

**Community Re-Entry Program & Jail Transition Services**  
**A collaboration between Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare,**  
**Pierce County Jail and Optum Healthcare**

**Community Re-Entry Program**

- Target population: Individuals with 5 or more arrests in a 12 month period who also have a mental health problem or co-occurring disorder
- Services: Intensive community based case, wraparound services
- Multi-Disciplinary Team (MHP's, Peers, LPN, ARNP, Case manager)
- Services provided 365 days a year, 24 hours per day
- Services are not time limited

**Jail Transition Services**

- Embedded MHP in the jail, peer specialist and a case manager
- Team that provides engagement services in the jail and in the community post release
- Short term (90 day) services
- Services are intensive: short term beds upon release, assistance with Medicaid and SSI, housing/placement, transportation from the jail, assistance obtaining mental health and/or substance abuse services.

**Outcomes:**

**Community Re-Entry** - 76% decrease in recidivism

**Jail Transition:** Just started tracking recidivism rates - not enough time yet to analyze that data. Program has served over a thousand individuals in the past year.

**Key Components to Success:**

- Strong partnership with the jail – important for mental health to understand the jail environment and expectations of the sheriff when accessing the jail
- Ability for all staff – including peers to have access to clients in the jail
- Identified/assigned contact person on the jail mental health team
- Ability to establish release times and arrange for client pick up upon release
- Strong partnerships with other community providers (crisis bed facilities, landlords, shelters, substance abuse tx providers, DSHS, SSA and DOC)
- Diverse staff with diverse strengths and knowledge of community resources
- Development of diverse housing resources
- Regular communication between all parties – data sharing agreements in place

Through the collaborative efforts of Optum Healthcare, the Pierce County Jail, Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare, and other community providers we have been able to develop an almost seamless system of care for individuals transitioning out of the jail, back into the community. The Community Re-Entry Program in particular has demonstrated a significant reduction in recidivism due to the thoughtful planning, partnership building and creativity of everyone involved.

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