

# **LAKE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT COURT COLLABORATIVE**

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# Statement of Need

- In Illinois the consequences of D/A account for 73% child welfare/family assistance budget.
- 5,500 deaths annually are directly or indirectly attributable to D/A abuse.
- 10% of hospital discharges are attributable to alcohol costing \$1 billion annually.
- 40,000 hospital discharges are drug use related costing \$30 million annually
- Using statewide dependency rates, it is estimated that 41,000 Lake County residents struggle with untreated dependency and abuse issues.

## Statement of Need (continued):

- Nationally, 50% of incarcerated people have mental health problems, 60% have substance use disorders (SUD) and 33% have both.
- In Lake County jail, at any given time 60% of inmates have a SUD and 18% are receiving psychotropic medication for mental health problems.

## Statement of Need (continued):

- Lake County is home to 40,000 Veterans, of which 12% receive VA compensation for service related disabilities.
- 4,500 Lake County Vets are unemployed.
- According to NAMI, behavioral health cases including PTSD, depression and alcohol abuse among war veterans increased by 58% from 2006 to 2007.
- One in five soldiers who fought in Iraq or Afghanistan is suffering from PTSD or major depression.

## Statement of Need (continued):

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Latinos are the fastest growing minority population in Lake County, currently representing 20% of the population and 23% of the Adult Probation population, yet only 3% of Tim Court clients have been Latino.

# In layman's terms what is BHTCC striving to do?

- Develop an integrated system of recovery and trauma informed care delivered to adult men and women eligible for the three Specialty Courts suffering from Serious Mental Illness (SMI), Substance Abuse (SUD) or Co-Occurring Disorders to divert them from the CRJ system.
- Through collaboration, our local stakeholders will transcend the proverbial silos and work together in an integrated fashion to deliver these services.

# The Power of Partnerships

- This is a 4 year grant, but it is just a start.
- Long term sustainability is our goal.
- Think of the long-term potential our newly established partnerships can offer a broader range of justice involved individuals for many years to come.

# Who has helped already?

19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

Nicasa

Lake County State's Attorney

Lake County Sheriff

Lake County Public- Defender

Mano a Mano

LC Health Dept.

Lake County Chiefs of Police

LC Veteran's Assistance-  
Commission

Catholic Charities

Julio Argueta

Lake County Workforce-  
Investment Board

Waukegan Township

YWCA

Frontline Street Intervention

Lake County Community-  
Development

Waukegan Police

Pads

Haymarket

Lovell Federal Health Care Center

And more....



## Goals:

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- 1). Increase appropriate stakeholder participation in 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court to address the behavioral health needs of adult men and women who are involved with the CRJ system and who also have SUDs, SMI or Co-Occurring Disorders.

## Goals (continued):

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2). Enhance the trauma-informed recovery-oriented system of care delivered to adult men and women involved in the CRJ system who are eligible for one of three specialty courts.

## Goals (continued):

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#3). Improve the communication among BHTCC workgroup stakeholders and the Specialty Court Team around issues of resource availability, case management, information and referral.

## Goals (continued):

#4). Document short and long-term outcomes among clients who participate in the enhanced Specialty Courts through compliance with CSAT GPRA item administration and follow-up expectations, and implementation of local performance assessment data collection, analysis, and reporting activities.

## Goals (continued):

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#5). Develop strategies to recruit Latino population in Specialty Courts to reduce the disparity in participation

## Goals (continued):

- #6). *Diversion*: Develop crisis intervention and other intervening services, bringing stakeholders from mental health, substance abuse, and criminal justice to prevent inappropriate involvement of persons with behavioral health problems from entering the criminal justice system or from penetrating into it further.



## Grant deliverables

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- 1.5 FTE Dual Diagnosis Counselor to deliver Dialectical Behavior (DBT) therapy.
- .7 FTE Safe Housing Advocate.
- .7 FTE Employment Specialist.
- .6 FTE Recovery Peer Specialist.
- ServicePoint Information System
- Training through SAMHSA for Trauma Informed Care approaches to divert those with SMI from the CRJ system

# Trauma Informed Care

- There is consensus that high percentages of justice-involved women and men have experienced serious trauma throughout their lifetime. The reverberating effect of trauma experiences can challenge a person's capacity for recovery and pose significant barriers to accessing services, often resulting in an increased risk of coming into contact with the criminal justice system

(Policy Research Associates)



# Trauma Informed Care

- When staff are trauma-informed, it can help to:
- Reduce recidivism
- Reduce disciplinary infractions in jail or prison
- Reduce use of seclusion and restraint (and associated injuries to officers, arrestees and inmate)
- Reduce relapse and treatment failure

# Sub-Committees

- Trauma Informed Care Training
- Sustainability
- Employment/Housing
- Recovery and Peer Support
- Continuum of Care for SMI and SUDs
- Latino Outreach
- Diversion