

# INTERCEPT O

Expanding the Sequential Intercept Model to prevent criminal justice involvement

For years, the Sequential Intercept Model has helped the law enforcement and criminal justice communities work with behavioral health professionals to identify points for diversion and treatment for people with mental or substance use disorders who come in contact with the criminal justice system. In recent years, momentum has grown to provide earlier intervention services to individuals in the effort to prevent criminal justice involvement.

To address this desire to provide services and treatment before criminal justice involvement, Policy Research Associates, Inc., which operates the GAINS Center, has introduced **Intercept 0** to the Sequential Intercept Model. The goal of **Intercept 0** is to align systems and services and connect individuals in need with treatment before a behavioral health crisis begins or at the earliest possible stage of system interaction.

### IMPLEMENTING INTERCEPT O



#### **CRISIS RESPONSE**

Crisis response models provide short-term help to individuals who are experiencing behavioral health crisis and can divert individuals from the criminal justice system. Crisis response models include:

- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
- Crisis Care Teams
- Crisis Response Centers
- Mobile Crisis Teams



#### **POLICE STRATEGIES**

Proactive police response with disadvantaged and vulnerable populations are a unique method of diverting individuals from the criminal justice system. Proactive police response models include:

- Crisis Intervention Teams
- Homeless Outreach Teams
- Serial Inebriate Programs
- Systemwide Mental Assessment Response Teams

## STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS



Strong support from local officials



Community partnerships



Law enforcement training



Behavioral health staff training