



Board of Supervisors Community Care & Justice Cluster Agenda Review Meeting

DATE: October 30, 2024

TIME: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

MEETING CHAIR: Steven Edwards, 3rd Supervisorial District

CEO MEETING FACILITATOR: Vincent Amerson

This meeting will be held in hybrid format which allows the public to participate virtually, or in-person, as permitted under the Board of Supervisors' March 19, 2024 order.

To participate in the meeting in-person, the meeting location is:

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012
Room 374-A

To participate in the meeting virtually, please call teleconference number

1 (323) 776-6996 and enter the following 169948309# or [Click here to join the meeting](#)

For Spanish Interpretation, the Public should send emails within 48 hours in advance of the meeting to: ClusterAccommodationRequest@bos.lacounty.gov

Members of the Public may address the Public Safety Cluster on any agenda item during General Public Comment.
The meeting chair will determine the amount of time allowed for each item.
THIS TELECONFERENCE WILL BE MUTED FOR ALL CALLERS. PLEASE DIAL *6 TO UNMUTE YOUR PHONE WHEN IT IS YOUR TIME TO SPEAK.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S): [Any Informational Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices with advance notification]:

A. NONE

3. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

A. Board Briefing:

Indigent Defense Commitment to Care First Briefing

Speaker(s): Justine Esack (PD), Jane Yang (APD), Marco Saenz (IDCO) and Dana Cherry (LACPDO)

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. ADJOURNMENT

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EMAIL A COMMENT ON AN ITEM ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY CLUSTER AGENDA, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING EMAIL AND INCLUDE THE AGENDA NUMBER YOU ARE COMMENTING ON:

PUBLIC_SAFETY_COMMENTS@CEO.LACOUNTY.GOV



Indigent Defense Commitment to Care First

Justine Esack, Chief Deputy Public Defender
Jane Yang, Chief Deputy Alternate Public Defender
Marco Saenz, Director of Indigent Defense Counsel Office
Dana Cherry, Mental Health Program Manager, LACPDO

COLLABORATIONS - NEUROCOGNITIVE DISORDERS TEAM

**2023 CPDA Defender Program of the Year
2024 Gold Eagle Award Recipient**

Dedicated to defending clients with cognitive impairments such as dementia, traumatic brain injuries, and developmental disabilities. This innovative team, consisting of trained attorneys, social workers, and mental health professionals, provides holistic legal representation that addresses both the legal and medical needs of vulnerable clients. By working closely with medical experts and advocating for alternatives to incarceration, the NDT ensures fair treatment within the justice system for individuals whose conditions impact their decision-making and behavior.





RAPID RESPONSE TEAM (RRT)

The RRT, an unfunded pilot program made up of volunteers, is composed of approximately 30 attorneys across Los Angeles County and includes fluent speakers in six languages.

Since its inception in May 2023, the RRT has deployed 18 times and assisted nearly 300 persons across all five Supervisorial Districts.

Using teamwork, diligence, and professionalism, the RRT has contacted arrested individuals to provide critical information necessary for navigating the criminal legal system.



Collaborations – Community Outreach Court (COC)

Our primary objective is to assist persons experiencing homelessness in resolving various legal matters, thereby eliminating barriers to accessing social services and securing housing. COC has aided over 100 unhoused individuals with record clearance, ticket relief, warrant resolutions, and housing assistance.

By offering services such as clearing eligible bench warrants, expunging convictions, resolving misdemeanor cases and citations, addressing outstanding fines and fees, and facilitating connections to reentry and job opportunities, COC aims to streamline the criminal court process and ultimately support the transition of individuals experiencing homelessness into stable housing situations.



Collaborations – Rapid Diversion Program

RDP is a cooperative diversion program run by the Justice Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD) in collaboration with the Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender, City Attorney, District Attorney, LASD, DMH, Exodus, Project 180, and LA Superior Court.

Over 6000 clients have been screened with over 2,200 cases diverted. RDP has celebrated over 700 graduations resulting in no criminal record for those clients, with 93% of graduates having no further contact with the criminal legal system.

DPDs Nick Stewart-Oaten and Caroline Goodson and APD Kelly Buck named LA County Bar Association's Defense Attorneys of the Year for 2024.



Collaborations - Partners For Justice

(PFJ)

This project increases LACPDO and LACAPD's capacity to provide holistic representation and assist clients with the underlying needs or challenges driving their involvement in the legal system. **Collectively, we have 27 client advocates (18 LACPDO, 9 LACAPD)** providing holistic, wrap-around support to stabilize clients, promote wellness, and reduce days of incarceration across the County. Through this project, we have referred nearly **800 clients to work with advocates.**



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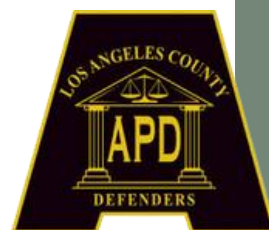
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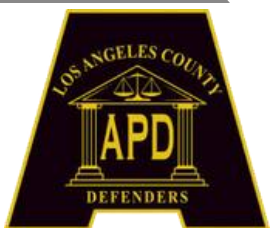
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What do Public Defender Psychiatric Social Workers (PSWs) Do?



PSWs refer clients to various programs, depending on their specific needs. Programs include:

ADULT

- GROW (Guiding Re-Entry of Women)
- HOPE (Holistic Opportunities for People to Excel)
- AB109 Revocation/AB109 Dual Status Probation (DSP) Program
- Mental Health:
 - Mental Illnesses
 - Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)
 - Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS)
 - Neurocognitive Disorders
- Post-Conviction
- Jail Mental Health Liaison (JHML)
- Holistic Early Assessment Linkage Program (HEAL) Pilot*

JUVENILE

- CARE-Client Assessment, Recommendation, and Evaluation
- Juvenile Mental Health Court (JMHC)
- Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF)
- Mental Health: LPS



Collaborations - Client Engagement and Navigation Services (CENS)



The DPH - Substance Abuse Prevention and Control program is embedded in 11 LACPDO offices and courthouses throughout LA County. CENS provides assessment and linkage to substance use programs available to clients.

From July 2023 to April 2024, there were 2,676 unique clients screened at in those courthouses.



Collaborations - DMH Court Linkage Program

The DMH - CLP is embedded in 22 LACPDO offices and courthouses throughout LA County.



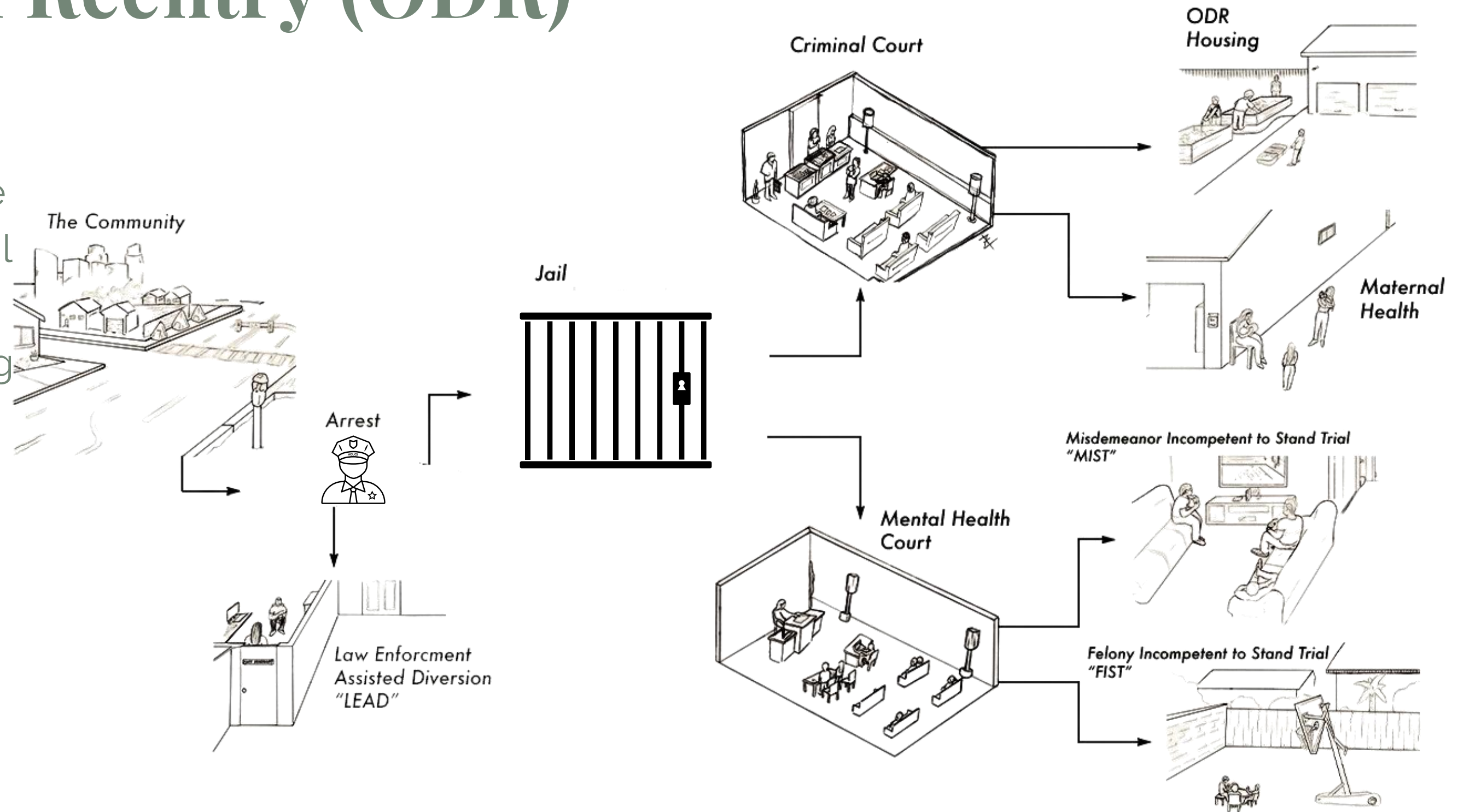
This program incorporates the “no wrong door” philosophy by offering the courtroom as an entry point for services. The objectives of the program are to increase coordination and collaboration between the criminal justice and mental health systems, improve access to mental health services and supports, and enhance continuity of care.



Collaborations - Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR)

PD/APD/IDCO teams advocate for clients to receive ODR services including mental health treatment and permanent supportive housing for unhoused individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) facing felony charges.

Total ODR Clients as of 4/10/24: 1,475
90% are LACPDO clients





IDCO: From Concept to Launch

Development, Enhancements, Implementation and Growth

Key Milestones

BOS elected to transition LA County's Assigned Panel Program from LACBA to PD in December 2022, with a launch of July 1, 2023. In response, we developed and implemented an ethically walled-off operation model to assure a seamless transition within 6 months, including:

- Preparation and submission of budget proposal for IDCO
- Creation of IDCO email domains, Workplace Portal, and communications infrastructure
- Development of customized case management system
- Development of public-facing website
- Location and build-out of office space at Metropolitan Courthouse
- Onboarding and training of IDCO team members
- Stakeholder and community outreach



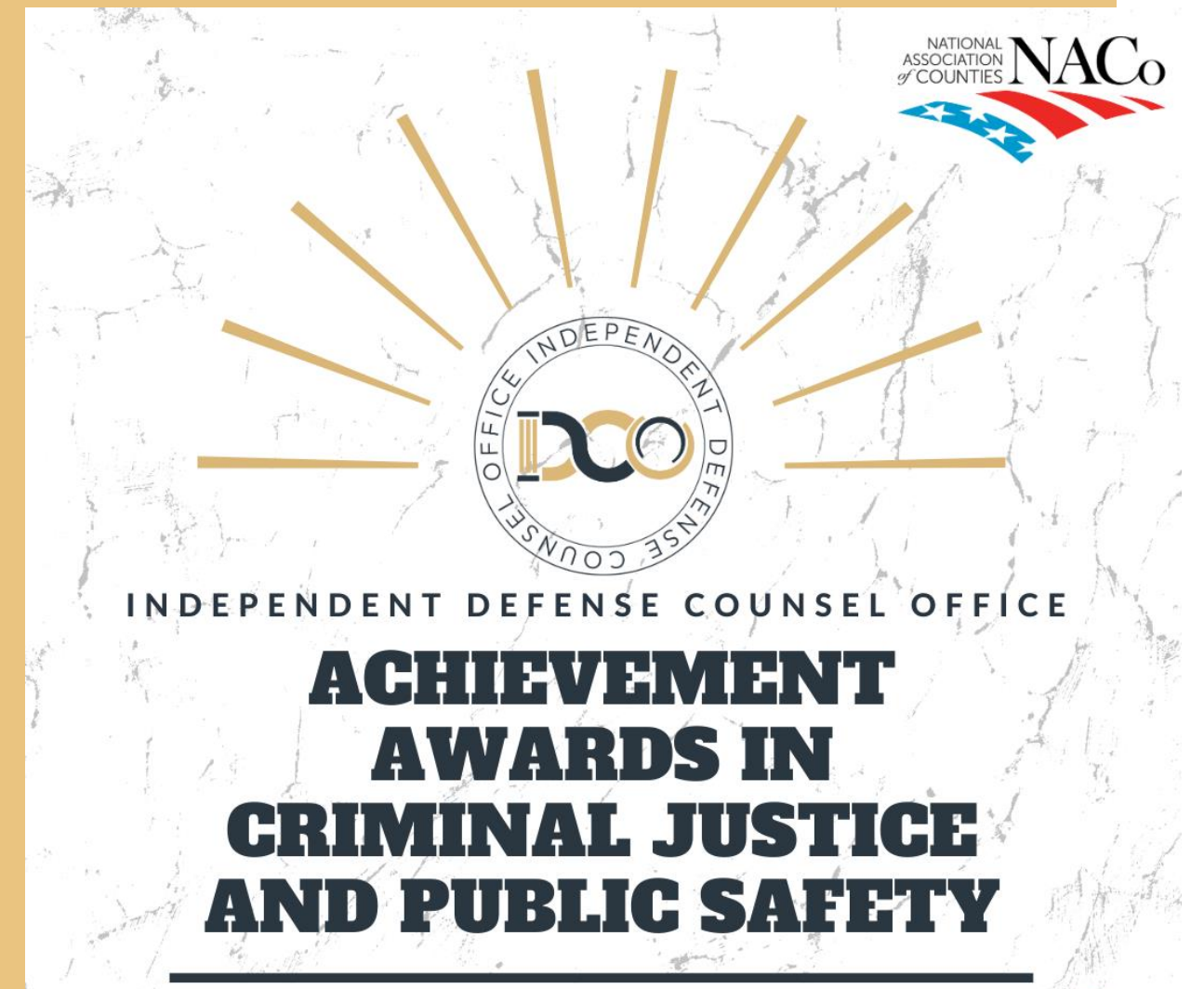
IMMEDIATE PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS:

- Attorney training
 - over 200 training programs offered to panel attorneys
- 20% hourly fee increase for all grade level cases
- Provision of legal research subscription services such as ceb onlaw and lexis/nexus
- Elimination of all panel membership fees
- Implementation of case management system
- Attorney panel recruitment and retention



GROWTH

- EXPANSION OF CASE APPOINTMENTS TO INCLUDE:
 - CIVIL CONTEMPT
 - LPS
 - AOT
- CARE COURT
- RECIPIENT OF TWO NACO ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY





Exemplary Collaboration

- SUCCESS ATTRIBUTABLE TO ENTIRE COUNTY FAMILY
- ENJOY SUPPORT FROM JUSTICE SYSTEM STAKEHOLDERS
- ABILITY TO LEVERAGE AFFILIATION WITH PRIMARY PD OFFICE

**Diversions from jail
always requires
zealous advocacy by
PD / APD / IDCO**

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THANK YOU

