Massachusetts Mental Health Diversion & Integration Program

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Our Mission and Purpose
Helping law enforcement, health care, and social service communities work together to develop a seamless continuum of care for persons with serious mental illness who are charged with marginalization issues.

Adaptive For Diversion
The Massachusetts Mental Health Diversion & Integration Program (MMHDIP) advocates for the diversion of eligible offenders who are charged with non-serious crimes away from the criminal justice system into more appropriate treatment alternatives. To achieve this, we engage and empower a supportive networking of health care and public safety to break the chains of this societal pendulum.

Identify Resources
The MMHDIP is a service of the Law & Psychiatry Program, at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. The program was developed by the National Association for Research on Mental Health (NARMH) Project and seeks to develop and implement comprehensive and culturally competent mental health services for police officers and public safety personnel who are involved in the creation of a diversion program in their communities. The MMHDIP will work with these groups to establish a network of health care and social service providers who can assist in creating a diversion program in their community. The program will work with these groups to develop and sustain services to fill the service gaps and overcome barriers to creating and maintaining a diversion program.

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Criminalization of the Mentally Ill
M.G.L. Chapter 123, Section 12a & Arrest Data

Developing Community Partnerships
The Worcester Initiative
- To develop a post-ajudicative mental health court session for the Worcester District Court.
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Consortium Building
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- To assist in the expansion of police training curriculum for the Boston and META Police Departments.
- To develop a pilot Crisis Triage Unit (CTU) in the proximity of the Boston Medical Center.
- To pilot with the Boston Municipal Court Department post-ajudicative mental health court session linked to the CTU.

Measuring Services Integration
Network Analysis - University Police of Technical Staff "Spaced"
Network Analysis - Worcester The "I themed System"

Dissemination
Selected Publications

Mental Health Training Approaches
Mental Health Training Approaches provide a unique training experience for police officers, fire fighters, and other at-risk populations. The training is aimed at promoting public safety, enhancing police effectiveness in dealing with emotionally disturbed people (EDP's), and the criminal/social justice system.

Mental Health Consumer Involvement
Back to TTT and NHIP's criminal justice have found involvement of consumers provides valuable feedback on the effectiveness of the training. Consumers and their providers were surveyed on their perceptions of the training. They were also asked to rate the level of accuracy and realism of the training. The results of these surveys were used to help improve the training.