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# Court Services Mission





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**To reduce incarceration through  
community-based supervision and  
therapeutic services**





# Common Misconceptions

- **Everyone arrested should be in jail**
- **Those found guilty should be punished in jail**
- **The people who get arrested are “different” from me**

# People who get arrested are...

**Our neighbors  
Our co-workers**

**Our relatives**

**Our neighbors' kids**

**Our kids...**

**Citizens of Alachua County**





# Should everyone who is arrested remain in jail?

**Not according to...**

**Florida Rules of Criminal Procedures 3.131 and 3.132**

**Florida Statutes 903.047 and 907.41**

**Low risk offenders do not need high security**

**If in custody - no jobs, no family support, no tax revenue for Alachua County**







# Florida Statute 903.47

**every person charged  
with a crime or violation of municipal or county  
ordinance shall be entitled to pretrial release on  
reasonable conditions.**







# **Florida Statute 907.041**

## **Pretrial Detention and Release**

**However, persons found to meet specified criteria shall be released under certain conditions until proceedings are concluded and adjudication has been determined.**

**While reducing the costs for incarceration by releasing, until trial, those persons not considered a danger to the community**



# Should low risk offenders be housed in jail?

High security  Risk to community  
Alternatives

Save \$\$\$\$

- Minor offenses don't require incarceration
- Supervision and services can reduce risk
- Incarceration doesn't reduce recidivism
- Alternative sentences can prove to be more difficult than incarceration



# Alternatives

- **Pay Cost of Supervision & Court Costs**
- **Complete Community Service**
- **Support families**
- **Maintain employment**
- **Participate in rehabilitative programs**





# Jail



- High Security = High Cost
- Expensive hardware
- Continual supervision & escorts
- Medical care, clothing & meals
- Higher cost to Taxpayers



# Key Objectives

**Provide information to the Court so Judges can decide which offenders can be managed effectively in the community**

**Use risk and needs assessments, and evidence-based, best practices to operate community-based programs for low-risk offenders**







# Court Services Programs

**Investigation and Community  
Supervision**

**Clinical and Therapeutic  
Programs**





# Court Services Programs

## Investigation and Community Supervision

- Pretrial Services
  - Investigations
  - Supervision
- Central Screening Team
- Probation
- Day Reporting
- Community Service
- EM/GPS and TAD

## Clinical and Therapeutic Programs

- Drug Court
- Mental Health Court
- Veterans Treatment Court
- OPUS - Treatment services for Court Services clients
- Metamorphosis
- Work Release
- Balance 360
- Benefits Coordination



# Pretrial Services

- **First Appearance Investigations**
- **7 days per week**
- **Interview, Criminal History, Assess**
- **Provide information to the Court so Judges can make informed decisions about which offenders can be managed effectively in the community**
- **Recommendations to the Court**
- **Those appropriate for release are released in the least restrictive manner while ensuring public safety**



# Centralized Screening Team

- Provide further screenings and assessments on eligible defendants who remain in custody for 96 hours after First Appearance
- Work in conjunction with Jail staff and community partners to release defendants with costly medical or mental health conditions
- Provide release planning recommendations to the Court or CS program placement at any point during the pretrial stages

# Supervision Continuum of Services



**Lower Risk**

No Problems

No Services

Minimum Supervision

**Higher Risk**

Multi-problem

Intensive Services

Maximum Supervision



# Community Service Program

- Community Service work in lieu of jail
- Indigent offenders may do work in lieu of costs & fines
- 198 Government or Non-Profit Organizations
- 14,353 hours of service on Community Service Work Crew FY 2016/17
- Work Crew - utilized due to staff reductions in some County Departments





# County Probation

- **Offenders sentenced in County Court**
- **DUIs, Misdemeanors, Domestic Violence**
- **Ensure Probationers adhere to Court Order**
- **Refer to Treatment & Social Services**
- **Collect Restitution and Cost of Supervision**
- **Conduct employment & home visits**



# Pretrial Supervision

- **Pretrial Release Supervision**
  - 3 Levels**
- **Minimum – call in**
- **Medium – treatment referrals**
- **Maximum - Electronic Monitoring/Global Position Satellite**
- **Cost effective vs. jail**



# Drug Court

- Intensive treatment begins immediately after release from jail
- Daily treatment, weekly Court hearings, frequent urine tests
- Serves both diversion and post plea defendants
- Long term reduction in recidivism
- Includes Mental Health Court and Veteran's Court



# Opus Drug Treatment & Drug Testing Lab

- Evaluation and outpatient treatment component for Drug Court and Day Reporting
- In-house services reduce referrals and allow for more timely coordinated case planning
- Aftercare treatment for graduates reduces recidivism
- Drug Testing Lab-Provides on-site, state of the art drug testing by certified lab technicians for use as a behavioral intervention as well as supervision of DCS clients
- Results are accepted by the Court



# Day Reporting Program

- Intensive form of Pretrial Release Supervision for both Circuit and County Court defendants
- Provides intensive supervision and treatment services for offenders that can be managed outside of the jail
- Required urinalysis & breathalyzer testing
- Frequent reporting schedule based on risk level



# Metamorphosis

- Long term intensive residential treatment (up to 12 months)
- Substance abuse primary diagnosis, most have a co-occurring mental health diagnosis
- Community-based, non-secure facility
- Individual, Group and Family therapy
- Graduated phases - employment during the last phase of the program
- Seven Transitional Housing beds available upon graduation
- Client pays fee when employed
- Partially funded by State and Federal Grants





# Work Release

- **Minimum Security Correctional Facility**
- **Capacity 65**
- **Men and women**
- **Behavior based sanctions & rewards**
- **Work in the community**
- **Find job within 1 week if no job at entry**
- **Licensed - 28 day Substance Abuse Treatment program**



# New Clients Served FY 16/17

Pretrial Supervision	1,273
Pretrial Release	8,773
Electronic Monitoring/GPS	139
Probation	1,499
Mental Health Court	160
Drug Court Participants	228
Veterans Treatment Court	61
Work Release Residents	181
Metamorphosis Clients	138
Day Reporting	283
Community Service	1,730
<b>TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED</b>	<b>14,465</b>



# Fees Collected FY 16/17

<b>Drug Court</b>	<b>\$ 25,603</b>
<b>Metamorphosis</b>	<b>\$ 29,037</b>
<b>Probation</b>	<b>\$ 216,529</b>
<b>Work Release</b>	<b>\$ 212,259</b>
<b>Day Reporting</b>	<b>\$ 9,420</b>
<b>Community Service</b>	<b>\$ 13,241</b>
<b>EM/GPS and TAD</b>	<b>\$ 59,990</b>
<b>TOTAL FEES COLLECTED</b>	<b>\$ 566,079</b>

# Grants and Related Initiatives

- **Smart Pretrial Technical Assistance Project (2017-2018) No cash award**
- **Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program Planning Grant (2017-2019) \$190,545**
- **Aetna Foundation Cultivating Healthy Communities Grant (2017-2019) \$58,372**
- **Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program(2017-2020) \$1.5 Million/3 yrs and County Match of \$1.35 Million/3 yrs**

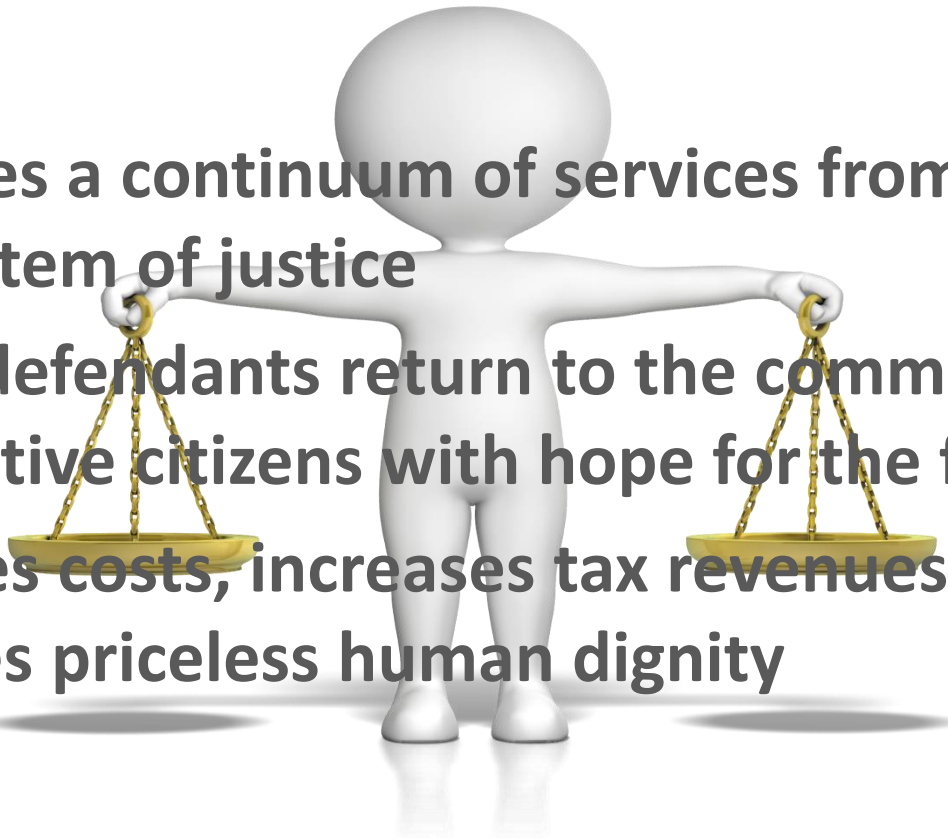
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- **FY 16 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Local Solicitation, 2015-2019)**
  - \$43,536 for Capital Equipment for ACSO and Funds to Support Mental Health Assessments for Probationers and Pretrial Services Clients
- **FY 16 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Countywide Solicitation, 2016-2017)**
  - \$777 for Radio Equipment for Work Release and \$4,664 for Technology Upgrades for Dept. Information Security



# Court Services Summary

- Provides a continuum of services from within the system of justice
- Helps defendants return to the community as productive citizens with hope for the future
- Reduces costs, increases tax revenues, and restores priceless human dignity







# QUESTIONS?

