NYC Criminal Justice

JUSTICE IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

Jail Population Working Group Meeting #7

May 15, 2018

AGENDA

1. Welcome and updates

- a) Parole violations subcommittee
- b) CPSD study: community engagement
- c) Risk assessment instrument
- d) Diversion and Reentry Council
- 2. Current landscape of alternatives to incarceration (ATIs)
- 3. Opportunities and discussion
- 4. Closing and next steps





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- b) Insights
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CURRENT LANDSCAPE OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION: AVAILABLE PROGRAMMING

Charge severity	Program	Non-Profit Provider	FY '18 Capacity	Target population notes	Borough (county)
Misdemeanor	Manhattan START	CASES	1,700	Behavioral Health & Gen. Pop. 18+ y.o.	
	Bronx Community Solutions	Center for Court Innovation	1,616	16+ y.o.	вх
	Red Hook/Brownsville ATI Program	Center for Court Innovation	717	16+ y.o.	KN
Misdemeanor & Felony	Court Employment Project	CASES	340	16 - 19 y.o.	KN, BX, QN, NY - Felonies; NY, QN - Misd.
	Men's Initiative	Palladia Services for the UnderServed	120	Substance Abuse Residential Men 16+ y.o.	Citywide
	Justice Home Program	Women's Prison Association	55	Women 16+ y.o.	KN, BX, QN, NY
	Youth Advocacy Project	Center for Community Alternatives	40	JOs (13-15 y.o.) 16 - 18 y.o.	Citywide
Felony	Alternative to Jail Initiative	Osborne Association	345	Substance Abuse & Gen. Pop.	Citywide
	Freedom	Fortune Society	188	16+ y.o.	KN, BX, QN, NY
	FlameTree	Fortune Society	124	Substance Abuse 16+ y.o.	KN, BX, QN, NY
	BronxConnect	Urban Youth Alliance International	90	JOs (13-15 y.o.) 16 - 24 y.o.	BX, NY
	STEPS to End Family Violence	Edwin Gould	57	Women Victims of DV 16+ y.o.	Citywide
	Better Living Center	Fortune Society	40	Mental Health 16+ y.o.	KN, BX, QN, NY
	Nathaniel Assertive Community Treatment	CASES	30	Serious Mental Illness 16+ y.o.	NY
	Common Justice Project	The Vera Institute	18	16 - 24 y.o.	KN, BX
TOTAL			5,480		



CURRENT LANDSCAPE OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION: INSIGHTS

Following the last meeting, we spoke with representatives from District Attorneys' offices and public defender organizations to learn more about the challenges they face in effectively diverting people into ATD or ATI programs.

These conversations led to 7 key insights...



CURRENT LANDSCAPE OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION: INSIGHTS

- 1. Reporting between providers and court actors is a challenge.
- 2. Current programs may not be able to serve high-risk or high-charge-severity individuals without a risk to public safety.
- 3. The length and intensity of programs often dissuades both DAs and defenders from utilizing them.
- 4. There is a lack of shared knowledge and understanding of current programming across court actors.
- 5. There is a lack of programs for specialized populations.
- 6. Many programs restrict eligibility based on charge or insurance.
- 7. There is a willingness from both DAs and defense attorneys to try new programmatic approaches, if they are promising or proven to be effective.



CURRENT LANDSCAPE OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION: INSIGHTS

Attributes of an ideal program include:

- Community-based
- Provided by one service provider and not piecemeal across multiple providers
- Not overly disruptive of day-to-day life
- Close supervision and consistent reporting
- "Warm hand-off" in the courtroom (i.e., providers present in court and can also provide pick-ups and drop-offs)
- Evidence-based (e.g., CBT, DBT) or built on a promising practice (e.g., restorative justice)
- Tailored to the unique needs of the individual, taking into consideration the types of skills that the client would like to build
- Data capacity for reporting





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- a) New programming for new populations
- b) Knowledge and data sharing
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OPPORTUNITIES AND DISCUSSION

Discussion questions

- How might we develop new programs for higher-risk populations moving forward?
- Are there current programs that could be changed to serve a higher-risk population? How might we increase capacity or expand eligibility in current programs?
- How might we increase communication between providers and court actors in current programs?
- How might we build trust and share information between courtroom actors around available options?





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