

Integrated Reentry and Correctional Support Program (IRACS): Mid-Year Executive Summary

Introduction

A comprehensive approach is critical in helping justice-involved individuals thrive upon reentry. Indiana Forensic Services, a subsidiary of Mental Health America of Indiana, has designed an approach to ensure that during the most critical moments of an individual's incarceration, there is a comprehensive strategy and peer support collaboration to help.

The IRACS program is built on three mutually supporting pillars:

- **Sequential Intercept Model** – Interventions and collaboration to strengthen resources, planning and success.
- **Certified Peer Support Professionals** – Trained individuals with lived experience, providing relatable support that can share experience, resources, and hope.
- **Integrated Engagement Pathways** – The IRACS program has a plan to support incarcerated individuals regardless of the outcome(s) of their sentencing.



IRACS Pilot Sites

There are five (5) IRACS pilot sites in the following county jails:

- Dearborn
- Scott
- Daviess
- Delaware
- Blackford

Reentry Priorities:

There are seven (7) priorities for those facing reentry from Indiana jails:

- **Priority 1** – Early Intake Support
- **Priority 2** – Integrated Pretrial & Community Collabora9on
- **Priority 3** – Ongoing 1-on-1 and Group Support in Jail
- **Priority 4** – Comprehensive Jail-based Treatment Support
- **Priority 5** – Reentry, Recovery and Crisis Planning
- **Priority 6** – Transitional Peer Support
- **Priority 7** – Ongoing Peer Support



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Program Outcomes:

During the first six months of the pilot programs, the IRACS teams:

- Supported 3,851 Incarcerated Individuals in Reentry
- Provided 6,189 Intake Surveys
- Provided 23,701 1-on-1 Engagements
- Average Program Success Rate of 30-day Reentry: 75%
- Average Program Recidivism Rate: 13%

An incarcerated individual who does not engage with an IRACS peer before reentry experiences 88% reduction in odds of having a successful discharge

- *compared with a participant who reenters the community with time to engage with an IRACS peer or who continues incarceration after engaging with a peer.*

Program Collaboration Outcomes:

Local providers from Courts, Community and Jail reported:

- Strengthened Communication, Coordination and Collaboration with all providers
- Reduced Critical Incidents in the Jail
- Reduced Stress Level of Incarcerated Individuals
- Reduced Stress Level of Correctional Staff
- Increased Resources, Insurance and Planning
- Increased Recovery Community and Reduced Stigma in Jail

Surveys and Data:

The IRACS participants were provided self-driven CAT-MH™ surveys. Out of the individuals surveyed during the time of this report, 41% present with moderate to severe symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). A little more than 1 out of 3 participants show moderate to severe signs of Mania (38%), Anxiety (34%), Major Depressive (44%), and SUD (47%).

- **Mental Health and Substance-Use Disorder are present and clear challenges to reentry and successfully sustained long-term recovery.**