

# Judicially Managed Accountability and Recovery Court (JMARC) as a Community Collaborative

*Same People. Different Outcomes.*

WHY?

# Daily Number of Persons with Mental Illness in the Criminal Justice System

	Prisons	Jails	Probation/Parole
# SMI	276,994	130,140	1,350,000

- 31% of female and 15% of male jail inmates have mental illness  
(**Steadman et al., 2009**) June 2009 ~ 130,140 SMI inmates ready for release
- 24% of female and 16% of male prisoners have mental illness  
(**Ditton, 1999**) June 2009 ~ 276,994 SMI prisoners potentially ready for community reentry
- About 27% of 5 million SMI probationers  
(**Crilly et al., 2009**) ~ 1.35 million probationers
- Approximately 37,000 in state hospitals

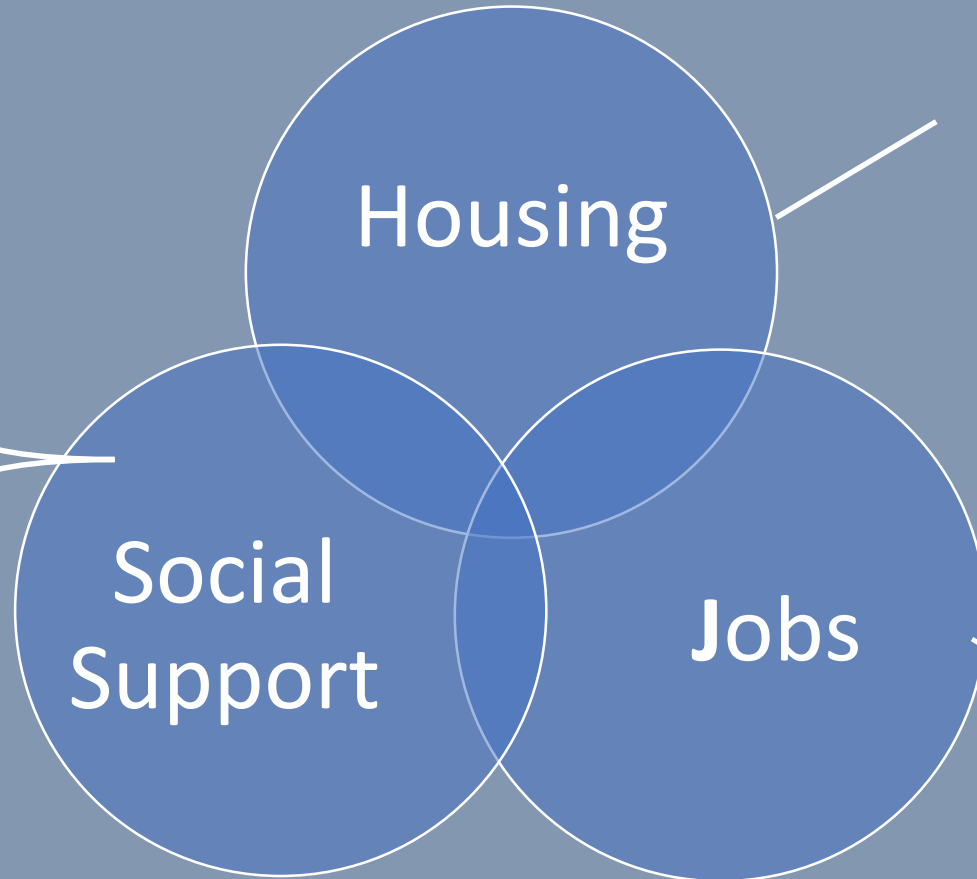
# Accountability and Recovery as a Community Collaborative



# Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health

Addresses Social Determinants of Criminal Justice Involvement

- ACT
- Integrated care
- Horticulture Therapy
- Brushes with Life
- Paws
- Wellness on Wheels
- Critical Time Intervention
- Case management
- Micro enterprise
- 18 programs!



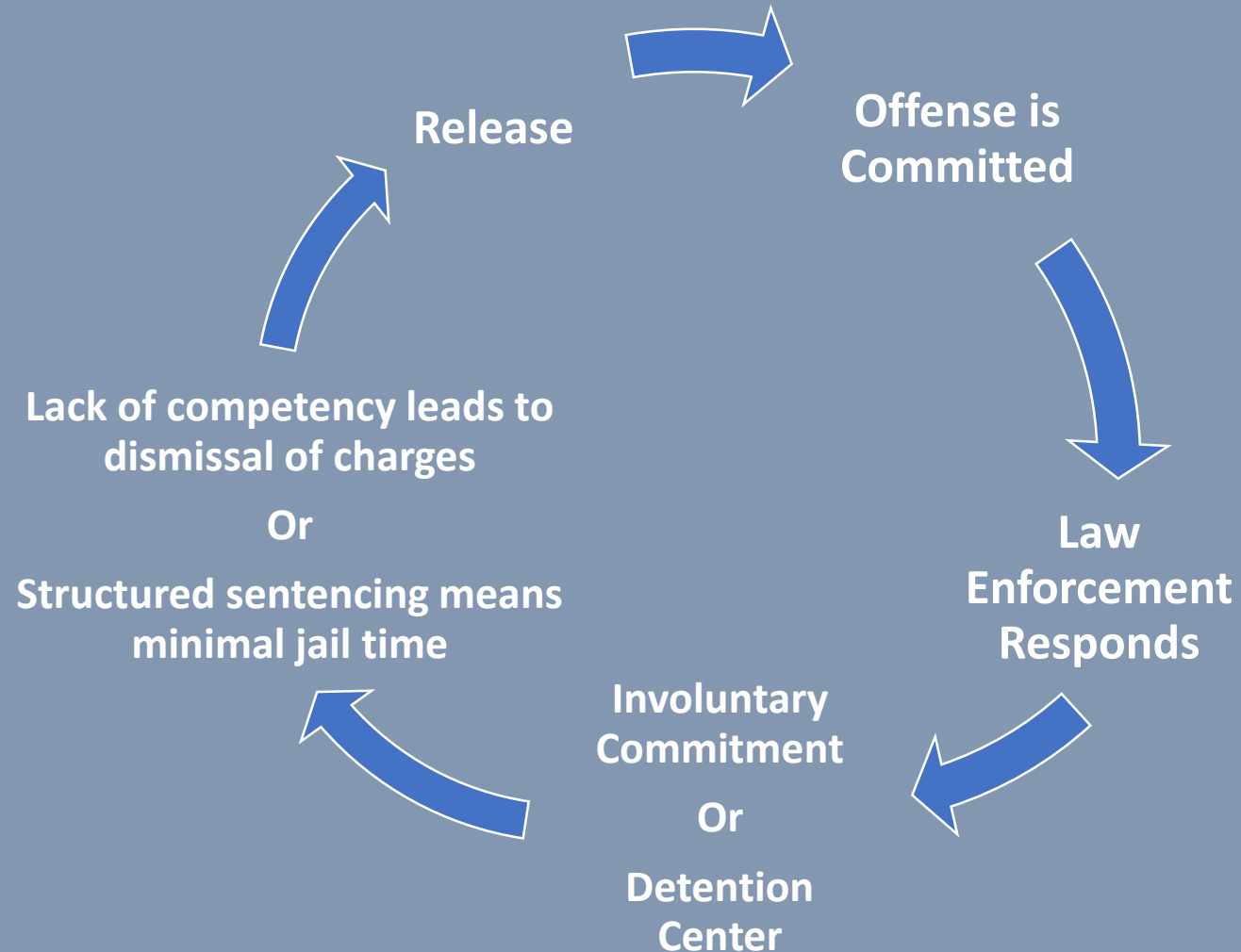
- Tiny Homes community
- B & B program
- High-fidelity supported employment program
- State training and supervision of over 30 sites

# In a Recovery Court model...

The Court does NOT  
dictate treatment

The Court supports the  
individual's treatment plan  
as determined by the  
treatment provider

# Behavioral Disorders in the Criminal Justice System



# What does this mean for the Offender and the Community?



- Complainant is a fatigued family member, upset neighbor, or frustrated merchant
- Asking that the Offender “get help,” “take their medicine,” “not drink alcohol,” and/or “leave complainant alone”



# What does this mean for Law Enforcement?



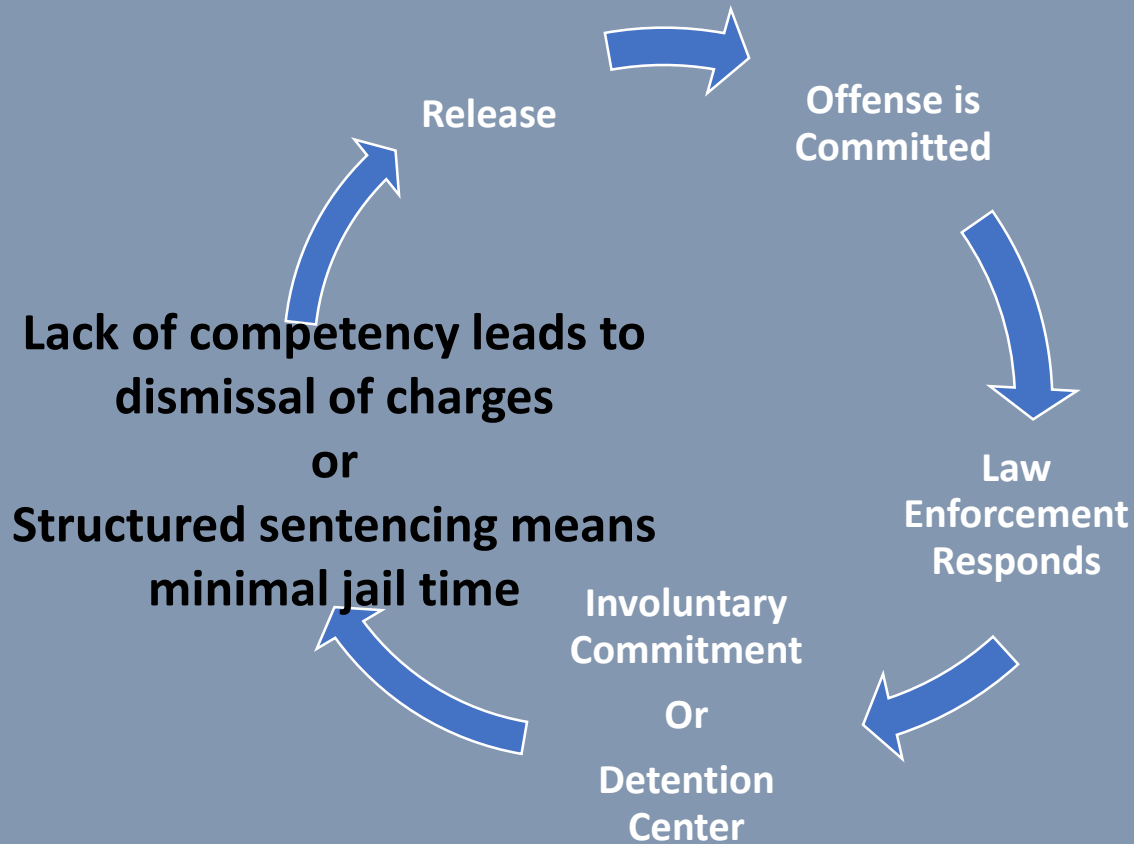
- Fewer resources available to manage other community priorities  
e.g. family violence, break-ins, drunk driving, robberies, preventive policing

# What does this mean for the jail?



- Strain on the detention center from managing the individual's behavioral disorder
- Strain from managing the interactions of that individual with other inmates
- High cost of emergency stabilization

# What does this mean for the Individual? Without Accountable Recovery...



- Untreated behavioral disorder
- Life instability continues
- Repeat offenses likely
- Isolation of the individual in the community
- Minimal legal accountability

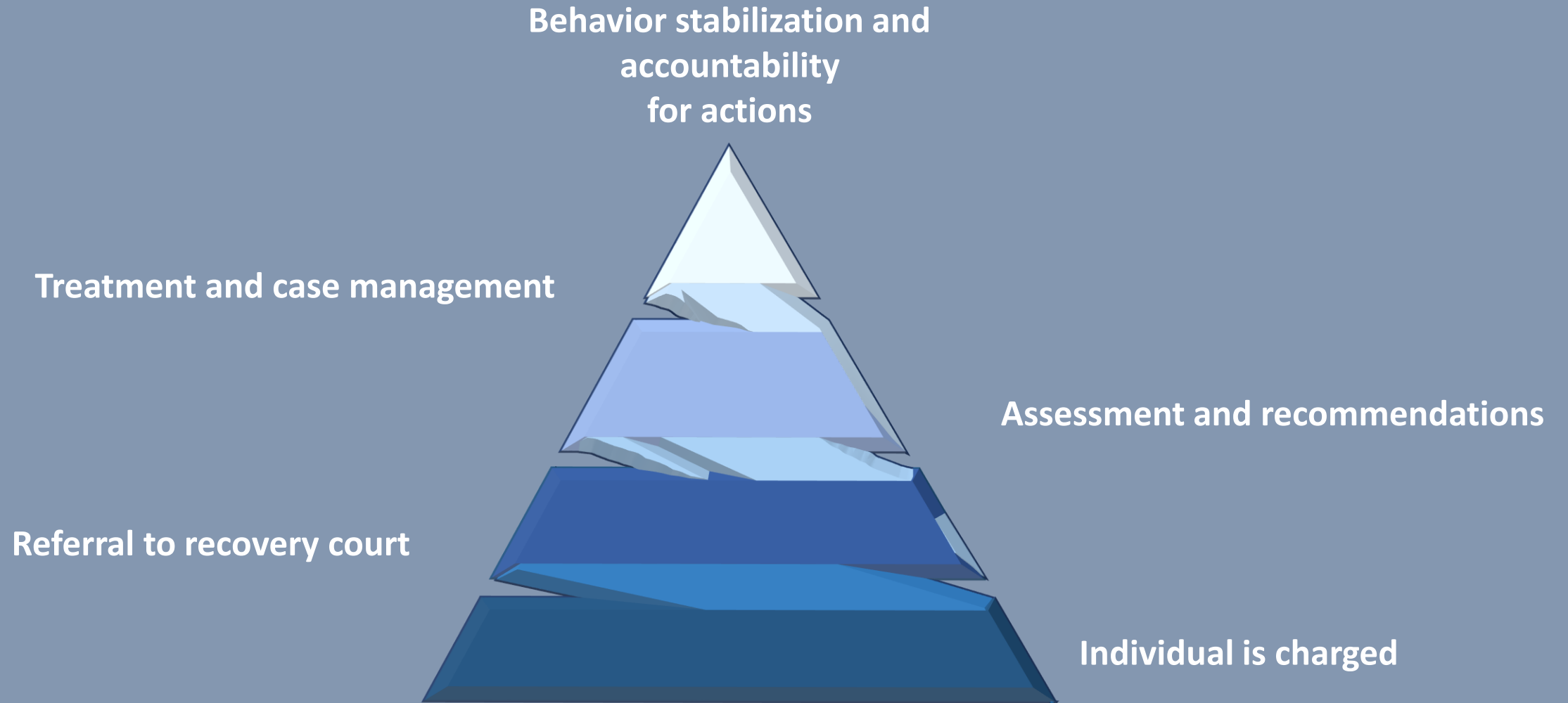
One Strategy:  
Judicially Managed Accountability  
and Recovery Court (JMARC)

*Coordinating resources for  
accountability and recovery  
in our communities*

This is the traditional justice model.



# JMARC will mandate accountability and recovery



# Eligibility Requirements

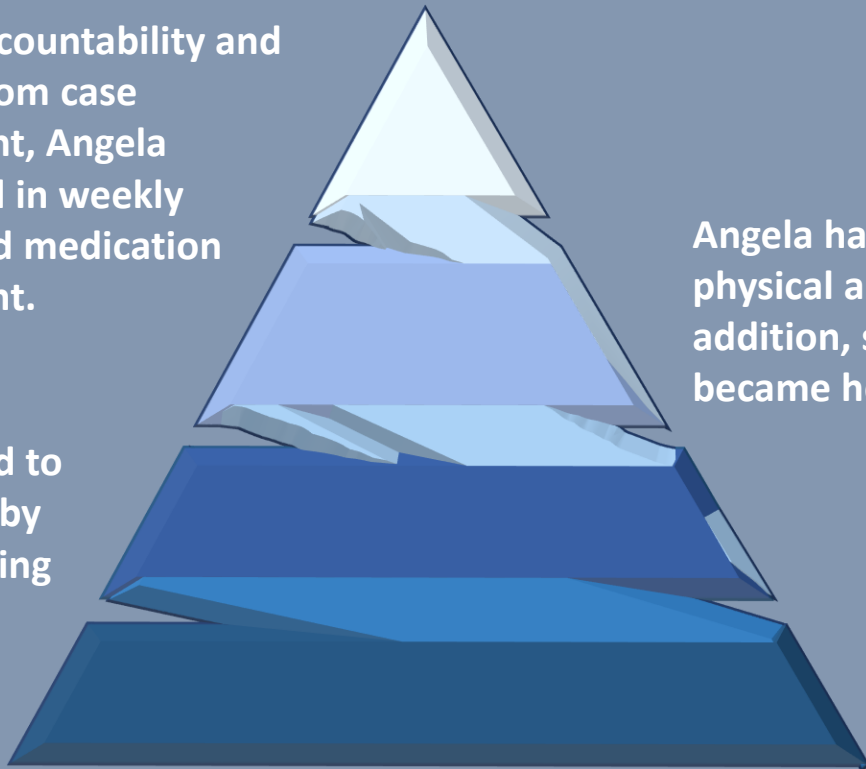
- Charged with criminal offense
- Have a behavioral disorder and inability to navigate treatment
- The District Attorney screens all cases for public safety
- Willingness to come to court monthly and be held accountable
- Participant must be willing to engage in treatment and work toward recovery

# Angela's Story

At graduation, having accepted accountability, her criminal charges were dismissed. Angela and her children were housed and she was active in recovery.

With the accountability and oversight from case management, Angela participated in weekly therapy, and medication management.

She was referred to Recovery Court by Pretrial Sentencing staff



Angela has a long history of both physical and sexual trauma. In addition, she and her children became homeless.

Angela was charged with Fleeing/Eluding, Driving without a License, Reckless Driving



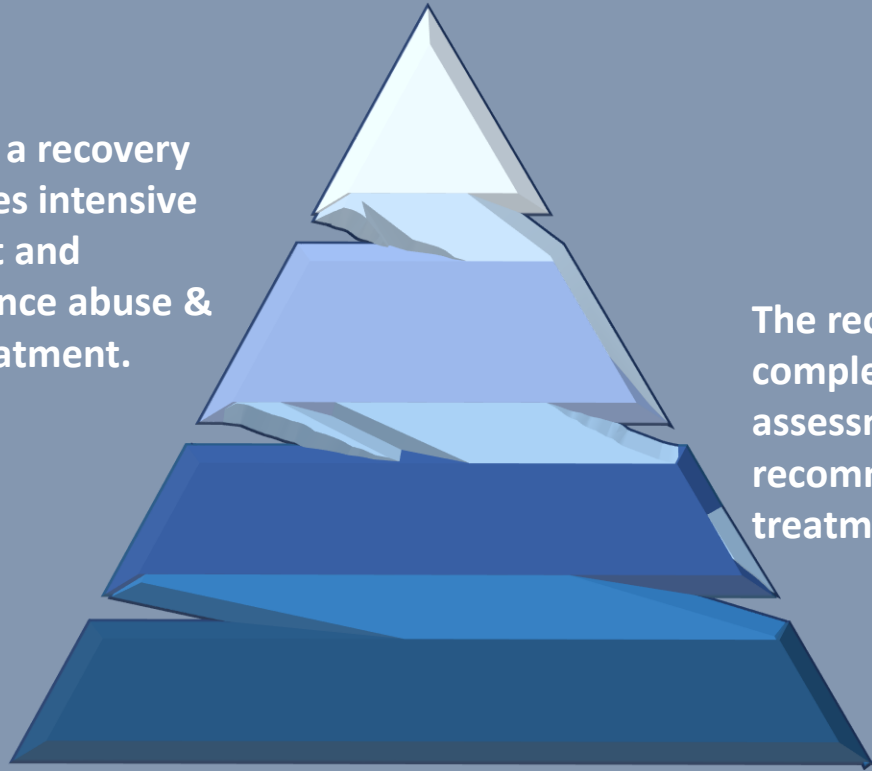


# Paul's Story

At the time of graduation Paul is engaged in recovery, living in stable housing and receives dismissal of his charges.

During his time in a recovery court, Paul receives intensive case management and outpatient substance abuse & mental health treatment.

At his first appearance court date, his public defender refers him to a recovery court.



The recovery court staff complete a psychosocial assessment and make recommendations for treatment and housing.

Paul is a veteran is charged with resisting arrest and communicating threats.



# Quotes from Participants:

I am always going to face obstacles. What has changed is how I deal with them.

My advice to you is to understand that these people want to help you. Make the most of it.

‘Recovery Court’  
saved my life.

Thank you for  
believing in me.

Even though I have a ‘behavior disorder’, with recovery, I can be a productive member of society.

# Benefits for Team Members:

No additional allocation of funds and...

- DA's offices
- Defense Attorneys
- Sheriff's Offices
- Police Departments
- Not handling the case during other busy sessions, offenders held accountable
- Clients are not in jail, are not being re-arrested and are achieving some stability in their lives
- Less disruption of general jail population or repeatedly taxing jail capacity
- Receiving fewer calls, making fewer arrests, risking less injury to officers attempting to subdue a combative delusional offender

# Benefits to the Individual

- Learn to manage their illness and work toward recovery
- Acquire proper skills to maintain healthy, crime-free lifestyle
- Positive legal remedy upon graduation
- Fewer emergency room visits
- Fewer involuntary commitments

# Benefit to the Victim and Community

- Offender accepts accountability for actions
- Behavioral stability of offender
- Availability of law enforcement and emergency medical services for other priorities
- Cessation or slowing of occurrence of incidents
- Fewer emergency room visits

## Two Critical Components for a Successful JMARC:

1. Case management
2. Access to medical and behavioral health therapy

# Advantages of Case Management in a JMARC

- Supervises the recovery process
- Ensures that a treatment plan is being followed
- Allows for early screening to determine eligibility
- Provides therapy in situations where access to treatment is unavailable
- Provides flexibility since does not bill hours
- Offers assistance with other life stressors

# Judicially Managed Accountability and Recovery Court provides:

- Accountability for actions
- Recovery for those with behavior disorders
- Cost savings

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*“Do you know what your birthright is?  
To be safe and happy.  
I did not say rich, or famous  
or with a big job or even healthy.  
But we all deserve to be safe and happy.”*

Judge Joe Buckner to Recovery Court participants