Sequential Intercept Model: A Texas Example of a National Approach

Speakers

Molly Davis

Molly Davis joined the Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health in 2020 and is the lead author of the Juvenile Mental Health and IDD Bench Book. Prior to that, she served as a prosecutor in Tarrant County for 12 years, including 6 years as a juvenile prosecutor. She is Board Certified in Juvenile Law and has trained judges, lawyers, probation officers, CPS workers, and law enforcement officers on juvenile law and procedures. Molly holds a bachelor of Social Work from Michigan State University and a JD from the University of Dayton School of Law.

Liz Wiggins

Elizabeth "Liz" Wiggins joined JCMH in the summer of 2021 and assisted with the roll out of JCMH's technical assistance services to courts across Texas. She has experience as both a former prosecutor and defense attorney, and with various leadership roles while volunteering with local organizations. Liz has a passion for identifying and addressing the root issues to reduce recidivism, keep communities safe, and to elevate people to become the best versions of themselves. She is also a Facilitator for PRA's Sequential Intercept Model Mapping.

The Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) has been used as a focal point for states and communities to assess available resources, determine gaps in services, and plan for community change. These activities are best accomplished by a team of stakeholders that cross over multiple systems, including mental health, substance abuse, law enforcement, pretrial services, courts, jails, community corrections, housing, health, social services, peers, family members, and many others.

In this presentation, Molly and Liz explain how a SIM Mapping Workshop can help communities like Grayson County use collaboration, evidence-based practices, and sustainability to create a plan for community change.