

Correctional Health Services (CHS) Jail to Community Re-entry Program (JCRP)

CHS Jail to Community Re-entry Program	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20
Estimated number to be served in	800	1600	1600
Annual Budgeted Funds in	\$1,500,000	\$3,100,000	\$3,100,000
Estimated Annual Cost Per Person in	\$1,875	\$1,937.50	\$1,937.50

Program Description (and need)

In 2016, an average of 1,393 individuals with mental illness were housed in the Orange County jails each month. High rates of recidivism among inmates with mental illness have been observed, suggesting that targeted discharge planning and facilitated linkages to services upon release are integral to successful community reintegration for this population. A new program offering intensive mental health case management will be implemented to bridge the gap between mental health services provided while in custody and treatment and support services needed upon release from custody.

The CHS *Jail to Community Re-entry Program (JCRP)*, a collaboration between Behavioral Health Services (BHS) and CHS, will use a comprehensive “in reach” approach to discharge planning and re-entry linkage services for inmates with mental illness at all five County jail facilities. “In reach” services will be conducted while individuals are still in custody, and will include conducting thorough risk-needs-responsivity (RNR) assessments, conducting re-entry groups to identify possible barriers to successful re-entry, and developing tailored discharge plans. Services will also include facilitation of linkages to a spectrum of services upon release, such as counseling, medication support, housing and transportation. Connections with family and other support systems such as forensic peer support mentors will also be facilitated. JCRP staff will work in collaboration with other stakeholders, including the Orange County Sheriff’s Department, Orange County Probation, Orange County Public Defender, Social Services Agency, Regional Center of Orange County, Orange County Housing Authority and other ancillary agencies, to identify gaps in service delivery and solidify linkages with external stakeholders for a smooth transition from jail to community.