



**Executive Summary  
Annual Report  
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**Illinois Center of Excellence  
for Behavioral Health and Justice  
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**Vision**

Persons involved with the criminal justice system are addressed in a way that best improves health, promotes recovery and enhances public safety.

**Mission**

To equip communities to appropriately respond to the needs of persons with behavioral health disorders who are involved with the criminal justice system.

**Goal I**

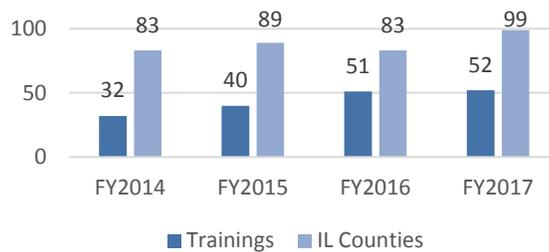
Provide training, technical assistance and information to facilitate appropriate responses to the needs of persons with behavioral health disorders who are involved with the criminal justice system.

**Goal II**

Increase and improve collaboration regarding the mission of the Center of Excellence.

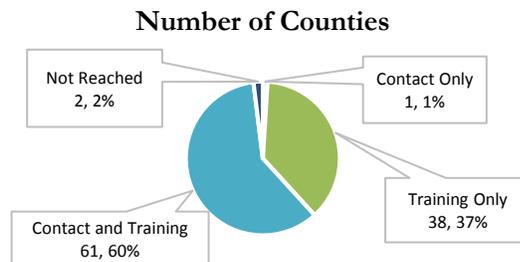
*The Center of Excellence is a valued and effective resource that helps communities respond to the needs of persons with behavioral health disorders who are involved with the criminal justice system.*

The Center of Excellence provided 52 training and technical assistance events that engaged over 2,180 attendees from 99 of the 102 Illinois counties. The number of events slightly increased in FY17 and the Center of Excellence reached 16 more counties than FY16. The increase in the number of counties in 2017 is attributed to several regional events. More than 147 continuing education credit hours were offered to attendees of these events.



Approximately 170 persons contacted the Center of Excellence for information during the program year, and the website had 2,710 visits with 8,395 pages viewed.

The Center of Excellence provided assistance to persons or organizations from 100 counties.



**Number of Recipients Provided Training and/or Assistance  
by Sequential Intercept<sup>a,b</sup>**

<i>Intercept</i>	<i>Number</i>
<i>Community Services</i>	2,025
<i>Law Enforcement</i>	1,615
<i>Initial Detention/Court Hearing</i>	1,390
<i>Jail/Courts</i>	2,107
<i>Re-Entry</i>	1,148
<i>Community Corrections</i>	1,901

<sup>a</sup>Abreu, D., Parker, T. W., Noether, C. D., Steadman, H. J., & Case, B. (2017). Revising the paradigm for jail diversion for people with mental and substance use disorders: Intercept 0. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*. 35, 380-395. doi: 10.1002/bsl.230  
<sup>b</sup>Some trainings include more than one intercept.

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*The Center of Excellence creates linkages for national and state discussions, to leverage resources and to keep Illinois courts and communities up-to-date on trends and research related to behavioral health and justice. It is a catalyst and synergistic influence across Illinois.*

**Problem-Solving Court Standards and Certification**

The Center of Excellence assisted the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts by providing training and technical assistance to individual problem-solving courts as they sought certification.

**Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts**

The Center of Excellence designs, develops and manages a conference for all problem-solving court stakeholders in Illinois. The 2017 ILAPSC Conference welcomed 571 attendees from 77 counties.

**Focus on Sequential Intercept Model (SIM)<sup>a</sup>**

The Center of Excellence assists communities using the SIM as an organizing tool. Teams with individuals from each intercept identify ways to improve their response to the needs of persons with behavioral health disorders. Focus is placed on identifying available resources, determining gaps, and developing a community plan.

**Focus on Training**

The Center of Excellence provides customized training for multiple disciplines, such as the highly requested training on trauma and how to be trauma-informed. In partnership with the Division of Mental Health of the Illinois Department of Human Services, the Center of Excellence assisted in organizing and providing regional and statewide training on Moral Reconciliation Therapy. The Center of Excellence also provided mental health and trauma training for the Illinois Department of Corrections.

**Current Information**

The Center of Excellence keeps abreast of the latest news, resources, and research. It disseminates information on Illinois legislation, guidelines from SAMHSA, NADCP best practice standards, medication-assisted treatment, opioid addiction, integrated mental health and substance use care, and the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority’s Data-Driven Health and Justice and Criminal Justice Coordinating Council initiatives.

**Collaboration and Support**

The Center of Excellence collaborates with more than 20 entities. One of the most beneficial collaborations involves the Center of Excellence, the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, and Adult Redeploy Illinois. The three entities coordinate their programs and assist each other in achieving shared goals through bi-monthly meetings.

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*The Center of Excellence makes a lasting difference.*

*The majority of participants reported the training led to:*

- *Improved ways to work with persons with behavioral health disorders in the justice system*
- *Improved ways of meeting the needs of persons with behavioral health disorders*
- *Implementation of evidence-based practices*
- *Interventions provided earlier for persons with behavioral health disorders*

*Over 98% of participants rated the training in a satisfaction survey as satisfying, increased knowledge, useful, intend on sharing what was learned, organized, and relevant.*

*Follow-up surveys at 3 and 12 months after trainings indicated the Center of Excellence had significant impacts:*

- *90% - improved ways they work with clients*
- *88% - improved ways of meeting the needs of persons with behavioral health disorders*
- *86% - implementing evidence-based practices*
- *76% - provided interventions earlier*
- *73% - improved communication*
- *48% - improved team functioning*

**Intensity of Training and Technical Assistance**

