

# COUNTY INITIATIVES

## Orange County Local Reentry Council

The CJRD received a grant from the NC Department of Public Safety in June 2018 to administer the Coordinated Local Reentry Council. A coordinator and case manager provide oversight and direct support to individuals returning to Orange County from prior incarceration.

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## Medication Assisted Treatment Program at the Detention Center

In this new pilot program, which is a collaboration between the OCSO, the FIT Program, the Health Department and the CJRD, MAT is being provided for individuals with Opioid Use Disorders at the Detention Center.

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## Foundations for Hope, Peer Recovery Program

The CJRD, Josh's Hope Foundation, and the Orange County Sheriff's Office have worked together to develop a Peer Recovery Program for incarcerated individuals with a history of addiction.

The program consists of a biweekly recovery group facilitated by a certified Peer Support Specialist, as well as case management and vocational support for those transitioning back to the community.

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## Coordinated Opioid Overdose Reduction Effort (COORE)

The purpose of COORE, which was spearheaded by the Orange County Sheriff's Office, is to address the opioid epidemic by offering treatment referral and support for people struggling with opioid addiction.

Additionally, amnesty is provided to individuals who choose to seek help through COORE, or who want to dispose of drugs and paraphernalia. COORE is a collaboration between the Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Services, Freedom House Recovery Center, and the CJRD.

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## REIMAGINING JUSTICE



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## SOME OF OUR PARTNERS INCLUDE:



*The Criminal Justice Resource Department seeks to increase jail alternatives and diversion opportunities while providing treatment and support for individuals involved in Orange County's criminal justice system.*



# CJRD PROGRAMS

The CJRD directly oversees and administers the County's Pretrial Release Program, the Criminal Case Assessment Specialist, the Youth Mental Health Liaison, Pre-Arrest Diversion programming, two Drug Treatment Courts, the Local Reentry Council and a Restoration Legal Counsel.



## Pretrial Release

The Pretrial Release Program can minimize unnecessary detention by supervising individuals who are likely to appear for future court dates and do not pose a risk to the community as they await trial.

This results in reduced jail costs for the County and more efficient use of the limited space within its detention facility. In addition, individuals who are released from custody are able to maintain employment, access treatment, maintain stable housing, aid in their own defense, assert their innocence, and mitigate the severity of any active prison term that may be imposed at sentencing.

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## Adult Behavioral Health

The Criminal Case Assessment Specialist works directly with individuals incarcerated in the Orange County Detention Center who have mental health and substance use concerns. A primary goal of this position is to increase opportunities for pretrial release and connection to community resources.

Services include completion of clinical assessments, referral to treatment, brief counseling, and crisis management. This position also works in collaboration with Orange County therapeutic courts and diversion programs to provide additional clinical support and care coordination.

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## Recovery/Treatment Courts

The CJRD administers two distinct, therapeutic programs for court-involved adults who have substance use disorders.

Recovery Court is a diversionary court for individuals who are facing significant terms of incarceration. Participants are referred to the program by judges, defense attorneys, and probation officers. Successful participants will avoid incarceration and reduce their likelihood of recidivism.

Family Treatment Court is a collaborative effort between the court system and the Department of Social Services (DSS). It is for parents who have a case pending with DSS regarding abuse, neglect, or dependency. Successful participants enhance their parenting skills and improve the chances of having their parental rights restored.

The core components of both programs are formalized substance use treatment, random drug testing, frequent court appearances, peer support and monitoring by a multidisciplinary team.

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## Restoration Legal Counsel

The Legal Restoration Counsel works in collaboration with court and community stakeholders to provide restorative legal services to low-income justice-involved individuals. This legal assistance to qualified individuals includes driver's license restoration work, expunctions, criminal justice debt relief and certificates of relief.

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## Youth Mental Health

The Youth Mental Health Liaison provides clinical services to youth ages 18 and under who are incarcerated, in detention or at high risk in the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

Services include completion of forensic psychological exams, clinical assessments, referrals to treatment, crisis management, counseling and coordination with families and other systems of care to develop an appropriate treatment plan to support youth in returning to or remaining in the community.

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## Diversion

The Misdemeanor Diversion Program diverts first-time arrests or citations of youth aged 16 or 17 for eligible misdemeanor charges from the adult criminal justice system. Eligibility requirements include: being 16 or 17 years old at time of offense; no prior adult record; misdemeanor offenses only (excluding sex, firearm and traffic offenses); law enforcement retains discretion.

The Pre-Arrest Diversion Program (OC PAD) provides law enforcement the option to divert individuals 18 and older with no criminal record on certain misdemeanor offenses. The goal is to increase community safety and well-being by offering earlier and direct access to necessary interventions.

Successful participants in both programs earn the benefit of not having a charge or a criminal record, which have collateral consequences for employment, housing, legal residency status, and eligibility for public benefits and licensing.

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