



EDCXchange Project Brief

Overview

El Dorado County is developing an innovative approach to better connect justice involved individuals as they transition into the community. El Dorado county has invested heavily in aligning resources, programs, and technology to meet its vision around reducing the involvement of people with behavioral health needs in the justice system. Through a Strategic Plan([link](#)), system mapping ([link](#)), and data dashboard plan([link](#)), El Dorado County is poised to deepen this commitment. Through a collaborative effort across agencies and community organizations serving adults and youth, this effort will inform process changes, resource needs, and provide a technology plan to enable data exchange among agency partners early in the justice process. Long term, the vision for this project is to form the basis for a county social health exchange for justice involved people, enable client centered sharing of information to refer and connect people to resources, and align with statewide funding opportunities under [CalAIM](#).

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.

What is going to be achieved?

The initial phase of the *EDCXchange* will focus on mapping current processes, aligning policies and procedures, and developing a plan for how technology will assist in meeting defined gaps in delivering the most connected and expedient services. This will also include an analysis of the current systems impacts, recommendations for process improvement, and analysis of cross-agency budget impacts that enhanced referrals and caseloads may bring.

- **Aligning assessments, services, and referrals for people pending trial and possibly eligible for diversion.** This will create a more seamless transition of people's cases early in the court process to options that connect people to treatment, but also ensure public safety. El Dorado County has multiple years of experience in providing monitoring and probation supervision to people pending trial, as well as multiple years of providing treatment-based diversion programs. Aligning these two will improve outcomes and safe release options.
- **Enhance connectivity for youth in the justice system.** By aligning behavioral health services at both re-entry to the community, as well as in the community, youth will have the best chance to receive the help they need for healthy lives. New county program responsibilities for youth being served at local institutions through the "SecureTrack" program need continuity of care to safely transition to the community. Youth in probation foster care need consistent and long-term behavioral health care, as well as options for keeping youth close to home.

Funding and Timeline

The initial phase is funded by a 1 year grant from the Department of Health Care Services under the Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Services program. **For project questions, please contact project consultant:** Kevin@Oconnellresearch.com or **county project manager** gary.romanko@edcgov.us.