

CJRD Programs and Initiatives Staff Directory



Behavioral Health Assessments & Services

Adult Behavioral Health Clinical Coordination

The Clinical Coordinator provides clinical supervision to the CJRD clinicians and case managers supporting justice-impacted individuals in CJRD programs. The Coordinator also oversees behavioral health programing.

Submit a Clinical Coordinator referral: www.orangecountync.gov/CCR



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Clinical Coordinator

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Ally Waters, MPP, LCSW-A, LCAS-A

Clinical Specialist

Part-time position coordinating UNC psychiatry referrals at the Detention Center.

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Youth Behavioral Health

The Youth Behavioral 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 legal systems.



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Youth Behavioral Health Liaison

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Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Program at the Detention Center

A collaboration to continue and initiate MOUD to individuals with Opioid Use Disorders at the Detention Center. Contact Allison Zirkel at 919.748.2196.

Pretrial Services

Pretrial Services operates to safely minimize unnecessary detention by providing information to court stakeholders and by supervising individuals who are likely to appear for future court dates and do not pose a serious risk to the community. This allows individuals to remain in the community with supports while they await trial or disposition.



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Pretrial Services Director

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Financial Assistance

Transportation

The Bail Bond Justice Project provides funds to assist with court transportation for eligible individuals. Contact Erin McGovern at 919.245.2310.

Orange County Court Debt Program

The Debt Program assists in relieving court related debt for eligible residents. Contact CHPD Crisis Unit for more information at 919.968.2806.

Cross-Program Staff



Danielle Carman, Esq.

CJRD Director

Oversees all CJRD programs and initiatives.

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Erin McGovern, MSW

Office Manager

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Beth Winston

Community Justice Specialist

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Adult Recovery Court & Family Treatment Court

Therapeutic programs for court-involved adults who have substance use disorders. Recovery Court works to divert individuals who are facing a significant term of incarceration. Family Treatment Court is a collaboration to assist parents/guardians who have a case pending with DSS regarding abuse, neglect, or dependency, with a goal of reuniting families.



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Deflection & Diversion Programs

The Orange County Pre-Arrest Diversion Program (OC-PAD) provides law enforcement the option to divert individuals 18 and older who have no criminal record away from the criminal legal system for certain misdemeanor and low-level felony offenses. The Coordinator helps create person-centered plans.



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The Youth Deflection Program (YDP) diverts youth aged 17 and under for eligible charges from the juvenile justice system. YDP eligibility requirements include having no pending juvenile record, a misdemeanor or low-level non-violent felony offense, or a youth at present risk for such an offense.



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The Lantern Project is a Deflection, Diversion, and Reentry program that supports people with histories of substance use who are justice impacted by connecting them to therapeutic supports including assessment, treatment, peer support, and harm reduction materials.



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Mental Health Diversion Collaboration

A collaboration between CJRD, Law Enforcement and Social Workers, and Freedom House Recovery Center (the Community Care and Diversion Response—CCDR—team) designed to reduce the number of individuals with serious mental illness entering the criminal legal system by diverting them to appropriate community behavioral health providers and support services.



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Submit Deflection & Diversion Referrals

For court stakeholders: www.orangecountync.gov/DRF-CS
For law enforcement: www.orangecountync.gov/DRF-LE

Restoration & Reentry Services

Restoration Legal Counsel

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



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Orange County Local Reentry Council (LRC)

A coordinator and case manager provide administration of the LRC and direct support to individuals returning to Orange County from prior incarceration.

Submit an LRC referral: www.orangecountync.gov/LRCR



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Community-Based Outreach

Street Outreach, Harm Reduction and Deflection (SOHRAD)

A program that connects people experiencing homelessness in Orange County with housing and services. Peer support and clinical staff provide ongoing engagement and case management for people living unsheltered.



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Orange County Youth Build (OCYB)

An initiative that offers interventions for high-risk youth, ages 13-18, aimed at reducing the likelihood of criminal behavior, violence, school suspensions, and further justice system engagement. The OCYB Coordinator provides personalized case management, mentoring, counseling, and opportunities for leadership training to the youth while working closely with the family/guardian.



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