



## SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MAPPING (SIM)

### WHAT IS THE SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL?

Within the criminal justice system there are points at which persons can be “intercepted” and diverted to the mental health treatment system.

Sequential Intercept Mapping is a day and a half exercise during which the resources a community has at each intercept point are identified, as are gaps in services. The gaps are prioritized and then a preliminary action plan to address the priorities begins.

### WHY IS THE SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL NEEDED?

SIM brings the people needed to initiate community change together in a systematic, structured way; it helps foster collaboration amongst these key stakeholders and provides clear direction on how to approach what otherwise may feel overwhelming. SIM can take the goals of Stepping Up and provide a road map on how they can be achieved.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

- **Training 911 dispatchers and emergency responders** to recognize and respond safely and effectively.
- **Creating partnerships** between first responders and mental health crisis services so that law enforcement can link people in need to treatment.

#### INITIAL DETENTION AND INITIAL COURT HEARINGS

- **Screening for mental illness, substance use disorders and trauma history** to identify those eligible for diversion.
- **Linkage to comprehensive services** and assisting defendants in complying with conditions of pre-trial release.

#### JAILS AND COURTS

- **Maximizing potential for diversion** in specialty court dockets.
- **Monitoring progress** with scheduled court appearances and information sharing between courts and service providers.
- **Providing services consistent with community and public health standards** in jails.

#### RE-ENTRY

- **Assessing needs and risks and coordinating care** with community behavioral health and supervision agencies.
- **Planning for treatment and support** that addresses needs.

#### COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- **Assuring that community corrections and community mental health and addiction professionals work together.**
- **Connecting individuals** to employment and supportive health services and housing.
- **Ensuring that treatment addresses mental health, addiction and criminogenic risks and needs.**

In Ohio, Sequential Intercept Mapping is provided by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence. For additional information, visit [www.neomed.edu/cjccoe/](http://www.neomed.edu/cjccoe/) or call 330-325-6670.