

Nevada County Stepping Up Innovator Presentation

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The Start of Stepping Up in Nevada County

In 2016, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors signed a resolution to reduce the prevalence of people in jail with mental health needs. This effort has grown to over 500 counties nationwide.



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What does Stepping Up in Nevada County mean?

Nevada county is working collaboratively to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses and co-occurring disorders in jails.

Nevada County signed a resolution to work collaboratively to:

- Convene multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails;
- Collect and review prevalence numbers and assess individuals' needs
- Examine treatment and service capacity for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders,
- Regularly review data, system alignment, and research on progress in meeting shared goals

Behavioral Health

District Attorney

Probation




Public Defender

Sheriff's
Department

City Partners

County Social
Service Partners

Nevada County 2019 Baselines

		Mental Health: Positive Screen	General Population
	Numbers of Total Bookings and Unique Individuals Identified as screening positive for MH needs in 2019	429 people 843 bookings	1,808 people 2,781 bookings
	Average Length of Stay in Jail for People screening positive for MH needs in 2019	24 days	15 days
	3-year Jail Re-booking amounts for people screening positive for MH needs (2017 release cohort)	8 bookings	4 bookings

Sheriff's Office

Improving Crisis Response

Co-responder teams of clinicians and NCSO deputies respond to calls for service to help people in crisis de-escalate and then be connected to needed resources and treatment

2022 Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) Accomplishments

- 374 MCT Calls for Service
- 402 Individuals Served
- 327 Referrals to Treatment
- 203 Placed on Protective Holds per 5150 W&I



District Attorney

Mental Health Diversion

Mental health diversion is a court-based program designed to offer people with mental health needs an alternative to incarceration based on engagement in treatment

Client Served: 30 Clients in 2021-22

Kristin Desena: I am so grateful for the mental health diversion program. It showed me accountability and responsibility for my actions...it helps people like me who struggle with mental health issues

Toshanna Shaddeau: Mental Health Diversion allowed me to address my untreated mental illness... that isolation from jail-time and social stigma would have only aggravated. Diversion can help break the cycle of re-offending in the mentally ill. I am proof.



Probation

Incompetent to Stand Trial Diversion

Some of the longest jail stays are experienced by people found Incompetent to Stand Trial who are waiting for jail beds. Probation is partnering to support community based diversion for people who can be safely supported in housing and treatment.

Clients Served: first client will be served this month



Public Defender

Case Manager

The case manager works with attorney teams to ensure connections to services as well identifying eligible clients for specialty courts at an early stage of case processing.

Clients Served: 152 clients served

Pete Harris: I am 60 years old. I have never met a team as selflessly dedicated to helping people change their life, resolve current issues, and increase their quality of life. The ways Susan and Carmen have helped and supported me... Priceless.

Cory Goacher: I wouldn't be where I am today without her [Carmen] help. She helped me with getting rides to get my ID, my birth certificate, health benefits card, General Assistance and made sure I got to my court dates on time.



Behavioral Health

Connecting people to treatment as they leave jail

Behavioral Health provides a Forensic Case Manager to work on discharge planning and a jail based therapist to do assessments and linkages to care. This complements the services provided by Wellpath and NCSO to create greater pathways into treatment.

Client discharged straight into residential treatment: 48 Clients in 2021-22



Nevada County joins an exclusive list of 50 Innovator counties across the nation

Nevada County has demonstrated the capacity to a nationwide review panel of the National Association of Counties (NACo) and Council of State Government (CSG) to:

- accurately identify people in their jails who have mental illnesses and substance use disorders,
- collect and share data on these individuals to better connect them to treatment and services,
- and use that data to inform local policies and practices.





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