Pathways to Justice®

A Comprehensive Training Program on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) for

Criminal Justice Professionals

Agenda

EVALUATION 9:00am – 9:10am

SESSION ONE 9:10am – 10:00am

Module 1: Introduction to Pathways to Justice Training and Disability Response Teams

SESSION TWO 10:00am – 11:15am
(include a 15 min break at 10:30 am)

Module 2: Disability Culture, Unique Challenges in the Criminal Justice System and the ADA

Disability culture, challenges and the ADA (45 min)
Pathways to Justice Model Intro (15 min)

SESSION THREE 11:15am – 12:15pm

Module 3: Identifying Disabilities & Using Effective Communication

Identifying Disabilities (30 min) – 15 min talking, 15 min exercises
Communication Skills (provide Tip Cards) (30 min) –15 min talking, 15 min exercise

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LUNCH 12:15pm - 1:30pm

SESSION FOUR 1:30pm – 3:00pm

Modules 4 -6: Profession-Specific Break Out Sessions

Module 4: Law enforcement
Module 5: Victim Advocates
Module 6: Legal Professionals

SESSION FIVE 3:00pm – 4:50pm

Module Seven: Putting Knowledge into Practice and Creating a Plan

Group exercises/hypotheticals (30 min)
Develop Pathways to Justice action plan (30 min)

EVALUATION 4:50pm – 5:00pm

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Module 1: Introduction to Disability Response Teams (DRTs) and the Pathways to Justice Training Program

(9:00am – 10:00am)

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DRT Exercise

- Sit with your assigned mini-DRT
- Take out case study packet
- Take **10 minutes** to use the opening session handout and go through the case study with your mini-DRT

Don't worry, you'll get a second chance with the case study at the end of the day!

Introduction to NCCJD

NCCJD's Goal: Build the capacity of the criminal justice system to respond to gaps in existing services for people with disabilities, focusing on people with I/DD.

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Why Pathways to Justice?

- Flexibility
- Disability Response Teams (DRTs)
- Criminal justice and disability: A critical issue for professionals

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Stories from the System: James

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- Sometimes, people with I/DD are unable to protect their own rights

- **Victims/Witnesses:**
  - Not considered credible witnesses
  - Targeted for victimization
  - Difficulties reporting
  - Confuse actions for friendship
  - Lack of services to get help

- **Suspects/Offenders**
  - Account for mental state (competency)
  - "Cloak of competence"
  - Eager to please
  - High risk for false confessions
  - Confused about who is responsible

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Why This Matters to Professionals

- High risk population
- Single largest minority group
- Effective response = avoid lawsuits + improve public perception of your profession

EVERYONE deserves an equal opportunity for justice.

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Core Components

- Increasing awareness, debunking myths
- Identifying disabilities
- Providing supports/accommodations
- Knowing/using vital resources
- Sustaining training efforts

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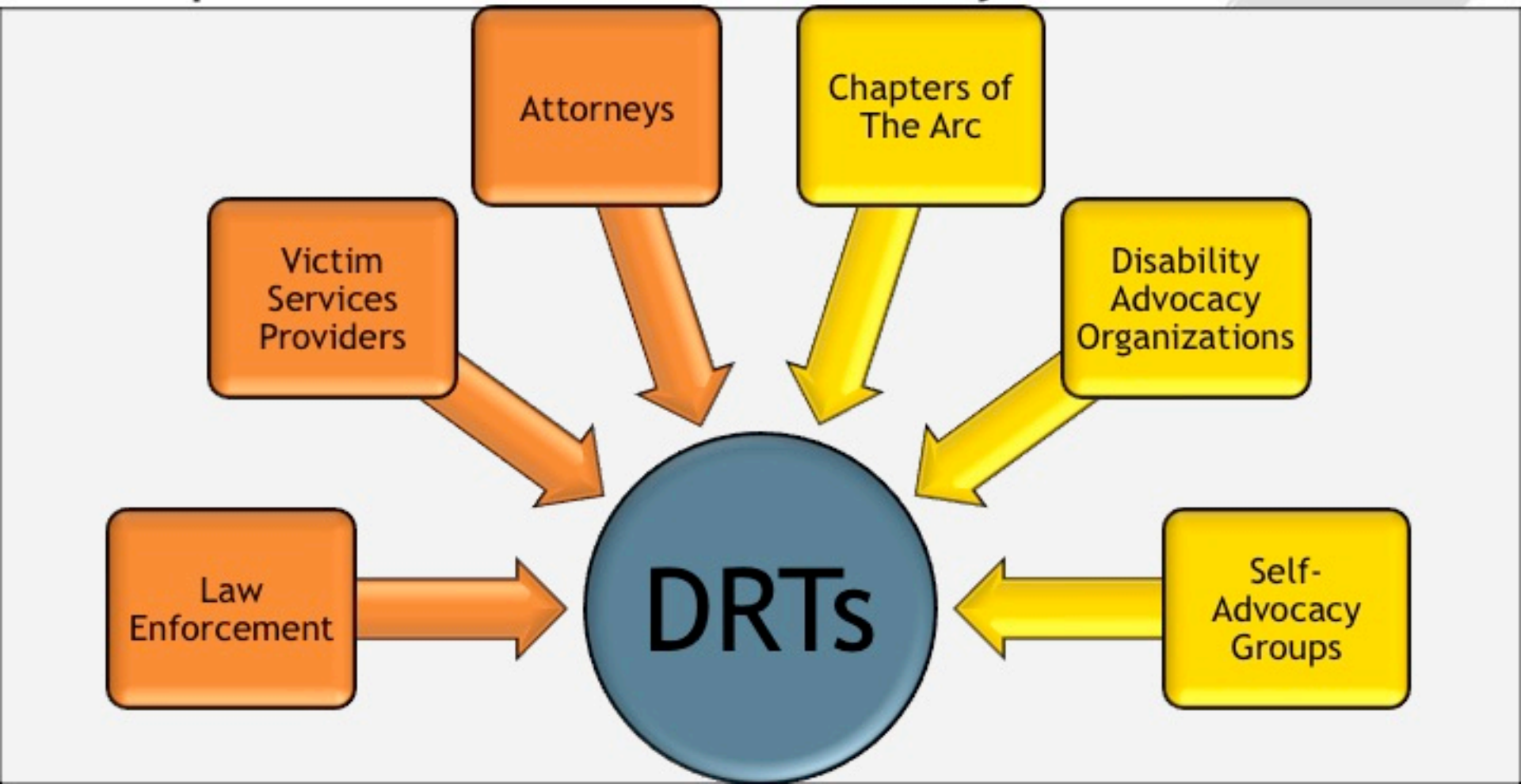
Disability Response Teams (DRTs)

Multidisciplinary teams of criminal justice professionals and disability advocates



DRTs

National Level (NCCJD)

State Level
(State Chapters)

Local Level (Local Chapters)

Disability Response Team

Other
Professionals

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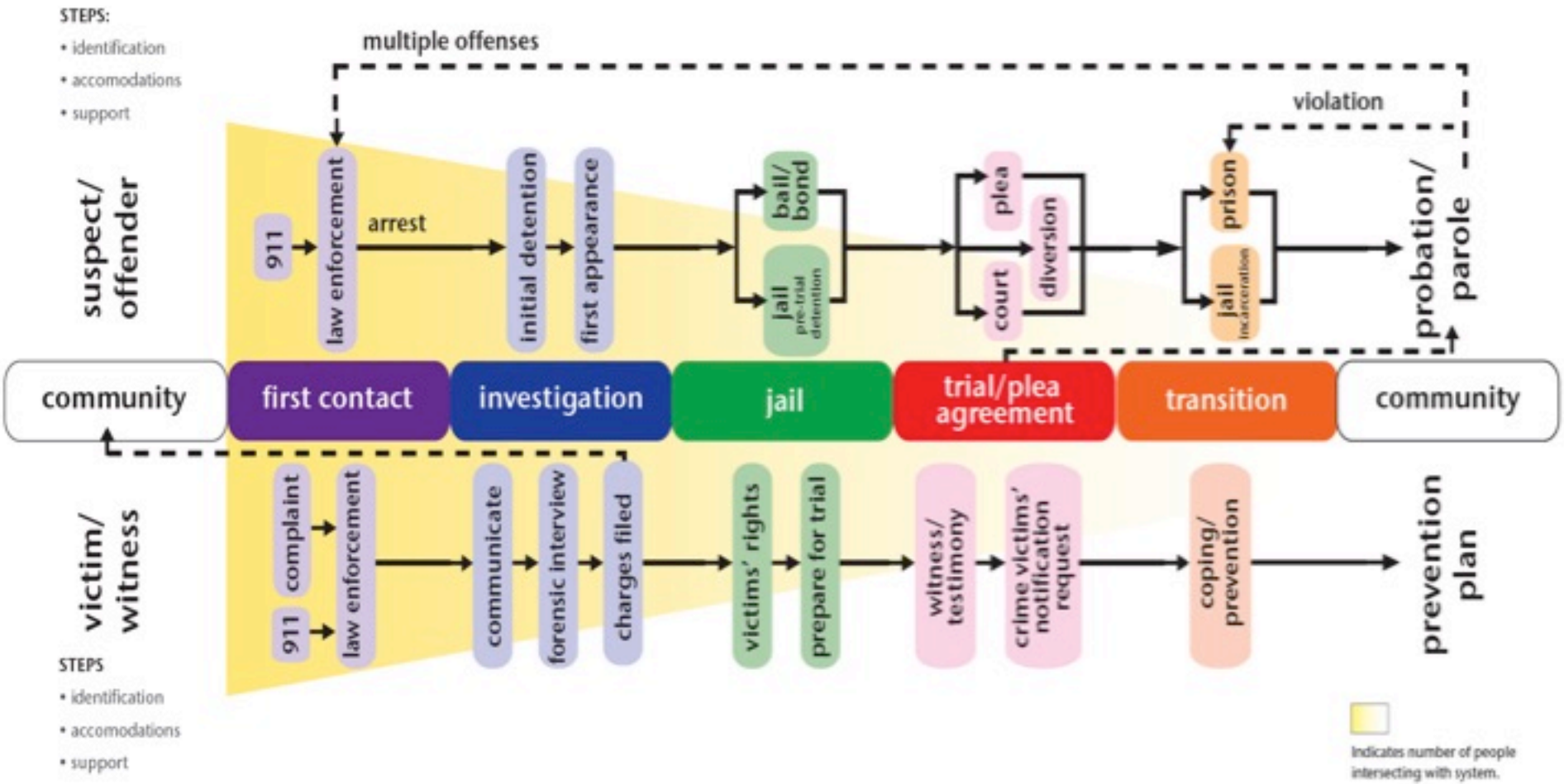
Pathways to Justice™ Model



This model is based on The Sequential Interceptor Model. SAMHSA's GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation. (2013). Developing a comprehensive plan for behavioral health and criminal justice collaboration: The Sequential Intercept Model. Delmar, NY: Author.

Individual _____
Service _____
System _____

STEPS:
- identification
- accomodations
- support

DISPATCHERS:
ARREST:
- communication
- phys. limitations
- response time

MIRANDA
- knowing & intelligent

DIVERSION

FALSE CONFESSIONS

POSSIBLE ACCOMPLICES

VIDEO TAPE CONFESSIONS?

SCREENING FOR I/DD

MEDICATION

GENERAL POPULATION

BAIL CONDITIONS UNDERSTANDABLE

PRE-TRIAL MOTIONS

SENTENCING:
- mitigation packet
- diversion programs

COMPETENCE
- incompetent to proceed
- not guilty by reason of insanity
- sentencing implications

MEET AND UNDERSTAND PLEA CONDITIONS

GENERAL POPULATION

REHABILITATION TREATMENT

APPROPRIATE SUPPORT TO MEET CONDITIONS
- probation: sentenced to carefully conditoned release *instead* of jail
- parole: conditional release from jail or prison

STEPS
- identification
- accomodations
- support

VICTIMS: call 911 if emergency! Report even if late

OFFICERS: 911 dispatchers send experienced officers

PATIENCE!

REFERRAL TO VICTIM SERVICES EVEN IF NO CHARGES

EXPERIENCED FORENSIC INTERVIEWER

CREATIVE CASE BUILDING:
- ask everyone
- more than one way to get information
- brief DA on disability

NO CHARGES=END

PREPARE FOR TRIAL:
- pre-trial motions
- support animal
- pre-tape

FULL & EQUAL ACCESS TO VICTIMS' RIGHTS

CHECK JUSTICE ADVOCACY GUIDE

PREPARE FOR COURTROOM EXPERIENCE:
- judge
- jury
- witness

EXPLAIN PLEA DEAL

COPING SKILLS

PREVENTION PLAN

KNOW WHEN OFFENDER IS RELEASED?

IMPLEMENT PREVENTION PLAN

Indicates number of people intersecting with system.

Individual _____
Service _____
System _____