



**Travis County**  
Behavioral Health and  
Criminal Justice  
Advisory Committee

Judge Tamara Needles, 427<sup>th</sup>  
Criminal District Court

Danny Smith, Director of  
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Sheriff's Office



Travis  
County  
District  
Courts

Grassroots  
leadership



Austin  
Municipal  
Court

Integral  
Health

TCSO  
Jail

Private  
Defender  
Service

Austin  
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County  
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Community  
Homeless  
Coalition

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Support

Mental  
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Public  
Defender

TC  
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and  
Planning

TC  
Community  
Supervision

Travis  
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Court at  
Law

NAMI

Defense  
Association  
(ACDLA)



# How did we start with the data collection?

- Already had an existing group with BHCJAC
- Used the Sequential Intercept Model
- Wanted a dashboard to spur discussion
- Meadows Foundation Technical Assistance
- Walked through the process using SIM intercepts



# How to practically collect data?

- Defined the data points
- Used Stepping Up and data that was already collected
- Data comes from different departments – have to collaborate
- Use a dropbox spreadsheet to enter each month
- Some data has to be pre-shared to compile due to privacy regulations



# BHCJAC Dashboard

- Number of persons screened positive for MH at Jail Admission.

Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20
1904	1867	1705	1104	1364	1049	1129	1261

- Number of TCOOMMI Forms Completed During the Month

Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20
741	655	297	85	78	216	167	129	171



# Challenges and Solutions?

- COVID
- GoBonds
- Equity and gender
  
- Start small with what you have
- Don't over do it at first
- Commit to discussing it regularly
- Change if needed



# Surprising Information / Changes in Procedures?

- Developed sub-committee for each intercept to discuss goals.
- Started with the data
- Noticed that the number of forms being completed was low
- Opened discussion on inconsistency among magistrates – might need guidelines for more consistency and training

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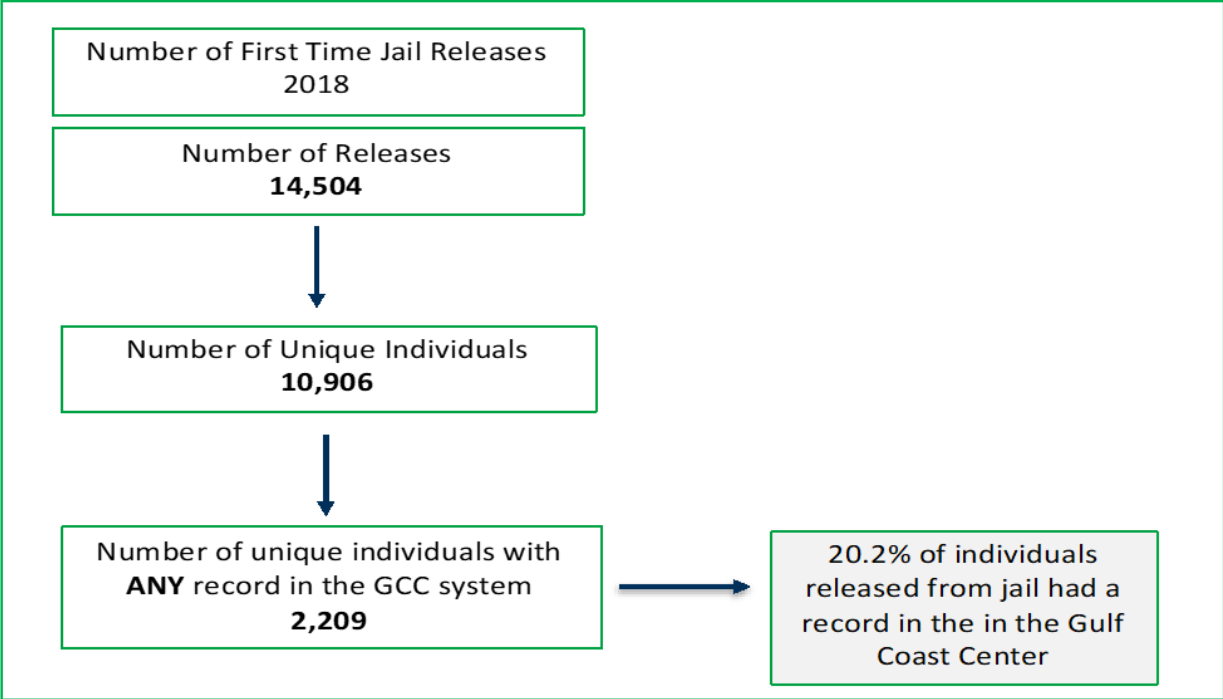




# Connection to Mental Health Treatment and Recidivism

## Galveston County Jail Releases in 2018

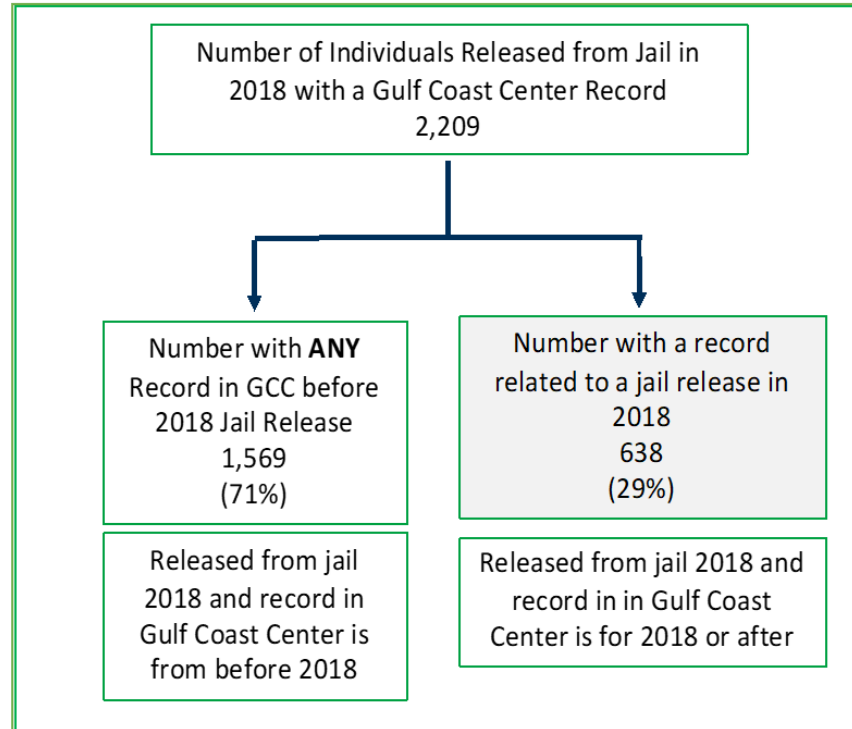
Figure 1: Number of Unique Individuals Released from the Galveston County Jail in 2018 with History with Gulf Coast Center LMHA





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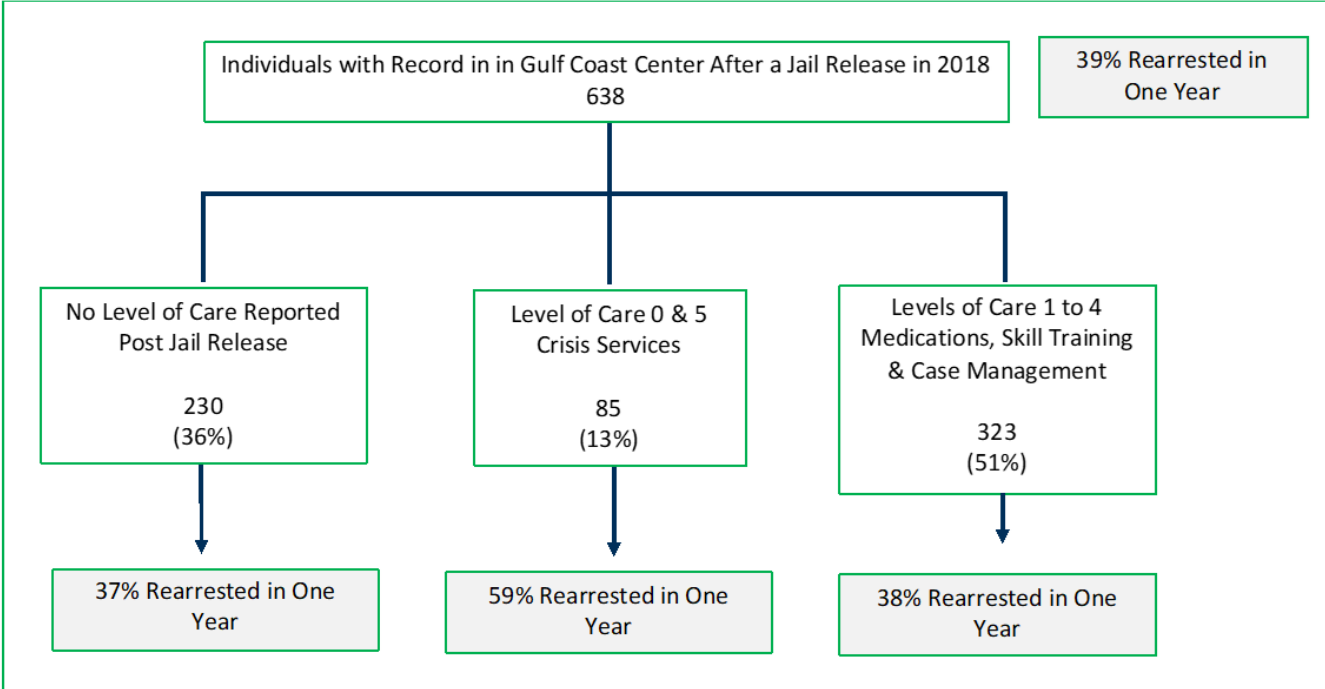
**Figure 2: Number of Unique Individuals Released from the Galveston County Jail in 2018 that had Any Contact with the Gulf Coast Center After Jail Release**



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**Figure 3: One-Year Recidivism Rate by Level of Services Received by Individuals Released from Galveston County Jail in 2018 With a Record in the Gulf Coast Center After Jail Release**





# Summary – Connections to Treatment

