

## AGENCY MISSION

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Recovery is possible.



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# **COLLABORATIVE JUSTICE SERVICES of Essex County**



**Essex County Correctional Facility**  
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## Target Population

- Individuals with a serious and persistent mental illness identified by Essex County Law Enforcement Officers prior to booking for misdemeanor criminal offenses, in need of psychiatric screening services and possible jail diversion.
- Incarcerated adults in the Essex County Correctional Facility (ECCF), who are diagnosed, according to the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual with an Axis I psychiatric disorder of serious and persistent mental illness.
- Co-existing substance abuse disorders, identified through ECCF and Delaney Hall, are inclusionary criteria. A primary substance abuse disorder is an exclusionary criterion.
- Offenders, who are eligible for existing Integrated Case Management Services (ICMS) by history of state or county psychiatric hospitalizations, will be referred to ICMS for case management services, if warranted.
- Detained individuals, with diagnosed mental illness, who are in municipal jails, are included in the target population with the intent of diverting them from incarceration at the county facility, through referral to aftercare of mental health services.

## Goals and Services Provided

The goal of Collaborative Justice Services (CJS) is to provide jail diversion as an alternative to incarceration and effective discharge planning, linkage and referral to community resources for mentally ill offenders who re-enter the community following their release from the Essex County Correctional System. Additionally, CJS educates Law Enforcement Officers on mental health issues at local municipal levels.

### Objectives:

- The reduction of adjudication and incarceration of mentally ill consumers to municipal and county jails.
- Decreasing repeated criminal offenses and misdemeanor charges.
- Increasing access and linkage to mental health and social services for the offender following release.

### Staffing:

Collaborative Justice Services will consist of a Program Director, four Forensic Case Managers who are Bachelors and Masters Level prepared as well as an Administrative Assistant.

## Method of Referral

Referrals are made by Center for Family Guidance (CFG) Mental Health workers at ECCF to the Program Director.

### Referrals are also made via:

- Office of Public Defenders
- Essex County Prosecutor's Office
- Municipal Courts
- New Jersey State Prisons
- Concerned family members
- Community mental health providers

Referrals may be made by phone, fax, or in person to Program Director on site at the jail and at our Montclair office.

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A forensic case manager, based on assessment, history, and admission criteria, will screen referrals for eligibility.

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## What We Provide

The Collaborative Justice Services team promotes recovery through engagement, assessment of readiness for change, and linkage of individuals to mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, financial, housing, and other needed services. The team also provides advocacy and supportive counseling.

## What We Hope To Accomplish

- Reduce re-incarceration.
- Prevent individuals with mental illnesses and with co-occurring disorders from incarceration.
- Assist enrolled clients to connect to services that help them achieve their wellness and recovery goals.



## Who We Serve

- Adult residents of Morris County who are pending discharge from the Morris County Correctional Facility (MCCF) and who have a serious mental illness or a co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorder.
- Morris County residents who are hospitalized at Ann Klein Forensic Center and who are expected to be transferred back to the Morris County Correctional Facility after stabilization.
- Mental health consumers who are not incarcerated, but who are at risk for incarceration due to criminal involvement or prior incarceration. These referrals can come from county psychiatric inpatient units as well as community agencies.
- Referrals can also come from Saint Clare's Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) when a client is brought in by police and is on a detainer while awaiting transport to the MCCF.

## How Services Are Delivered

The team works with mental health and social services staff in the Morris County Correctional Facility to assist with discharge planning. The team also works with probation and the courts to ensure the consumer's participation with court mandates. The team helps facilitate coordination between the mental health, substance abuse, and criminal justice systems in Morris County.

## How To Make a Referral

Referrals can be made by contacting us at: 973-334-3496 x515 or [CJS@mhaessexmorris.org](mailto:CJS@mhaessexmorris.org)

