

THE SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL

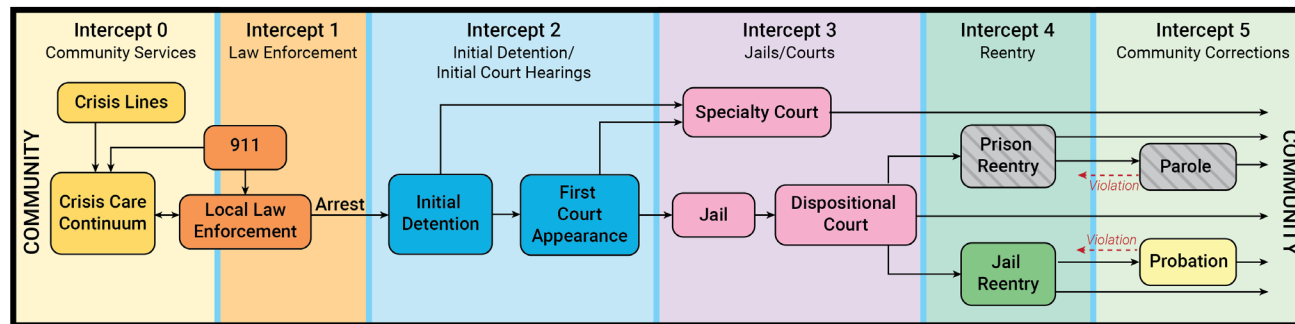
MAPPING A LOCAL SOLUTION TO A NATIONAL PROBLEM

What is the Sequential Intercept Model?

The SIM is “an effective framework for systematically assessing available community resources, determining critical service gaps, identifying opportunities to safely divert people from needless involvement in the criminal justice system, and implementing reforms at six distinct justice decision points, or ‘intercepts.’”

Evidence shows that one of the most effective ways to divert people with mental illness from the criminal justice system is through increased collaboration between the behavioral health and criminal justice systems. The SIM was developed in the early 2000s by Policy Research Associates, Inc. as a means to document and improve that collaboration. It is a federally-recognized best practice.

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A SIM Mapping Workshop brings together the following stakeholders in your community:

- law enforcement officers
- judges
- prosecutors
- defense attorneys
- local government officials
- accountability court team members
- pre-trial service providers
- jail administration and correctional officers
- community supervision officers and staff
- behavioral health clinicians and administrators
- housing providers
- drug treatment professionals
- medical personnel
- 911 operators/dispatchers
- consumers/family members with lived experience
- and others

How can my community benefit from a SIM Mapping Workshop?

A Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Mapping Workshop can help your community answer these questions:

- How and when does a person with a mental illness come into contact with and move through the criminal justice system in our community?
- Where are the gaps that prevent diversion?
- Where are the points the person can be diverted out of the criminal justice system in our community?
- Where are the opportunities for cross-intercept and cross-system?

How can I schedule a SIM Mapping Workshop for my community?

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