

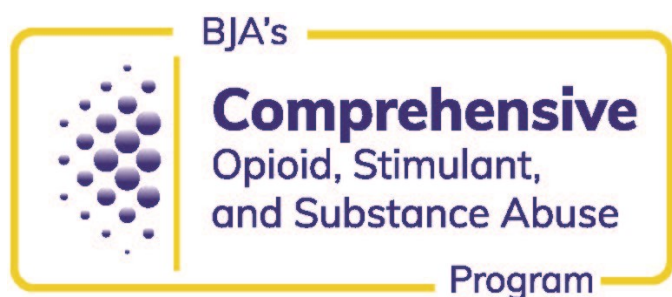


CENTER FOR
HEALTH & JUSTICE
AT TASC

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program

TASC's Center for Health and Justice (CHJ) helps COSSAP grantees implement evidence-based, systemic solutions at the front end of the justice system to respond to the substance use that often underlies criminal justice involvement.

Recognizing that **law enforcement and first responders** are at the front line of the opioid epidemic, responding to frequent drug overdose calls, a variety of multidisciplinary **first responder diversion** models have emerged in communities throughout the nation. Through training and technical assistance, CHJ provides expertise in creating and implementing diversion programs that fit the individual needs of each community.



To request training and technical assistance, visit the COSSAP resources website:

www.cossapresources.org/Program/TTA

CHJ's Training and Technical Assistance

- ◇ Regular webinars
- ◇ On-site and off-site planning and program implementation
- ◇ Facilitating peer-learning through a mentoring program
- ◇ Providing expert consultants for customized assistance
- ◇ Workshop and meeting presentations
- ◇ Developing relevant information and resources

THE FIVE PATHWAYS

Building integrated criminal justice, behavioral health, and community systems will assist first responders in developing pathways to treatment for individuals, particularly those at risk for opioid use and overdose.

The **Five Pathways** represent ways systems have collaborated to provide opioid overdose prevention and diversion to treatment. Some communities may develop law enforcement/first responder programs tailored to their community that involve variations of these models.

- ◇ **Self-Referral**
- ◇ **Active Outreach**
- ◇ **Naloxone Plus**
- ◇ **First Responder/Officer Prevention**
- ◇ **Officer Intervention**

About CHJ

CHJ offers solutions to improve community health, reduce crime, and enhance collaboration between justice and health systems.

CHJ's expertise is based on evidence-based research and the ongoing, direct service experience of TASC, Inc. (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities), which manages substance use and mental health service delivery for people involved in criminal justice, child welfare, and other public systems.

Since 1976, TASC's clinical case management services in Illinois have helped tens of thousands of adults and youth access substance use and mental health treatment and achieve recovery.

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Law Enforcement/First Responder Diversion and Referral Mentoring Initiative

The **COSSAP LE/FR Diversion Mentoring Initiative** provides communities interested in starting diversion and referral programs the opportunity to learn from **established and innovative programs** that have shown success in meeting the treatment needs of individuals with a substance use disorder.

During site visits, mentors will provide opportunities for observation and peer-to-peer exchanges, including opportunities to observe the law enforcement/first responder diversion or referral program in action and allowing mentee sites to engage with program personnel.



To apply to be a mentee, visit the COSSAP resources website:

[www.cossapresources.org/
Learning/PeertoPeer/Diversion](http://www.cossapresources.org/Learning/PeertoPeer/Diversion)

Eight programs were selected to serve as **mentors**, representing a variety of **diversion and referral models** that are located in diverse settings throughout the nation.

- ◇ Pima County & Tucson's U-MATTER (AZ)
- ◇ Lake County's A Way Out (IL)
- ◇ Plymouth County Outreach (MA)
- ◇ Blue Earth County's Yellow Line Project (MN)
- ◇ Colerain Township QRT (OH)
- ◇ Philadelphia PAD (PA)
- ◇ Seattle LEAD (WA)
- ◇ Huntington QRT (WV)

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CHJ Resources

Website: https://www.centerforhealthandjustice.org/chjweb/home_chj.aspx

Newsletters

- Building an Organizational Culture That Values Law Enforcement Diversion Newsletter:

https://www.cossapresources.org/Content/Documents/Articles/CHJ_TASC_Building_Organizational_Culture_for_LE_Diversion_for%20BJA.pdf

Webinar: <https://iir.adobeconnect.com/p75fqqupxzsw/?html-view=false>

- Treatment Capacity: Divert to What?

https://www.cossapresources.org/Content/Documents/Articles/Treatment_Capacity.pdf

- First-Responder Trauma and the Opioid Crisis

https://www.cossapresources.org/Content/Documents/Articles/Final_TASC_AHP_First_Responder_Trauma.pdf

Webinar: <https://iir.adobeconnect.com/phe2p97xrrf4/?html-view=false&proto=true>

- The Opioid Crisis and Children: The Critical Role of Law Enforcement

https://www.cossapresources.org/Content/Documents/Articles/NSP_Opioid_Crisis_and_Children_article_for%20BJA_FINAL.pdf

Webinar: The Youngest Victims of the Opioid Epidemic: Law Enforcement's Role in the Response

<https://iir.adobeconnect.com/ptgazih3lqca/>

- Critical Elements of Successful First Responder Diversion Programs

https://www.cossapresources.org/Content/Documents/Articles/CHJ_TASC_Critical_Elements.pdf

- Law Enforcement and First Responder Diversion Pathways to Diversion Case Studies Series: Naloxone Plus

https://www.cossapresources.org/Content/Documents/Articles/Pathways_to_Diversion_Case_Studies_Series_Naloxone_Plus.pdf

- Law Enforcement and First Responder Diversion Pathways to Diversion Case Studies Series: Officer Intervention

https://www.cossapresources.org/Content/Documents/Articles/Pathways_to_Diversion_Case_Studies_Series_Officer_Intervention.pdf

Webinars

- First Responder-Led Diversion and Outreach: An Overview of the Field and a Primer for Implementation

<https://iir.adobeconnect.com/pucdbmbjkh76/?html-view=false&proto=true>

- Making Data-Driven Decisions to Enhance your Diversion or Deflection Program

<https://iir.adobeconnect.com/pz69c9nr0t6tg/>

- Operation Safe Station Addressing the Opioid Crisis—News on a Multidisciplinary Effort

<https://iir.adobeconnect.com/ph4wddn6mikg/>

- Closing the Gap: A Case Study on Collaborative Work Between First Responders and Recovery Support Services <https://iir.adobeconnect.com/phljb1qugkcp/?html-view=false>