

Why Do We Need a TJC Approach?

Focusing on reentry from jail presents an opportunity to have a significant impact: there are 13 million releases from jail each year.

The jail population has numerous challenges:

- 68% have a substance abuse problem
- 60% did not graduate high school
- 30% were unemployed at arrest
- 16% suffer from mental illness
- 14% were homeless in previous year

Treatment/service capacity in jails is limited.

Reentry planning is complex:

- The jail population is highly diverse, housing pre-trial and sentenced probation and parole violators, and local, state and federal inmates
- Length of stay is short: 80% stay less than one month

No single designated organization or individual is responsible for facilitating transition and managing risks after release.

With 3,365 jails in the United States, policy reform is challenging.

Transition from Jail to Community is an initiative of:



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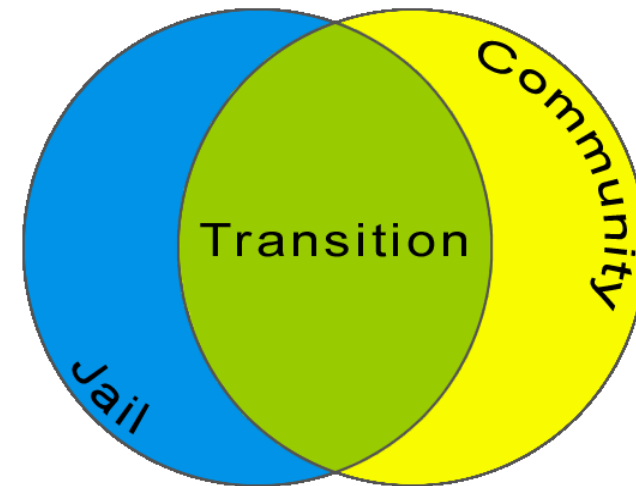
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The Transition from Jail to Community Initiative



... to improve public safety and reintegration outcomes

TJC Overview

The *Transition from Jail to Community* (TJC) initiative was launched in 2007 by the National Institute of Corrections (NIC). NIC and the Urban Institute developed a transition model to address how local reentry collaboratives can implement effective transition strategies.

Six learning sites were selected to implement the model: Davidson County, TN; Denver County, CO; Douglas County, KS; Kent County, MI; and Orange County, CA. Technical assistance tools will be developed for jurisdictions across the country.

TJC Goals

The TJC initiative team will work with six jurisdictions to improve public safety and enhance reintegration. Target outcomes include:

- reduced reoffending
- reduced substance abuse
- reduced homelessness
- improved health
- increased employment
- increased family connectedness
- increased systems collaboration

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TJC is about Systems Change

Leadership, vision, and organizational culture to set expectations and empower stakeholders and staff.

Collaborative structure and joint ownership by both jail and community stakeholders to develop and share responsibility for joint outcomes of interest.

Data-driven understanding of the local issue, including characteristics of the returning population and local barriers and assets.

Targeted intervention strategies to assess individuals, plan for release, and provide services and training in jail and in the community.

Self-evaluation and sustainability to guide and improve the effort.

TJC Targeted Interventions

Screening and assessment to quickly determine an inmate's risks and needs and guide transition planning and service provision.

Transition case plan development to prepare individuals for release and reintegration.

Tailored transition interventions that begin in jail and continue after release.

Interventions will:

- enlist multiple service sectors;
- involve community “in reach” to build relationships before release;
- utilize low-cost interventions such as reentry resource guides;
- involve informal support networks; and
- enhance the role that supervision can play, when applicable.