Co-Response and Restorative Justice









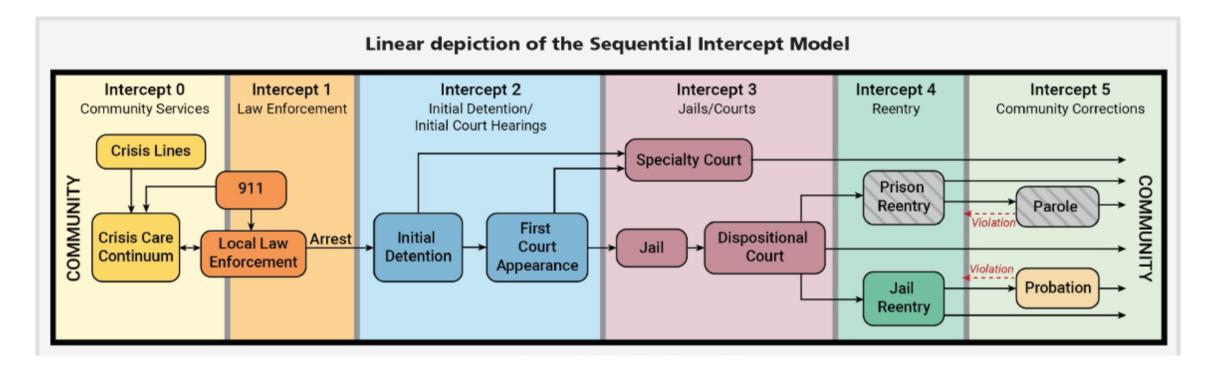
Introductions

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SAMSHA SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MAPPING



Diversion and Deflection Efforts

What is Co-Response?

The Co-Responder model incorporates law enforcement and behavioral health specialists responding together to calls for service that may involve mental health, substance use, death of a loved one, or some type of crisis. With their combined expertise, this team can link people to appropriate responses and services that may otherwise have been resulted in an arrest or other outcomes such as emergency room visits.

Boulder County Co-Response Programs vary by municipality:						
Boulder County Community Services serves:	Other local programs:					
Boulder County Sheriff's Office (Unincorporated Boulder County)	Longmont – CORE & LEAD					
Superior and Lyons (BCSO)	City of Boulder – CIRT					
Lafayette, Erie, Nederland, & Ward	Louisville PD and CU PD					

Local Co-Response Programs

Boulder County Community Services Co-Responder Program

Benefits of Co-Response

- \checkmark Decrease in expensive and harmful arrests and jail admissions
- \checkmark Improved service-matching to effective treatment
- \checkmark Increased de-escalation training and de-escalation support on scene
- ✓ Decreased stigma experienced by individuals interacting with law enforcement
- \checkmark Ongoing case management, as needed

Funding

- Office of Behavioral Health 5-year grant
- Working on county-wide sustainability



Quarter 3 Highlights

151 behavioral health-related calls

37% of calls required **de-escalation services** from the co-responder

148 active, co-responder calls

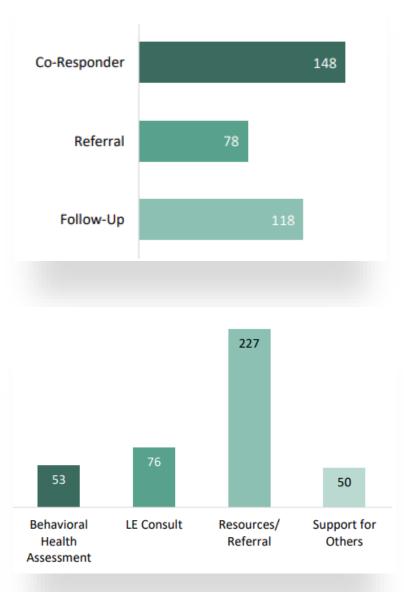
43% of contacts were in Unincorporated Boulder County

15% of callers received a behavioral health assessment

16% of callers were formally enrolled in behavioral health services

40% of calls were primarily mental health related

Number of Calls by Contact Type



Program Outcomes

Co-Responders often offer multiple services to individuals and families in need during a single call. Below outlines the services delivered according to their primary, secondary, and tertiary needed supports (primary being the top needed support).



BOULDER COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES CO-RESPONSE SERVICE CALL TRENDS

	JAN	FEB		MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	Trend	~			
Boulder	21		26	39	43	32	41	49	58	\sim			Lyons	
Erie	10)	9	16	10	7	21	21	30	\sim	5		11	
Lafayette	10)	15	13	28	29	32	26	33	3		Ward 1		
Lyons	2	2	2	1	C) 3	4	3	3 4	\sim	5	-	Unincorporated Boulder County	
Nederland	2	2	1	2	4	1	4	2	2 4	\sim	5	Nederland	148	La
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43% of calls occurred in Unincorporated Boulder County

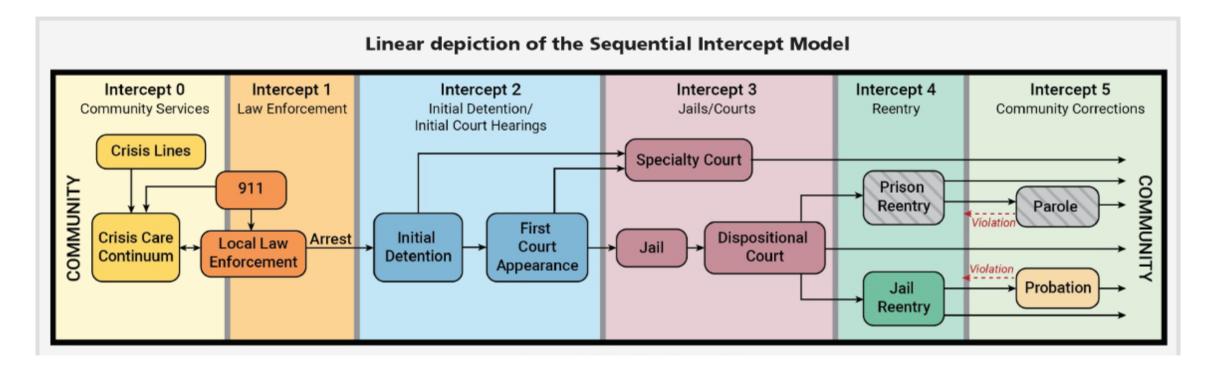


37% of calls (127 individuals) **required deescalation services and interventions** to assist community members in crisis.

Erie **72**

Lafayette 91

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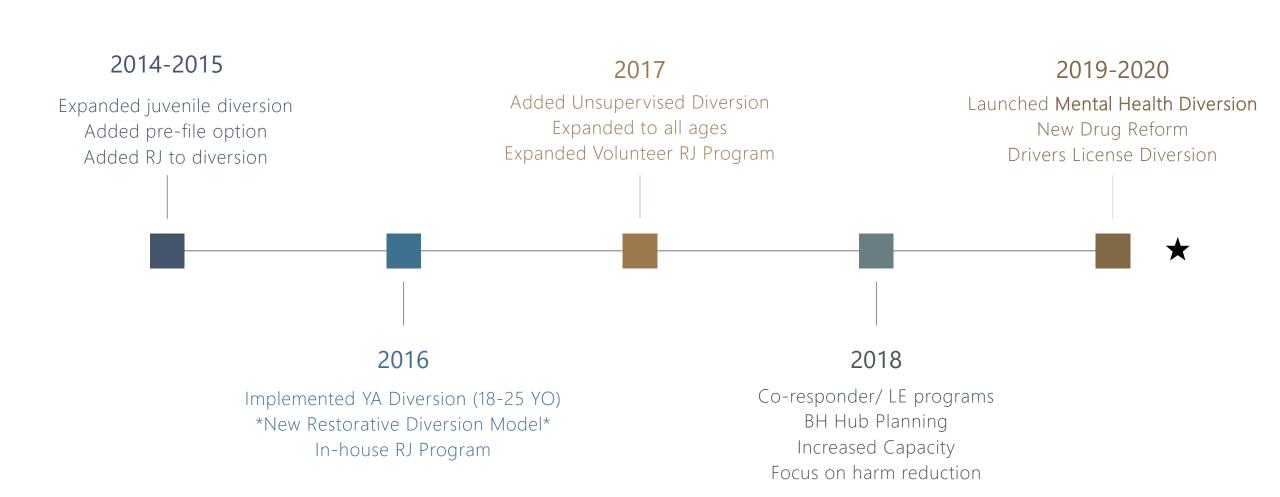
Diversion and Deflection Efforts



DA'S OFFICE DIVERSION: A PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM Diversion is a pre-conviction alternative to traditional prosecution that reduces the damaging collateral consequences of a criminal conviction while holding participants **ACCOUNTABLE** for the offense and supporting them to **REPAIR HARM** to victims and others affected. **CRIMINOGENIC RISK** and **UNDERLYING NEEDS** are addressed with COMMUNITY SERVICES and INTERVENTIONS to drive down risk of re-offense.



DIVERSION EXPANSION





DIVERSION GOALS

& Program Principles

Trauma-Informed

Restorative & Victim Centered

Individualized

Equitable, Accessible, & Culturally Responsive



RESTORATIVE DIVERSION MODELS



to victim, family, community.

EFFECTIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS

ASSESS FOR RISK, NEED, & RESPONSIVITY

- 1. History of Antisocial Behavior
- 2. Antisocial Attitudes / Cognitions (e.g., rationalization)
- 3. Antisocial Personality Pattern (e.g., impulsivity, aggression)
- 4. Antisocial Peers
- 5. Family / Marital
- 6. School / Work
- 7. Leisure / Recreation (connection to non-criminal pursuits)
- 8. Substance Abuse

+ TARGET INTERVENTIONS

+ HARM REDUCTION STRATEGIES

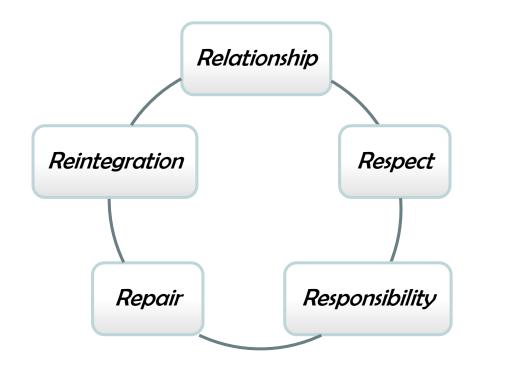
+ REINFORCE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR

+ ENHANCE / SUPPORT MOTIVATION TO CHANGE

+ ENGAGE ONGOING COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

WHAT IS RESTORATIVE JUSTICE?

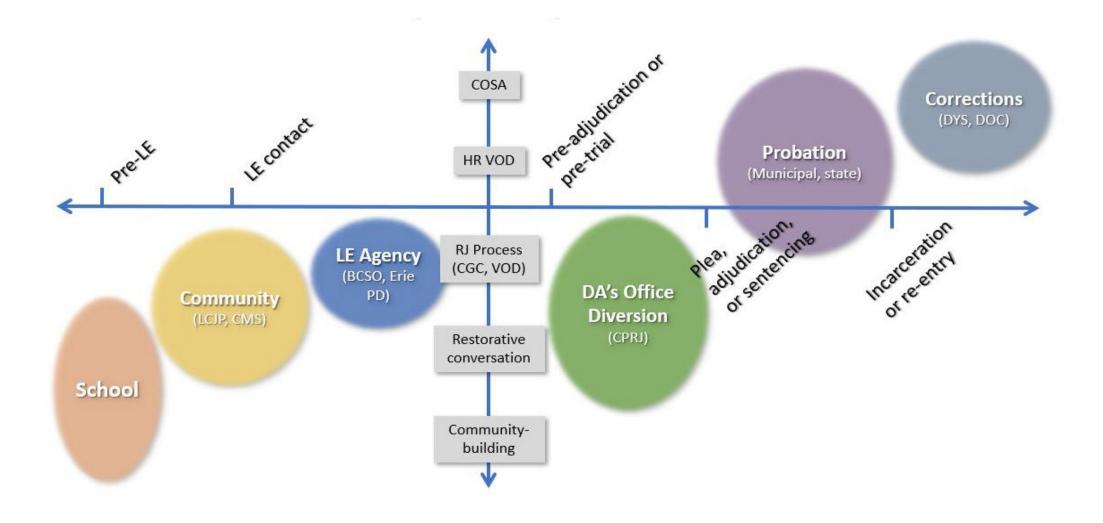


- Offender must be accepting **RESPONSIBILITY**
- Focus is on who was harmed, how they were harmed and what their needs are, and what can be done to repair harm from the offense (victim-centered)
- Must be VOLUNTARY for all parties

A **restorative justice process** brings together the people involved in the incident – the offender(s), victim(s), support people, and other community members, to decide what needs to happen to make things as right as possible after a crime has been committed.

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RESTORATIVE PRACTICES IN BOULDER COUNTY

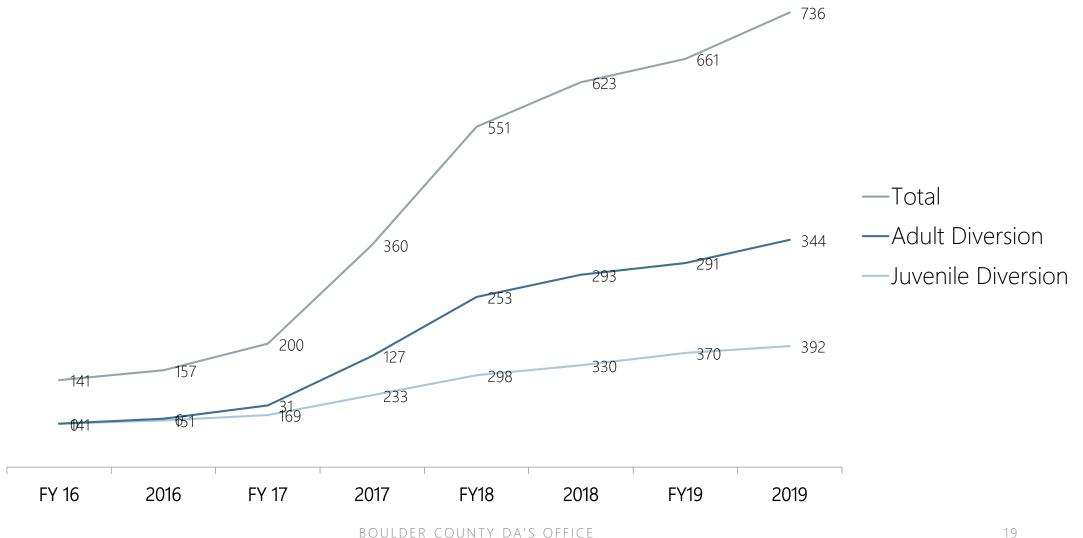


HOW WE USE RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

- Supported meaningful accountability
- Victim choice, input into repair of harm, and ability to ask questions
- Reintegration
- Humanization
- Accessibility



DIVERSION GROWTH



RESTORATIVE DIVERSION OUTCOMES

8% recidivism

94-97% successful completion rate

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PROCEDURAL JUSTICE	INCREASED SENSE OF SAFETY
sense of fairness	following RJ and with

increases successful completion rates

DECREASED RISK

and increase of

protective factors

reduced re-offense

SATISFACTION

99% of victims and community members, and 95% of offenders

ability to ask

questions, victims

report decreased

sense of anger and fear

VICTIM CENTERED

offers voice, choice, empowerment, input voluntary participation

ACCOUNTABILITY

and empathy skills and understanding increase



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

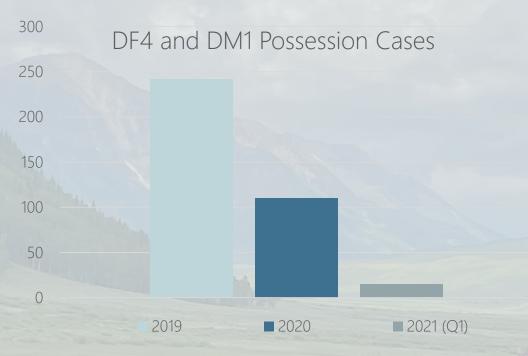
offender is more connected to community and community is connected to DA's Office



SYSTEM SAVINGS

with more effective outcome for wider span of cases

BOULDER COUNTY DA'S OFFICE



DRUG POSSESSION CASES (no other charges involved)



BOULDER COUNTY DA'S OFFICE

QUESTIONS?

Boulder County Community Services Co-Response Program

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