. Fund and expand community peace-keeper programs that utilize a peer based model and employ impacted individuals outside of law enforcement. Trans-led gender-affirming education and family support

Intercept 0 - Community Response & Intervention

Objective: Consistent with community safety, reduce the number of people having contact with law enforcement, by focusing on individual and community wellness and development of strengths and responding to the needs of individuals in crisis

Principle	Programmatic/Strategic Recommendation
5. Provide direct hand-off to services for people in lieu of arrest	a. Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (ODR)
6. Create real-time inventory of available services, accessible to individuals, families seeking support, and service providers, and law enforcement where relevant	a. ATI Assessment and Referral App
7. Provide robust, community-based, non-law enforcement responses to those in behavioral health crisis, preferably through those with lived experience	a. Alternative Crisis Response (ATI); community-based emergency response (e.g. Community Alternatives to 911); Multi Disciplinary Team (MDT) and Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams (PMRT)
8. Provide harm reduction services for those struggling with substance use disorders	a. Harm Reduction Training/Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution (ODR)
9. Youth Development and Diversion Resources	a. (Youth Justice Reimagined)

Intercept 1 - Law Enforcement Contact Up to Arrest

Objective: Consistent with community safety, reduce the number of people from entering the jail system, regardless of charges, with a focus on their strengths and needs

Principle	Programmatic/Strategic Recommendation
10. Provide direct hand-off to services for people in lieu of arrest	a. Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (ODR)
11. In situations where behavioral health crisis situation requires law enforcement, it should be a co-response with a clinical and specially trained law enforcement officer	a. Mental Evaluation Team (LASD/DMH)

Intercept 2 - Initial Detention & Filing Decision

Objective: Presumption of pretrial release to decentralized community based services, housing and resources, in an effort consistent with community safety, stability of the individual, and improved health and wellness outcomes

Principle	Programmatic/Strategic Recommendation
12. Reduce the number of people with mental health, homeless and other vulnerabilities from entering the jail system	a. Prefiling diversion program (ATI)
13. Develop a strengths- and needs-based system of pre-trial release through an independent, cross-functional entity, situated outside of law enforcement, to coordinate voluntary needs and strengths assessments expeditiously upon booking, and to provide relevant information to court officers to make informed release decisions	a. Community based pretrial service providers (e.g. CASA); access to legal defense counsel; access to participatory defense in the community
14. Decriminalize quality of life and survival crimes	a. Alternative stabilizing housing supports and behavioral health supports, including safe consumption housing; prosecution filing decisions (e.g. prosecutors can reduce or eliminate filing on survival crimes)
15. Create a safe landing space directly across from custody release points to provide shelter and services upon exit; decentralized and accessible for folks returning to their home of origin	a. DOORS Reentry Center (ODR); Expanded transitional model with housing supports (JPRC); Build a system / platform to coordinate transportation for people reentering communities, grant the right to be taken back to the place of arrest, fund CBOs led by impacted people to provide these services, and provide peer navigators that can support clients with transportation to and from court.
	b. Create community-based localized care reentry sites to support reentering individuals by distributing care kits (containing masks, medication, transportation cards, etc.) and connecting them with resources and support during the critical 48-72 hours immediately after release.

Intercept 3 - Jail Custody & Court Process

Objective: Establish up-front strength, needs, and behavioral health assessments and robust diversion and release capacity to community-based systems of care, for people whose justice system involvement is driven by unmet behavioral health, physical health, and other clinical needs, and other particularly vulnerable populations

Principle	Programmatic/Strategic Recommendation
16. Assess and identify as early as possible, those with behavioral health needs who are eligible for diversion and release, and divert to community-based services and supports, as early as possible	a. AB1810 Pretrial Mental Health Diversion (ODR & ATI); Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial (ODR); Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial (ODR); Department of State Hospitals Diversion (ODR)
17. Assess and identify as early as possible, those who may be eligible for diversion and release, and divert to community-based services and supports, as early as possible	a. Community based pretrial services (ATI/ODR?); Rapid Diversion (ATI); Reentry Intensive Case Management System (ODR)
18. Develop a strengths- and needs-based system of pre-trial release through an independent, cross-functional entity, situated outside of law enforcement, to coordinate voluntary needs and strengths assessments expeditiously upon booking, and to provide relevant information to court officers to make informed release decisions	a. Community based pretrial service providers (e.g. CASA); access to legal defense counsel; access to participatory defense in the community
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	b. Create community-based localized care reentry sites to support reentering individuals by distributing care kits (containing masks, medication, transportation cards, etc.) and connecting them with resources and support during the critical 48-72 hours immediately after release.

Intercept 4 - Reentry & Release

Objective: Ensure early release planning for all people coming out of jails and prisons to LA County, and continuity of support and peer navigation to services and supports to ensure stability and success for individuals returning to their communities

Principle	Programmatic/Strategic Recommendation
20. Begin release planning upon entry into jail, and improve care coordination for release, to support the success of individuals upon release	a. Care Transitions (DHS-CHS)/Reentry Intensive Case Management System (ODR)
21. Create a safe landing space directly across from custody release points to provide shelter and services upon exit; decentralized and accessible for folks returning to their home of origin	a. DOORS Reentry Center (ODR); Expanded transitional model with housing supports (JPRC); Build a system / platform to coordinate transportation for people reentering communities, grant the right to be taken back to the place of arrest, fund CBOs led by impacted people to provide these services, and provide peer navigators that can support clients with transportation to and from court.

	b. Create community-based localized care reentry sites to support reentering individuals by distributing care kits (containing masks, medication, transportation cards, etc.) and connecting them with resources and support during the critical 48-72 hours immediately after release.
22. Support employment development and supports, especially for those with behavioral health needs, TGI, and other marginalized individuals	a. SECTOR (ODR); community based workforce development
23. Allowing people to finish serving the last few years of their realignment sentence in the community	a. Returning Home Well LA
24. Providing opportunities for community based reentry sites; Split sentencing with an opportunity to serve the end of sentences in a community based setting	
25. Provide safe transportation to everyone leaving custody	a. platform to connect the individual to the service provider that provides transportation

Intercept 5 - Supervision in the Community

Objective: Reduce the demands and length of supervision, and improve access to supportive services by connection to peer navigators to improve health and safety outcomes

Principle	Programmatic/Strategic Recommendation
26. Promote the principles of Harm Reduction Reduce the number of supervision check-ins, reduce and potentially eliminate technical violations, and reduce and potentially eliminate the issuance of bench warrants for people who incur technical violations on community supervision; Reduce the role of Probation and increase transitioning (connect/link?) individuals to community based supports and providers	a. (Probation)
27. Improve connection to community based services and resources through peer navigation for those on supervision, with continuity post-supervision	a. Reentry Intensive Case Management System (ODR)