



SAFETY AND JUSTICE CHALLENGE

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An initiative to reduce over-incarceration by changing the way America thinks about and uses jails

Challenge Overview

Every community in America can safely reduce its use of local incarceration while reserving valuable jail resources for offenders who pose significant risk to public safety.

Strategies include:

- Policing practices that limit unnecessary custodial arrests;
- Early screening and assignment of counsel;
- Pretrial detention decision-making that focuses on assessments of safety and flight risk, not ability to pay;
- Diversion options that hold offenders accountable without separating them from their jobs and families; and
- Booking, arraignment, case screening, and processing procedures that shorten jail stays by reducing procedural delays.

System Reform: Seven Core Decision Points

1 Arrest

2 Charge

3 Assignment of counsel

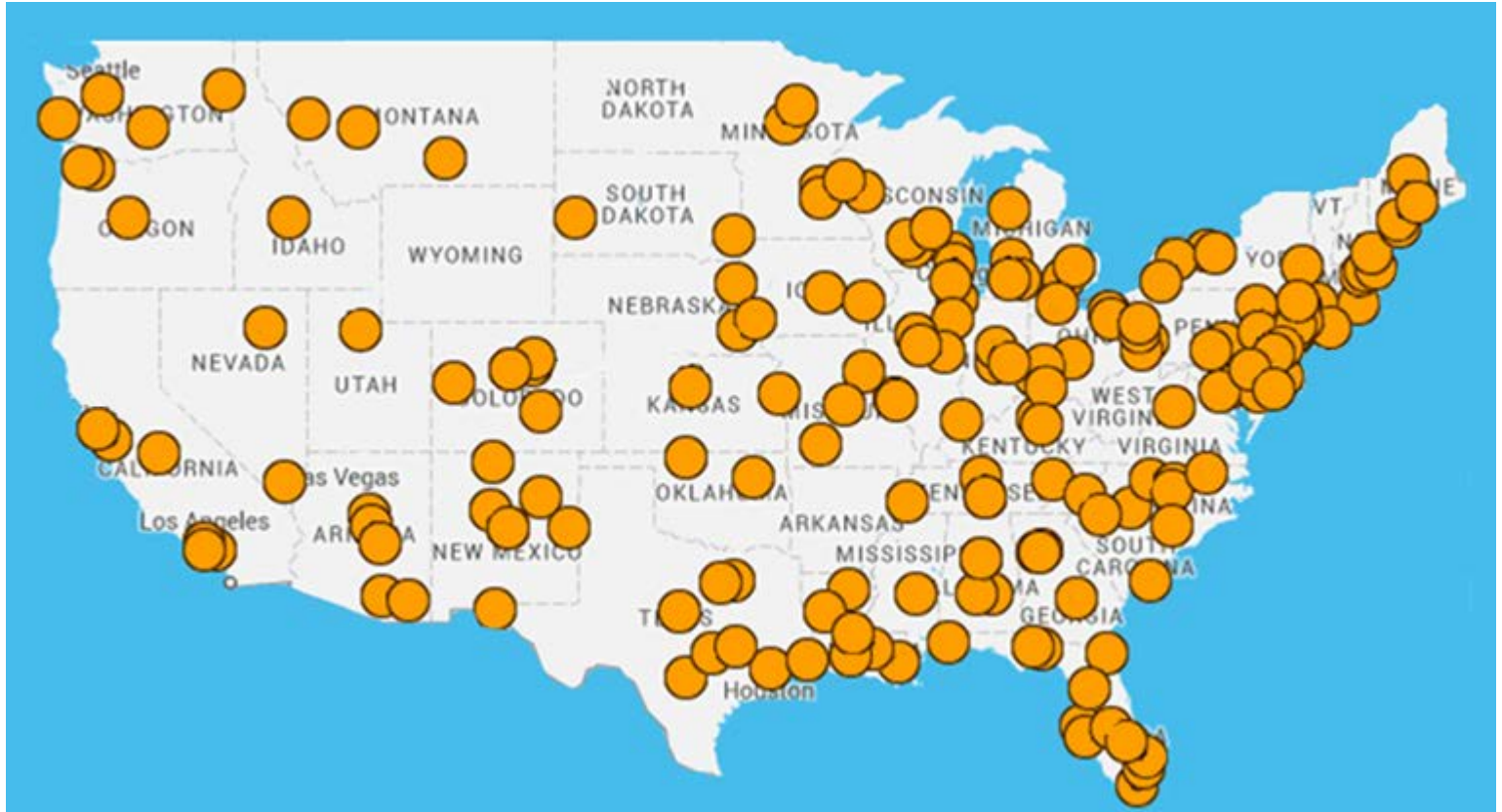
4 Pre-trial release

5 Case processing

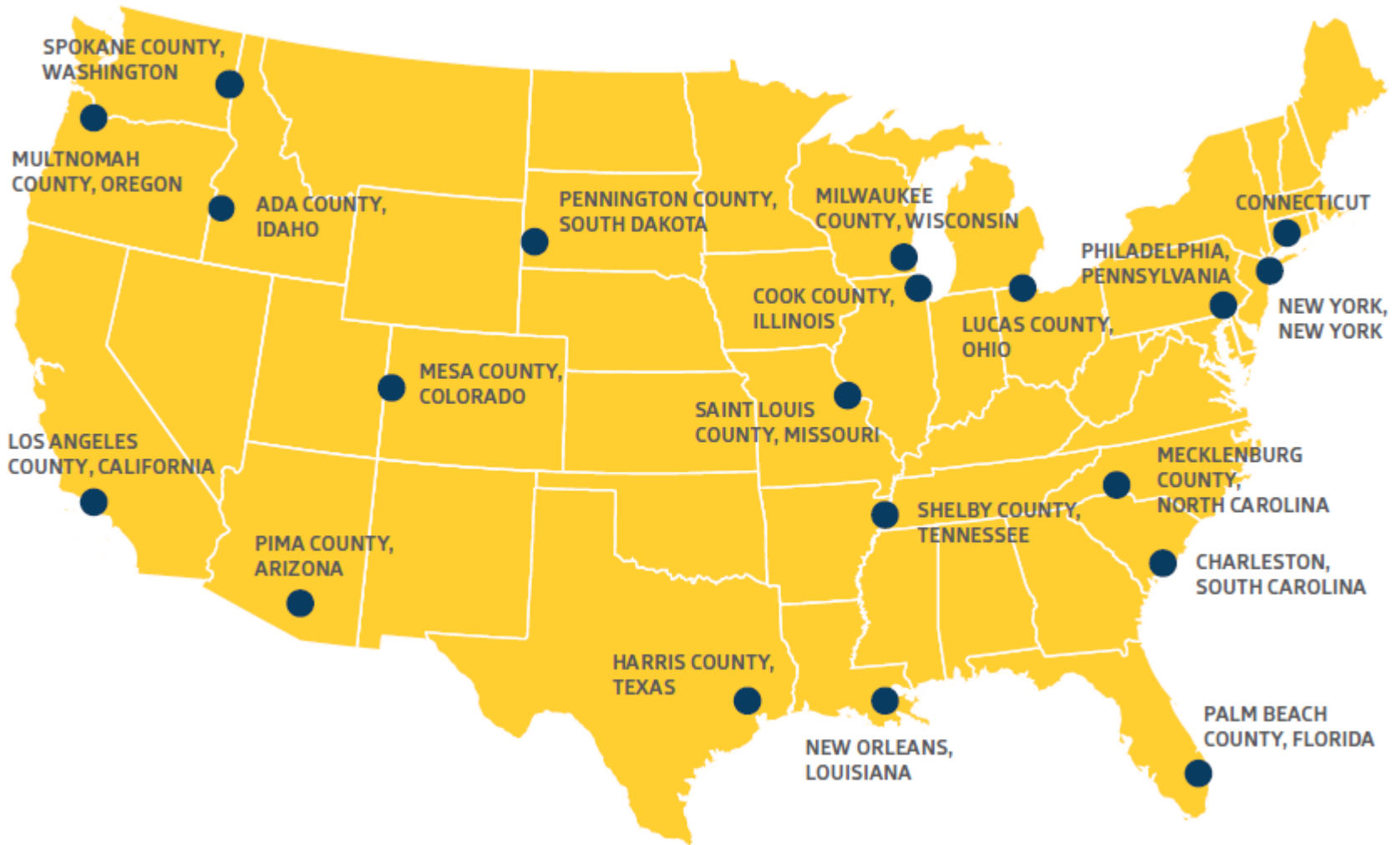
6 Disposition/sentencing

7 Post-conviction process/ supervision

Safety and Justice Challenge Applicants: 191 Jurisdictions

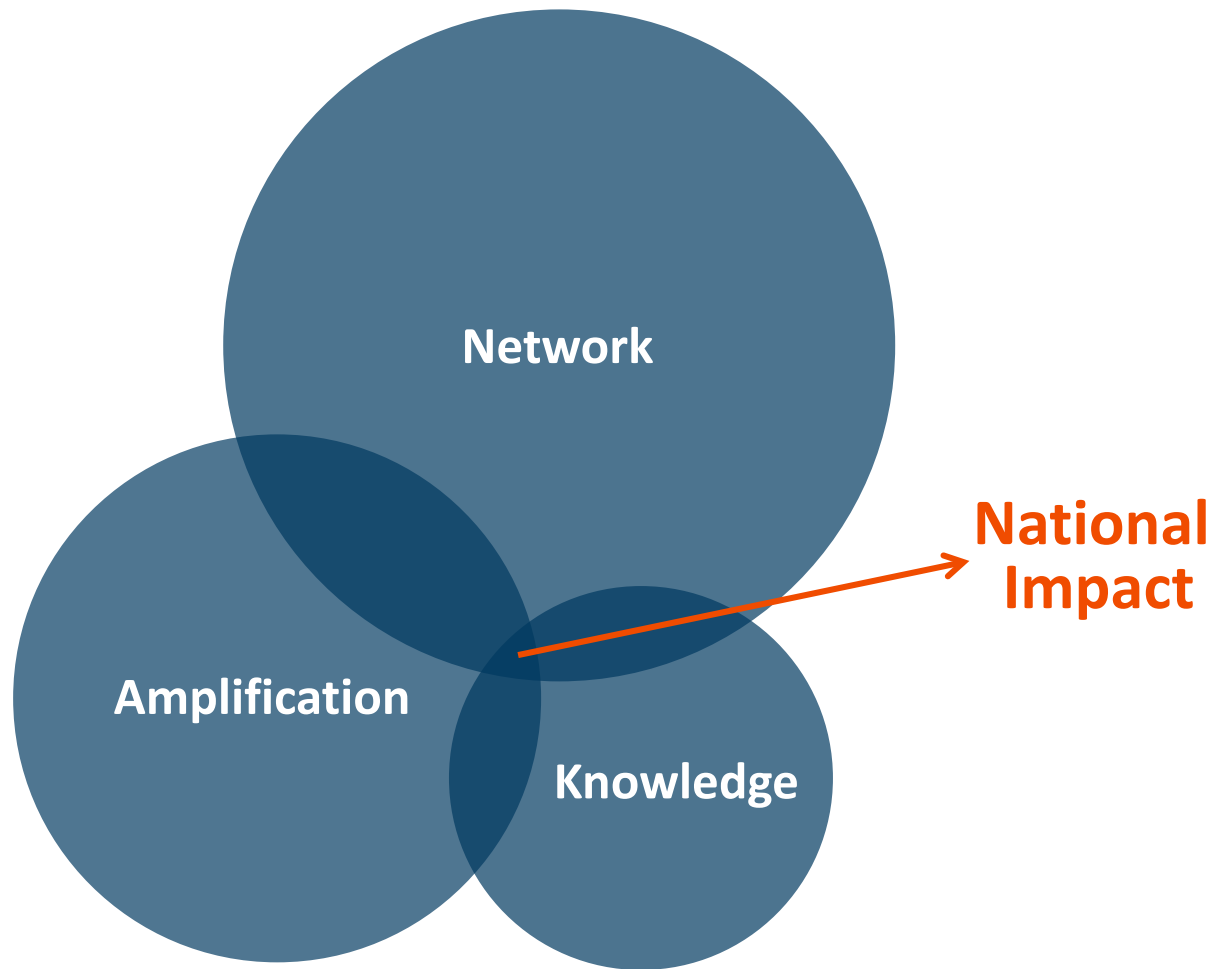


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PIMA COUNTY'S JAIL POPULATION REDUCTION PLAN

Presentation to the National Center for Victims of Crime

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Core Sites

- Charleston County, SC
- Harris County, TX
- Lucas County, OH
- Milwaukee County, WI
- New Orleans, LA
- Philadelphia, PA
- Pima County, AZ**
- St. Louis County, MO
- Spokane County, WA
- The State of Connecticut



Partner Sites

- Ada County, ID
- Cook County, IL
- Los Angeles County, CA
- Mecklenburg County, NC
- Mesa County, CO
- Multnomah County, OR
- New York, NY
- Palm Beach County, FL
- Pennington County, SD
- Shelby County, TN

Goals in Pima County

- Improve public safety
- Lower jail costs by reducing jail population
- Prevent crime by reducing recidivism
- Eliminate racial and ethnic disparities

Strategies in Pima County

#1 Court System Innovations and Treatment Alternatives (Funded by MacArthur Foundation)

- ✓ • Implement Universal Pretrial Risk Screening for *all* defendants booked in County Jail on felonies and misdemeanors to increase post-booking releases
- Implement substance abuse/mental health screening before the Initial Appearance (IA) to provide the court with safe treatment alternatives to jail
- Increase Pretrial Services capacity to supervise high-risk individuals with behavioral health needs after release
- ✓ • Provide training to justice system stakeholders, including judges, about court system innovations and treatment alternatives

Strategies in Pima County

#2 Preventing and Resolving Failure to Appear Warrants

- ✓ • Enhance automated call, text, and email court-reminders
- ✓ • Establish multi-jurisdictional warrant resolution court dates on weekends and evenings
- Strengthen relations with Tribal Nations and work to offer tribal members living on reservations easier access to courts in Pima County

Strategies in Pima County

#3 Post Conviction Alternatives to Jail

- ✓ • Expand Home Detention Electronic Monitoring Program as alternative for non-violent misdemeanor and felony offenders
 - Community Supervision options that allow employment, education, and treatment to continue
- ✓ • Reduce Use of Automatic Probation Holds
 - Holds placed on new arrestees not automatic
 - Case-by-case decision
- ✓ • Expand Use of Summons in Lieu of Arrest Warrants for Petitions to Revoke Probation
 - Increase use of evidence-based intermediate sanctions to gain compliance

Strategies in Pima County

Community Engagement



- Establish a Community Collaborative
- Design a program supporting leadership development among formerly incarcerated individuals (Leadership Institute)
- Partner with The University of Arizona to develop a qualitative research project with current (and former) defendants and inmates
- May 16 & 17, 2017 Conference –

“Decriminalizing Mental Illness”

Community Collaborative

* = Steering Committee Member ** = Committee Chair

Public Agency

Karla Avalos**	Tucson Mayor
Matt Pate	Jonathan Rothschild Tucson Councilmember
Jason Winsky	Richard Fimbres Tucson Police Department
Hon. Tony Riojas*	Tucson City Court
Amelia Attorney's Craig-Cramer	Pima County Office
Danna Whiting	Pima County Behavioral Health
Lori Lefferts	Pima County Public Defense Services
Lt. Scott Lowing	Pima County Sheriff's Department
Domingo Corona*	Pima Pretrial Services, Superior Court
Ron Overholt	Pima Superior Court
Micci Tilton	Pima County Consolidated Justice Courts
Yvette Tucker	Regional Behavioral Health Authority - Cenpatico
Alfred L. Urbina, Esq.*	Pascua Yaqui Tribe
To be Announced	Tohono O'odham Nation

Community

Lyle Daychild*	American Friends Service Committee
Thea Dixon	Community Partners, Inc.
Anna	Emerge!
Harper-Guerrero*	
Sally Hueston	HOPE, Inc.
Genevieve James	Marana Health Care Counseling and Wellness Ctr.
Keith Jeffery	Primavera
Michele Keller*	UA RISE Health & Wellness Center
Hon. Michael Lex	Retired City Court Judge
Chad Marchand	UA Center for Climate Adaptation Science and Solutions
Manny Mejias**	Pima Prevention Partnership
Kona Morrison	Kolbe Society Advisory Board Member
Guenevere	NAACP
Nelson-Melby	Retired Federal Judge
Hon. Charles Pyle*	Arizona Serve of Prescott College
Celia Robidou	Interdenominational Minister's Alliance
Grady Scott	UA Rogers College of Law
Andrew Silverman	Community Bridges, Inc.
Rudy Trinidad	
Gerald Williams	

Involvement of Victim Services in Pima County



- Participation of Victim Services Agencies in the Community Collaborative
- Representatives of the Pima County Attorney's Office on the three implementation committees

Availability of Services for Defendants Released from Jail

- Medicaid enrollment and expansion (AHCCCS in Arizona; Cenpatico – Regional Behavioral Health Authority)
- Service beds/space availability (Community Bridges Inc., Housing First Pay for Success grant, Homeless Services in the City of Tucson, Men’s and Women’s Residential Treatment Centers (The Haven and Pasadera), Intensive Outpatient Treatment (CODAC), COPE, La Frontera, HOPE Inc., Primavera, YWCA, etc.

Pima County Challenges

In Pima County December 2016

Total Arrested and Booked

2372 – Total Bookings

82.60% - Men 17.40% - Women

11.73% African American (4.1% 2015 US Census)

0.57% Asian (3.2% 2015 US Census)

36.49% Caucasian (52.9% 2015 US Census)

46.78% Hispanic (36.4% 2015 US Census)

4.43% Native American (4.3% 2015 US Census)

Estimated County Population 1,010,025

2469 – Total Released

(Court Ordered, Bond Out, Time Served)

Average Daily Population

1802 – Pretrial & Sentenced



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WEBINAR PRESENTATION

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St. Louis County Jail 2016 Population Report

Booked 24,198

Admitted 9,317

Average Daily Population 1,219




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- The purpose of this grant is to reduce the overreliance on incarceration in jails, especially in regard to persons with substance abuse and mental illness while reducing racial and ethnic disparities .
 - The target reduction of the jail population for St. Louis County is between 15% and 19% of our recent average daily population over a period of two years.
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In order to achieve this goal, we focused our efforts on the following reform activities.

- Expand our Pretrial Release Program
- Implement a “rocket docket” for individual detained for technical probation violations

These proposed reforms are data driven. The two primary drivers of the St. Louis County Jail population are pretrial detention and probation violators.

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Primary Providers

- Bridgeway
 - Provident Counseling
 - Center for Women in Transition (CWIT)
 - Queen of Peace
 - Fathers Support Center
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Releases since implementation-August 15, 2016

- Pretrial Release Program-122
- Electronic Home Detention-97
- Non-Support Reentry Program-44
- Expanded Pretrial Release Program-41
- Probation Violators-101

Total Releases 405



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Provider Breakdown per expanded Pretrial and Probation Violators-142

- Bridgeway- 58
- Provident -10
- CWIT-7
- Queen of Peace-20
- Fathers Support Center-1
- Combination-3
- Other/Supplemental Providers- 21
- None-22



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Supplemental Providers

- Community Action Agency of St Louis County
 - St Louis Community Release Center
 - Urban League Save Our Sons Program
 - St. Patrick Center (*employment services*)
 - Harbor Light
 - Magdalene House
 - Employment Connection
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