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Getting Started: Mapping Your Community

Speaker

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Kristi Taylor is the Executive Director of the Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health (JCMH). She has over 25 years of experience as an attorney and policymaker. After receiving a BBA with Honors in Finance from the McCombs School of Business and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Texas School of Law, Taylor represented children and parents in the child welfare system for seven years.

In 2006, Taylor was selected by the Supreme Court of Texas to create the Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth, and Families. She later served as a Staff Attorney and Assistant Director of the Children's Commission. In 2017, Ms. Taylor spearheaded the planning for a new judicial commission on mental health and was named the Executive Director in 2018.

In this presentation, Kristi explained why sequential intercept mapping is done as well as how it is done. A SIM Mapping follows someone who has a mental illness through the stages of becoming justice-involved and notes each step in the process (intercepts). She explained the work a community should do prior to mapping to prepare for the workshop, then highlighted each intercept (Public Health, Community Services, Law Enforcement, Initial Detention/Court Hearings, Courts, Re-Entry, Community Corrections).

