Data Collection Process

- Started August 24, 2016
- Phone interviews with jails
- Site visits
- Interviews with state-level staff
- National best practices scan
Divert Who?

People in Washington Awaiting CST
- 70% had multiple arrests
- 67% had multiple referrals for CST
- 62% had received some outpatient treatment
- 50% had received residential services.
- 55% had a substance use diagnosis, but few had received treatment
- 46% ranked housing as the most helpful diversion service

National Data
- Poor
- Homeless
- Background of abuse
- Chronic physical illnesses
- Mostly low-level nuisance crimes
- Vulnerable to intimidation & assault
- Symptoms are exacerbated in jail
Diversion Opportunities

Pre-arrest Deflection
- Community-based treatment
- Co-responder teams
- Mobile crisis units
- Crisis intervention training

JAIL BOOKING

Post-booking Diversion
- Prosecutorial diversion
- Community-based restoration
- Specialty courts

Reentry
- Transition case management
- Medicaid enrollment
- Supportive housing
- Community-based treatment
Divert to what?

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- Supportive housing with case management
- Outpatient treatment
- Stabilization and transitional
- Subacute residential
- Evaluation & Treatment Center
- State Hospital

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Key Findings from Interviews

- Lack of housing and treatment resources
- Need to identify people with mental illness more quickly
- Need to incentivize coordination between jails, providers, and health plans
- Need for better data
  - Electronic medical records and information exchange
  - Regular and ongoing analysis
Recommendations: First Tier

- **Community-based Solutions**
  1. Increase the availability of low- and no-barrier, supportive housing
  2. Increase treatment capacity
  3. Increase the capacity and accessibility of crisis services

- **Jail-based solutions**
  4. Better identify detainees who have mental illness.
  5. Incentivize cooperation between jails and mental health providers/health plans

- **Court-based solutions**
  6. Implement a community-based competency restoration process
  7. Modify the competency restoration process
Recommendations: Second Tier

- **Community-based solutions**
  8. Establish a mechanism to fund outreach work by peer support specialists
  9. Increase collaborative planning

- **Jail-based solutions**
  10. Identify and prioritize high utilizers of multiple systems

- **Court-based solutions**
  11. Support the establishment of pretrial release programs statewide.
  12. Modify specialty court policies and practices
Questions?

Individual

- Social Supports
- Behavioral Health
- Physical Health
- Basic Needs

Criminal Justice System