

VETERAN DEFLECTION: VETERANS JUSTICE OUTREACH (VJO) ENGAGEMENT WITH POLICE/FIRST RESPONDERS IN CINCINNATI



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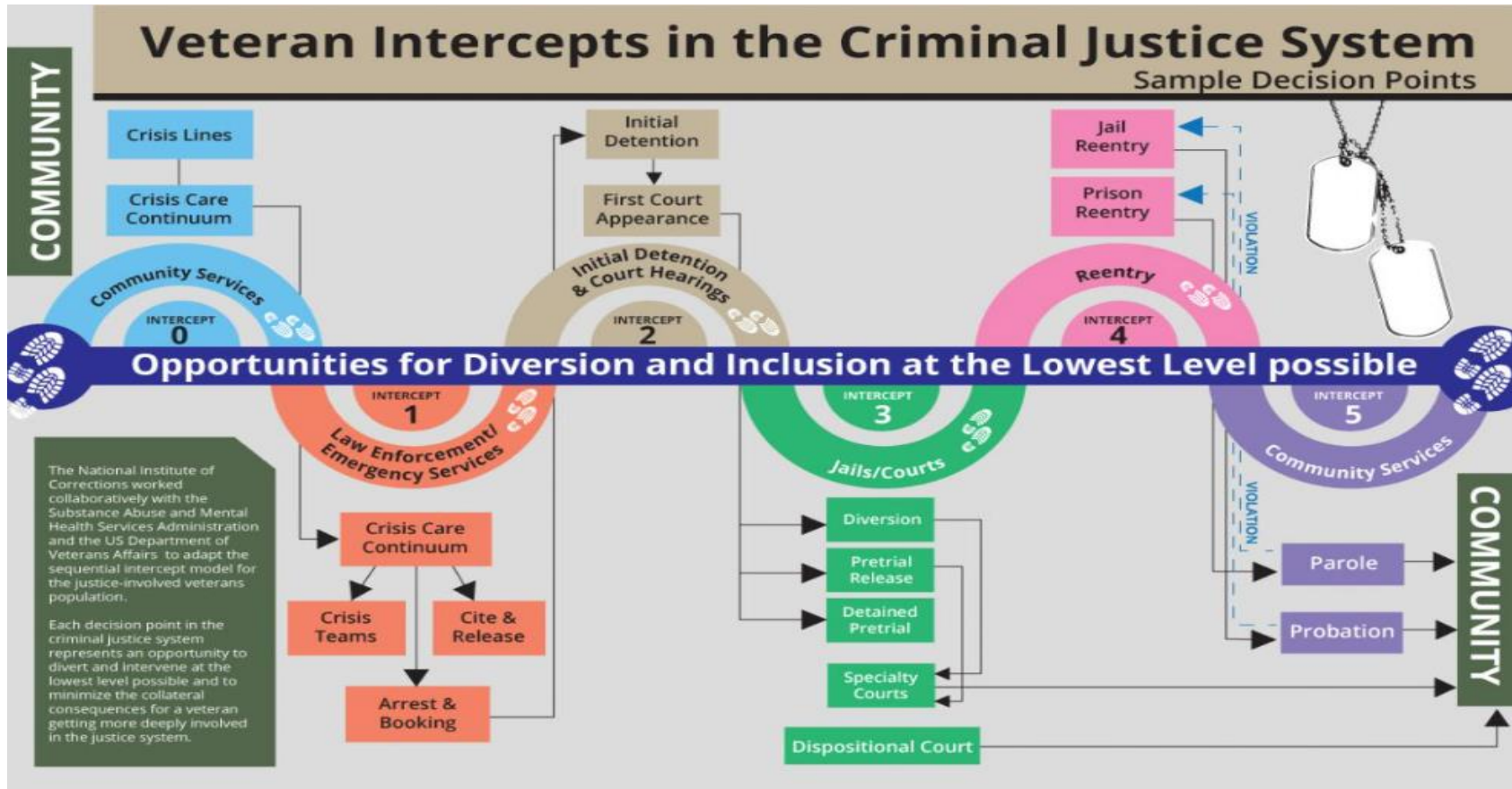
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The Framework

- Sequential Intercept Model: National Institute of Corrections ([Home](#) | [Justice Involved Veterans \(nicic.gov\)](#))



The Foundation

- I/D first responder agencies with whom you might partner.
 - Understand police culture: Pew Research Ctr. Article:
 - 84% worry about their safety at last some of the time.
 - 86% don't think the public understand the challenges/risks of job.
 - Majority state that their work makes them feel proud.
 - Nearly the same majority state that their work makes them feel frustrated.
- [\(Police culture | Pew Research Center\)](#)
- Cultivate the relationship.
 - Be open to learning about police culture.
 - Respond to police inquiries ASAP.



VJO Roles within Deflection

- VJO Support Role:
 - Consultant/navigator for police
 - Trainer on Veteran-specific matters encountered in the field (i.e. CIT collaborations)
 - Educator on VA resources/programs/clinics as well as community-based resources
 - Caveat: Must be clear about limitations of role(s).



Other features of the Partnership

- Secondary benefits/off-shoots to partnership
 - MLG officers now embedded on felony and misdemeanor VTC teams
 - Practical effects: Provide real-time police responses to VTC participants in distress; educate VTC team on trends seen on the streets; serves to engage VTC participants in positive interactions w/ police rather than adversarial in nature.
 - CIT Trainings
 - Police Academy trainings
 - Working to create eligibility/benefits events for first responders who are Veterans in Cincinnati and the surrounding area.



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Cincinnati VA QR Code Project

- Access to Tech tools
 - QR Code Pilot: Cincinnati VA Medical Center is one of four pilot site utilizing a QR code allowing police/first responders access to a repository of emergency and homelessness resources specific to the Cincinnati VA.



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VETERAN Emergency/
Homeless Resources



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For NON-Emergent
Assistance, Leave a
Voicemail on the (VJO)
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ATTENTION FIRST RESPONDERS: HELP A VETERAN IN NEED

Scan the QR Code with your mobile device to access VA and community resources available to Veterans. This information is intended to aid law enforcement/first responders during encounters with Veterans who may be in crisis or in need of additional support.



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VA Emergency Services



Community Resources



Homeless Services



The following PDF provides a comprehensive list of resources for homeless and low-income individuals.

[📄 Homeless and Low-Income Resource Guide 8th Edition. \(PDF\)](#)



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Status Query & Response Exchange System (SQUARES)

- VA-hosted application that facilitates access to eligibility information.
- SQUARES users can input basic information for an individual to receive confirmation of Veteran status and eligibility for certain homeless programs and VHA healthcare.
- External stakeholders can obtain access to the application, making Veteran-status confirmation and eligibility determinations in the field for first responders more immediate.