



EL DORADO COUNTY STEPPING UP INNOVATOR PRESENTATION



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THE START OF STEPPING UP IN EL DORADO COUNTY

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- In 2016, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors signed a resolution to reduce the prevalence of people in jail with mental health needs. This effort has grown to over 500 counties nationwide.



WHAT DOES STEPPING UP IN EL DORADO COUNTY MEAN?

El Dorado county is working collaboratively to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses and co-occurring disorders in jails.

El Dorado County signed a resolution to work collaboratively to:

- Convene multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails;
- Collect and review prevalence numbers and assess individuals' needs
- Examine treatment and service capacity for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders,
- Regularly review data, system alignment, and research on progress in meeting shared goals

Behavioral Health

District Attorney

Probation

Public Defender

Sheriff's Department

City Partners

County Social Service Partners

MISSION AND VISION

Mission: The Stepping Up Partnership offers resources, leadership, and strategic directions to improve access to services, promote recovery, and reduce justice involvement of the mentally ill in El Dorado County.

Vision: Individuals with behavioral health concerns are met by the justice system with dignity and compassion, linked to advocacy and supports, and provided timely and effective treatment.

Values:

- Advocacy on behalf of the people of El Dorado County.
- Commitment to create positive change within our justice system.
- Compassion for the lives of people affected by mental health challenges.
- Resolve to act, learn, and grow in response to the needs expressed by the community.

EL DORADO COUNTY JOINS AN EXCLUSIVE LIST OF 50 INNOVATOR COUNTIES ACROSS THE NATION

El Dorado County has demonstrated the capacity to a nationwide review panel of the National Association of Counties (NACo) and Council of State Government (CSG) to:

- accurately identify people in their jails who have mental illnesses and substance use disorders,
- collect and share data on these individuals to better connect them to treatment and services,
- and use that data to inform local policies and practices.



**The Council
of State
Governments**





WHERE DID WE START? BASELINES (2019)



Number (% of total) of Jail Bookings screening positive for Mental Health needs in 2019

1,504 (29%) admissions



Average Length of Stay in Jail for People screening positive for MH needs in 2019

16 days



3-year Jail Re-booking amounts for people screening positive for MH needs(2017 release cohort)

7 bookings

*This is defined as a positive screening using the “Brief Jail Mental Health Screen”

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- **Expanding Mobile Crisis response**
- Mobile Crisis response in El Dorado County is a partnership between a team of clinicians who team with County and City Law enforcement to people in the community to avoid escalation, hospitalization and arrest.
- Client Served: xxx Calls for Service in 2022

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

- **xxx**
- Program Description
- Client Served: xxx Calls for Service in 2022

PROBATION

- **xxx**
- Program Description
- Client Served: xxx in 2022

PUBLIC DEFENDER

- **XXX**
- Program Description
- Client Served: xxx xxx in 2022

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

- **xxx**
- Program or practice description
- Client Served: xxx in 2022

NEXT STEPS (SPRING 2023)

1. Complete new 3-year plan for Stepping Up and Program Inventory

2. Present population analysis of those with mental health needs in El Dorado

3. Implement Sustainability Tools for interagency planning