



# **Adult Redeploy Summit May 2023**

## **Illinois Mental Health Task Force Action Plan**

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# NATIONAL JUDICIAL TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE STATE COURTS' RESPONSE TO MENTAL ILLNESS



## Task Force Activities



A transition report, **The Future is Now: Decriminalization of Mental Illness**, published in May 2020, documents the work of the NCSC Mental Health Initiative.

A guide for court leaders enables courts, utilizing the Sequential Intercept Model, to lead their communities in an examination of the issues and needs of those with mental illness and the effective utilization of community resources to improve and create new and more successful responses.



The Behavioral Health Resource Hub for courts has been developed with information, research, tools, best practice recommendations, and other materials designed to assist judges and state court professionals.



An online newsletter, **Behavioral Health Alerts**, is published semi-monthly to share the latest data, research, and informative resources related to the intersection of behavioral health and the courts.

As the Task Force continues its work, information about new activities, tools, and resources can be found at [www.ncsc.org/mentalhealth](http://www.ncsc.org/mentalhealth).

<sup>1</sup> CCJ-COSCA Resolution 3, In Support of Establishing a National Judicial Task Force (2020).

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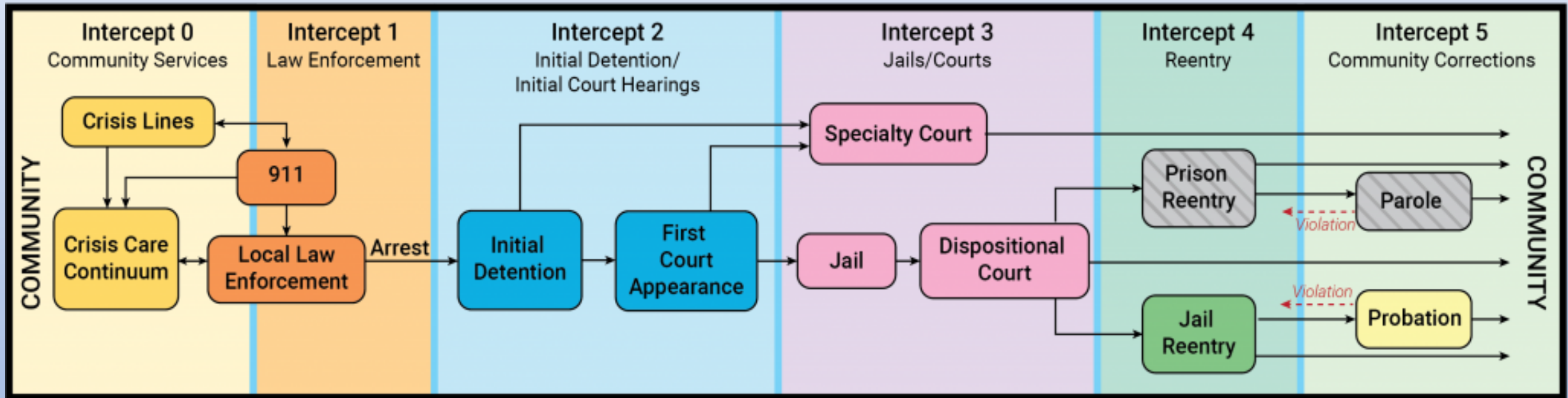
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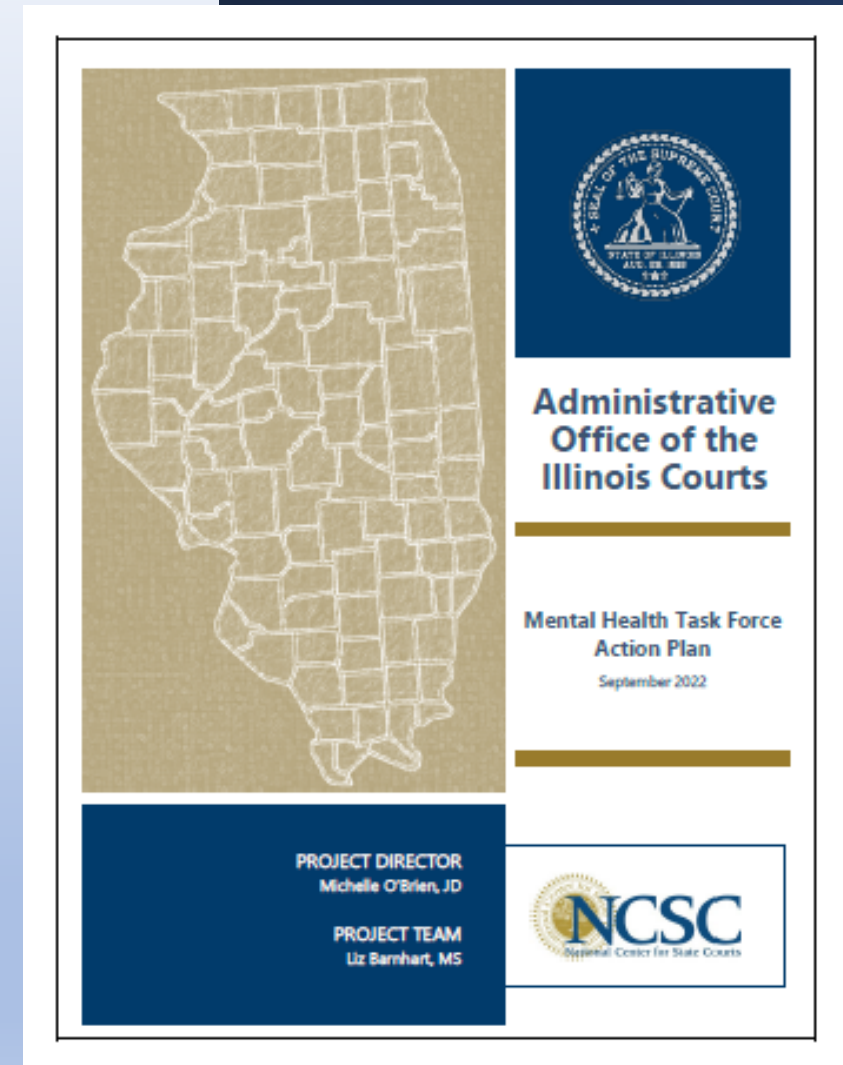
# Sequential Intercept Model



Abreu, D., Parker, T. W., Noether, C. D., Steadman, H. J., & Case, B. (2017). Revising the paradigm for jail diversion for people with mental and substance use disorders: Intercept 0. *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*, 35(5-6), 380-395. <https://doi.org/10.1002/bsl.2300>  
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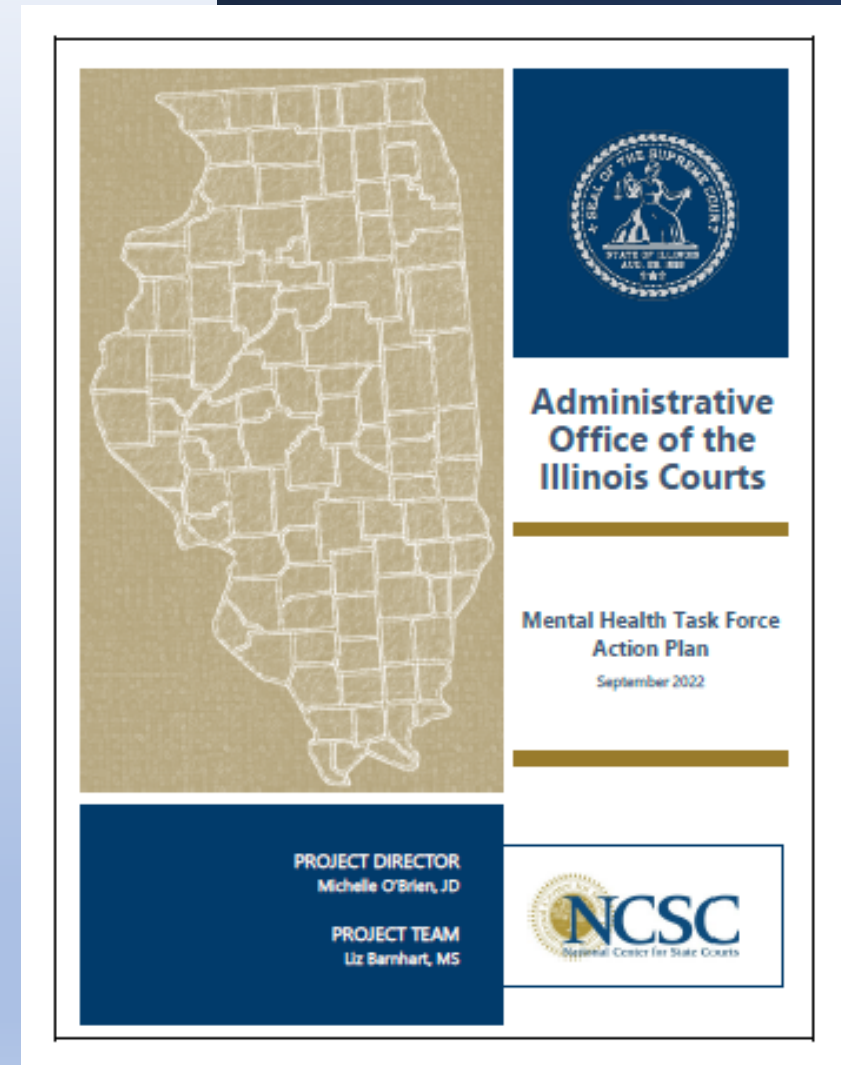
The Illinois Mental Health Task Force Action Plan was approved by the Illinois Supreme Court to serve as a guide for the Illinois Courts, communities, agencies, institutions, and organizations as together, we seek to improve the justice system response to individuals living with mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorders.





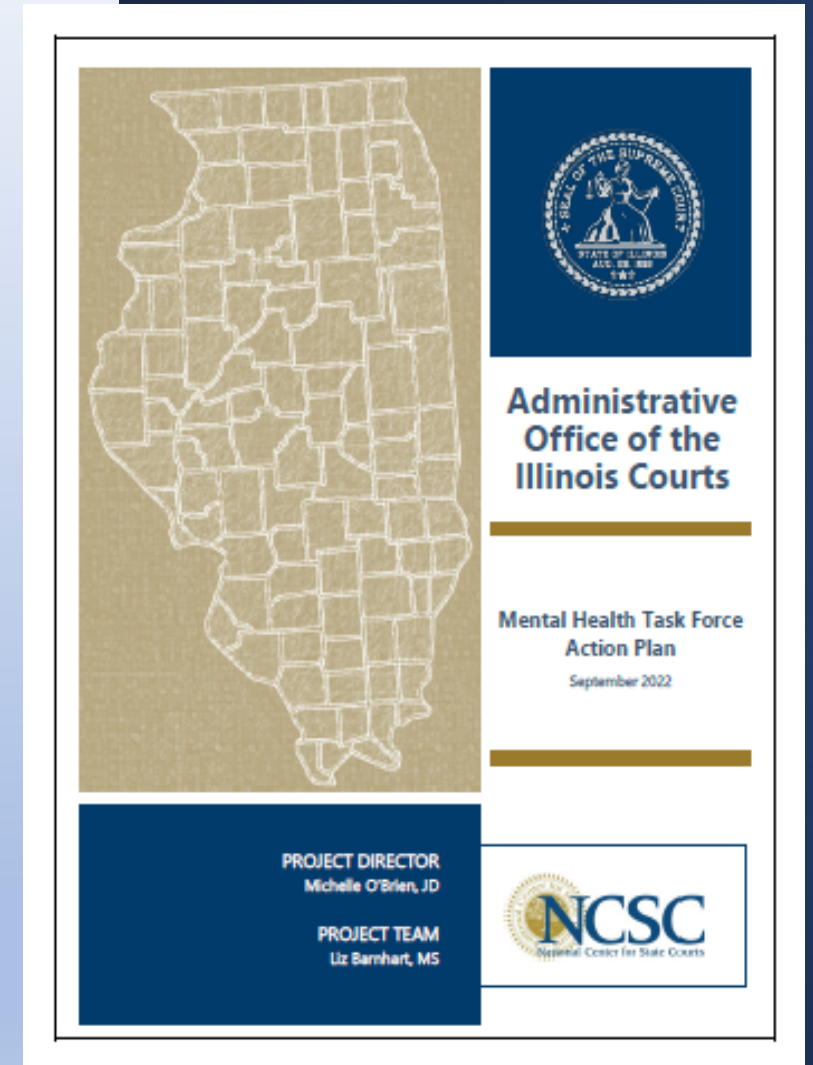
# Action Plan Overview

- Courts as Conveners and Leaders
- Training Opportunities Across Intercepts
- Awareness Across Intercepts
- Intercepts Zero and One – Community Services and Law Enforcement
- Intercept Two – Initial Detention and Court Hearings
- Intercept Three – Jails/Courts
- Intercept Four – Reentry
- Intercept Five – Community Corrections



# Notable Trends/Major Activities

- Courts as Conveners and Leaders
- Early Intercept Deflection
- Pretrial Reform
- Fitness to Stand Trial Reform
- Civil Mental Health Strategies
- Trauma-Informed Courts
- Peers/Lived Experience Workforce
- Equity
- Data



# Resources

[Mental Health Task Force \(illinoiscourts.gov\)](https://illinoiscourts.gov)

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