



Overview

Bexar County Jail Diversion

Story

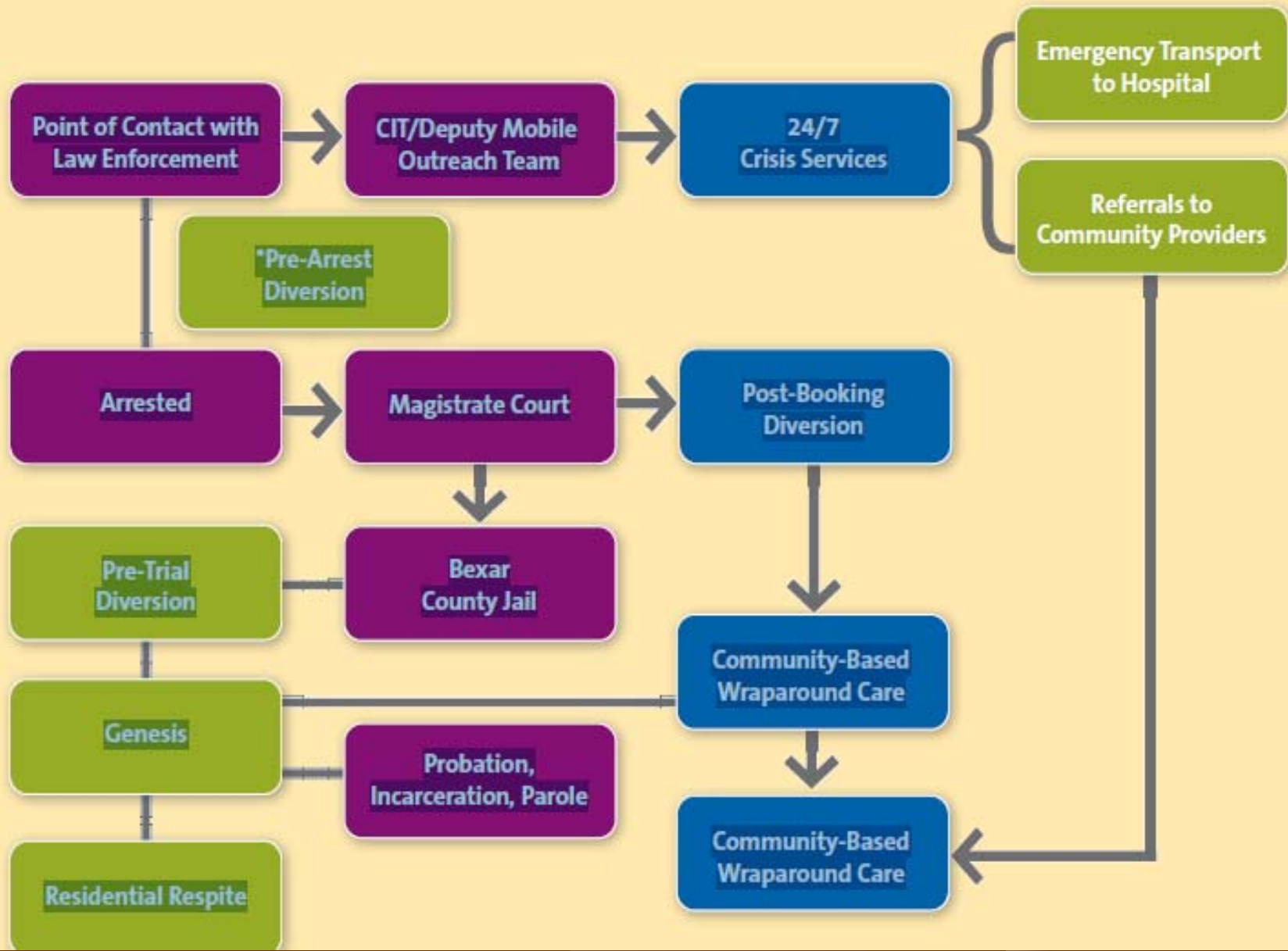
**A Comprehensive Approach to
Mental Health, Serial Inebriation,
Homelessness and Substance
Abuse**

Overview of Program

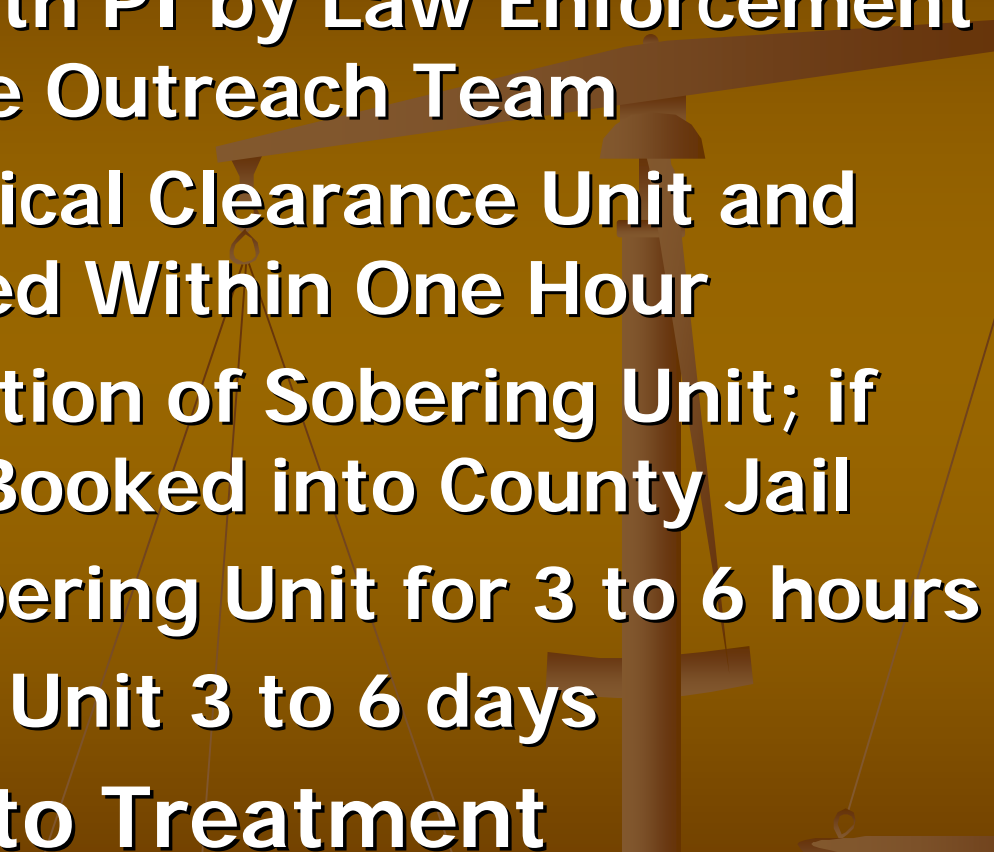


- **Comprehensive Program that Addresses Individuals Impacted by Mental Illness, Substance Abuse and Homelessness**
- **Detoxification Program Initiated in 2008**
- **The Program Served 519 Homeless People During the First Year of Operation**

The Diversion Process

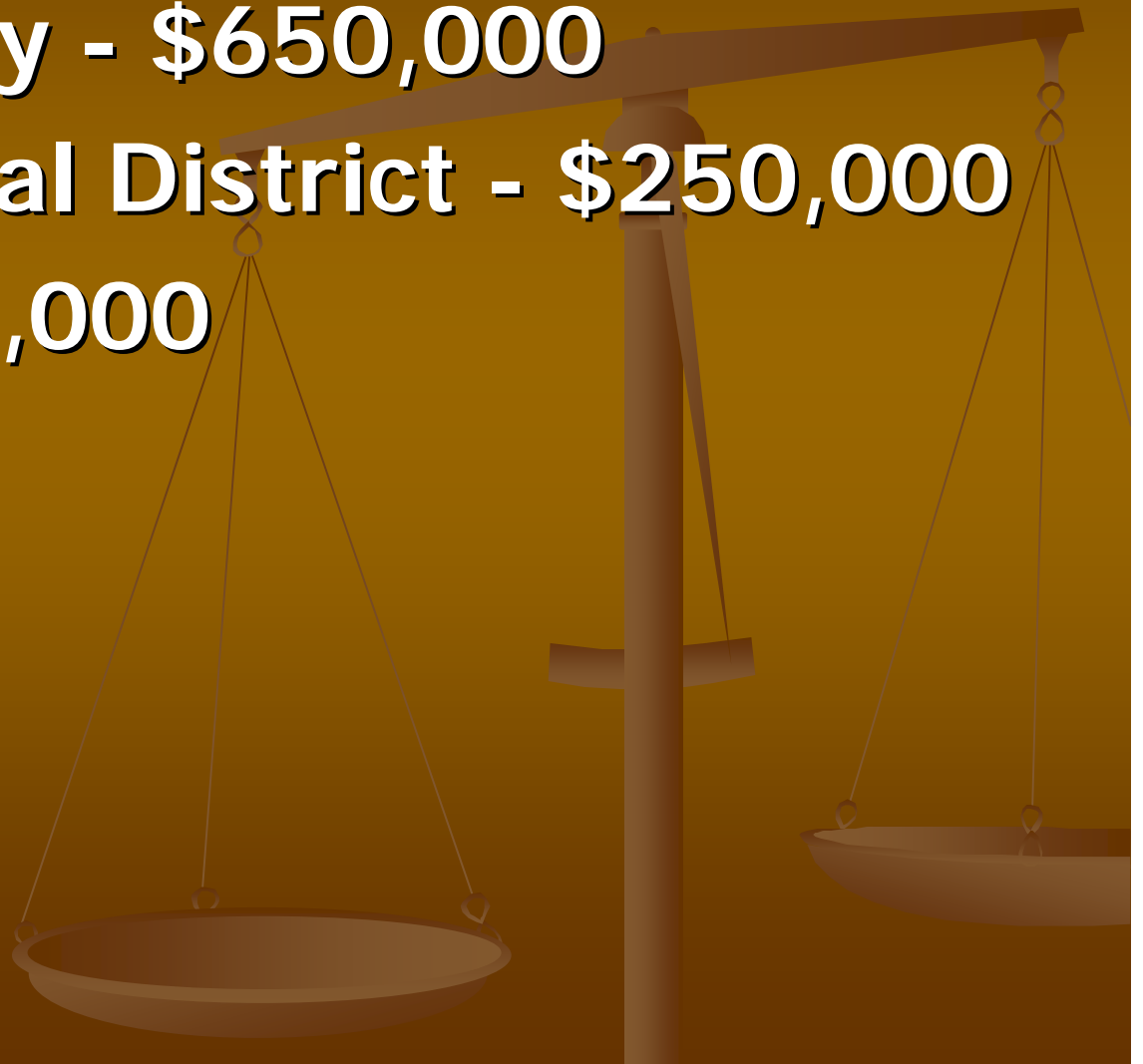


Serial Inebriate Program Process

- Field Contact with PI by Law Enforcement Officer or Mobile Outreach Team
 - PI taken to Medical Clearance Unit and Generally Cleared Within One Hour
 - PI is Offered Option of Sobering Unit; if Rejected, then Booked into County Jail
 - PI Placed in Sobering Unit for 3 to 6 hours
 - Reside in Detox Unit 3 to 6 days
 - PI's Referred to Treatment
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Overall Program Funding

- Bexar County - \$650,000
- Local Hospital District - \$250,000
- State - \$400,000



Residential Services

- Haven for Hope, a non-profit, is Building a 22 Acre Residential Campus for Homeless and PI Individuals
- Funding
 - \$100,000,000 Private Donation
 - Additional Funding from City, County and State

Documented and Immediate Cost Avoidance

April 16, 2008 – March 31, 2009

**Cost Savings for Public Inebriates Diverted
from Detention Facility**

City of San Antonio \$435,435	Bexar County \$1,983,574	Total Cost Avoidance \$2,419,009
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Key Successful Strategies



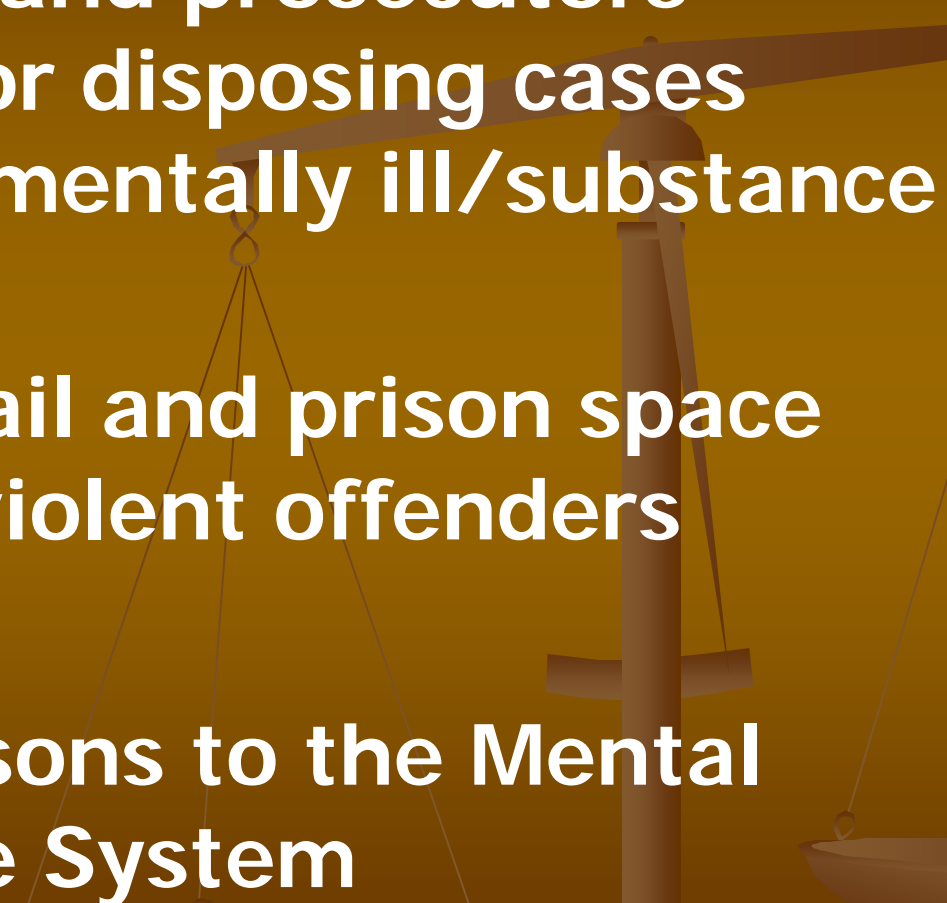
- Crisis Intervention Team & Deputy Mobile Outreach Team
- Client Tracking System – Measure Outcomes
- Consistent and Persistent Training Across the Entire Criminal Justice and Related Systems
- Expansion of Residential Care

General Outcomes



- Reduced Victimization and Increased Support for Homeless Population
- Reduced Inappropriate Incarceration of Persons with Mental Illness and/or Substance Abuse
- Reduced Inappropriate Use of Law Enforcement, Emergency Rooms, Hospitals and Emergency Response
- Increased Efficiency and Effectiveness in the Use of Public Funds

Direct Benefits of Jail Diversion

- Offers judges and prosecutors alternatives for disposing cases involving the mentally ill/substance abusers
 - Makes more jail and prison space available for violent offenders
 - Reduce costs
 - Redirects Persons to the Mental Health Service System
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Collaborative Approach of Community Partners

- City, State and County Government
- County Hospital District
- University, Local and Private Hospitals
- Criminal and Civil Courts, including Probation Departments
- Advocacy – NAMI
- Consumers
- San Antonio State Hospital
- Mental Health Partners
- Adult Protective Services
- Child Protective Services
- Military Entities
- EMS System



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