

Building Bridges: A Statewide Approach to Jail-Based MOUD and Reentry in Nevada

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What are we talking about?

Jail Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Program

- Satisfy the DOJ & Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Provide greater access to care

Reentry Initiatives

- Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA, 2023)
 - Eligible for Medicaid Reimbursable Funds
 - Under 21 or up to the age of 26 if aged out of foster care
 - Screening & Diagnostic (including physical, dental, behavioral health)
 - Targeted case management
- AB389 – 1115 Waiver
 - Purpose is to improve access to care and outcomes
 - Covers health services for incarcerated individuals up to 90 days prior to release
 - Can strengthen Jail MOUD, care coordination and reentry

Who makes this possible?

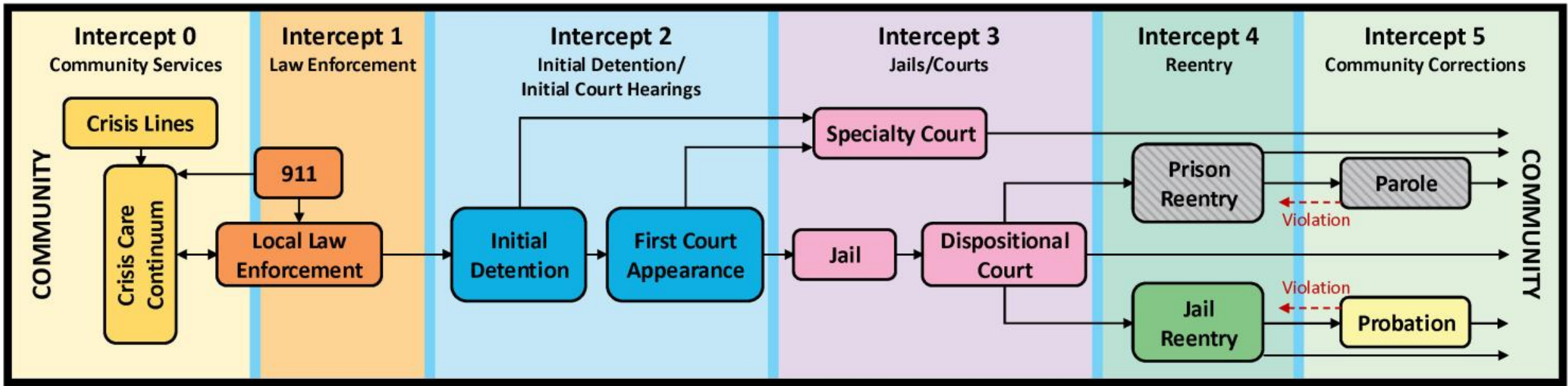
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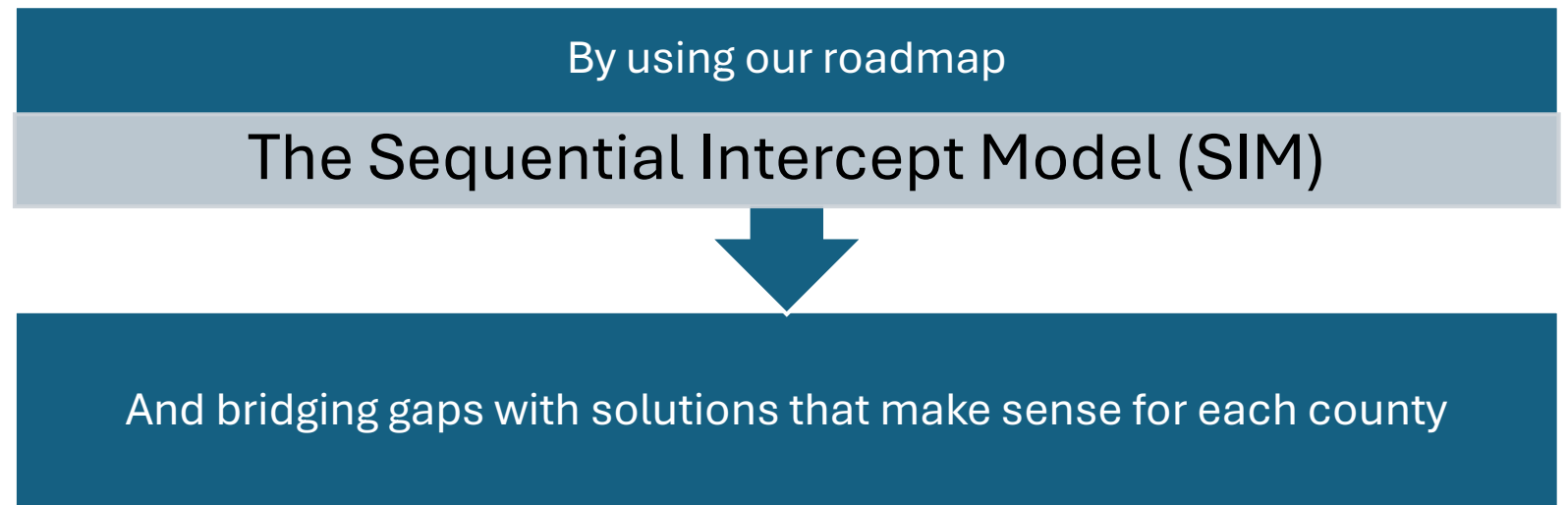
Local
Leadership

State
Representatives

Third-Party
Representatives



How are we
moving forward?



Where are we going?

- Where the Nevada roadmap guides us:
 - 7 County Jails & 2 City Jails Participating
 - Jail MOUD / Mental Health Counseling
 - Reentry Initiatives
 - Reentry Coalition
 - Managed Care Organizations
 - Mobile Access To Care
 - Virtual Access To Care
 - Targeted Case Management
 - Data Collection & Analysis

Why it matters?

MOUD Study from Massachusetts

- 6400 people studied – 42% (2,688) received MOUD in **jail**
- 60% (1,613) likely to continue treatment after release (1st 30 days)
- 52% (1,398) lower risk of fatal overdose
- 24% (645) lower risk of nonfatal overdose
- 56% (1,505) lower risk of death from any cause
- 12% (323) lower risk of being reincarcerated
 - **16,150 - If replicated in one major city in all 50 states**
- Over half (1,344) remained on MOUD at 6 months

The results of this study demonstrates that MOUD saves lives, reduces overdoses, and improves reentry outcomes and highlights the significance of reentry efforts with connecting individuals with community resources after release for continuation of care.

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