

Stepping Up: Removing the Mentally Ill from County Jails

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Stepping Up: A National Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails

THE STEPPING UP INITIATIVE

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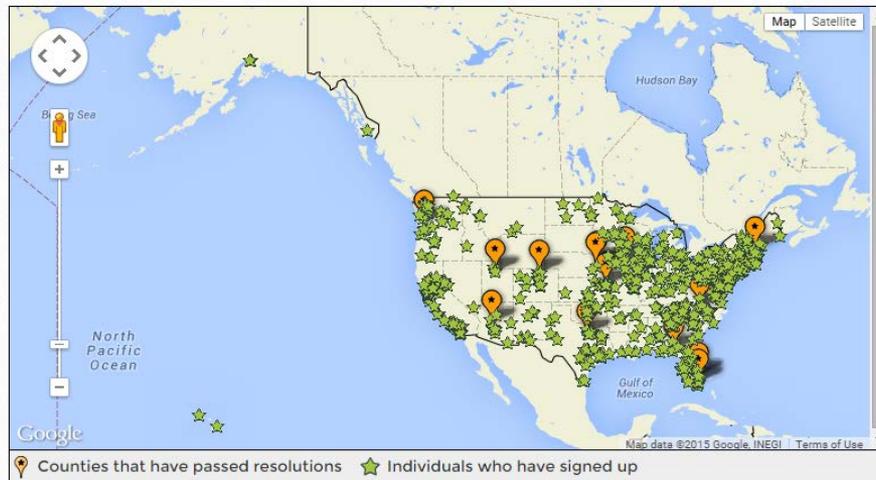
The screenshot displays the website for 'THE STEPPING UP INITIATIVE'. At the top, logos for APF (American Psychiatric Foundation), NACo (National Association of Counties), and JUSTICE CENTER are visible. Navigation links include TOOLKIT, NEWS & UPDATES, THE PROBLEM, THE PEOPLE, and WHAT YOU CAN DO, along with a red 'Take Action Now' button.

The main content area features the title 'Stepping Up: A National Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails'. Below this is a graphic of the United States map where different regions are labeled with mental health conditions: Bipolar Disorder, Schizophrenia, Major Depression, and PTSD. A large '2 Million' with a play button icon is overlaid on the map, indicating the number of people with mental illness in U.S. jails. A 'Take Action Now' button is positioned below the map.

The lower section, titled 'The Problem', has a dark teal background with a crescent moon and stars. It contains the text: 'The number of people with mental illness in U.S. jails has reached crisis levels. In counties across the nation, jails now have more people with mental illnesses than in their psychiatric hospitals. [Learn More »](#)'. To the right, there is an illustration of a 'COUNTY JAIL' building with a lit window.

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What You Can Do

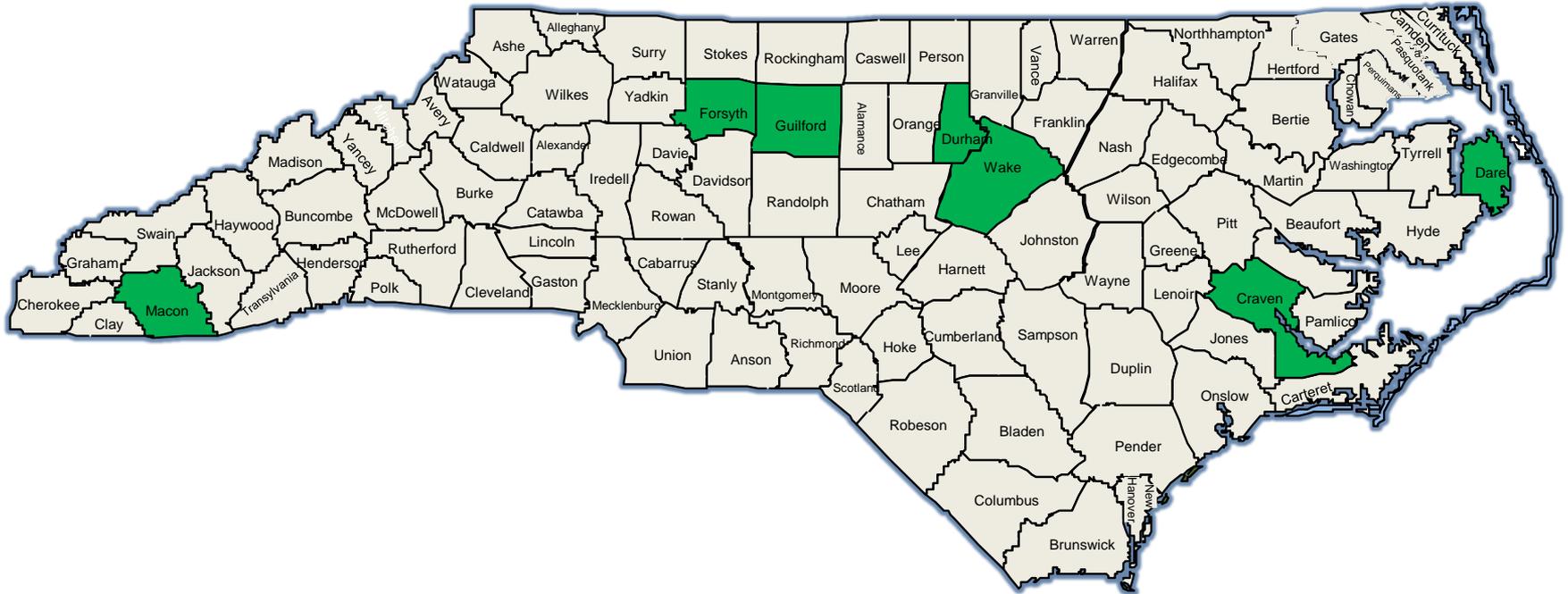


Whether you are a state or local policymaker, a criminal justice or behavioral health professional, an individual living with mental illness, or someone who is simply committed to reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails, you can play a critical role in this initiative. When you click to take action, you will receive an email with information about how to get involved.

Despite important efforts already underway in many counties, there is an urgent need to address this national crisis using a common data-driven process that can encourage innovation and bring good work to scale. The time is now to launch a nationwide initiative to provide coordinated support to counties to help people living with mental illnesses stay out of jail and on a path to recovery.

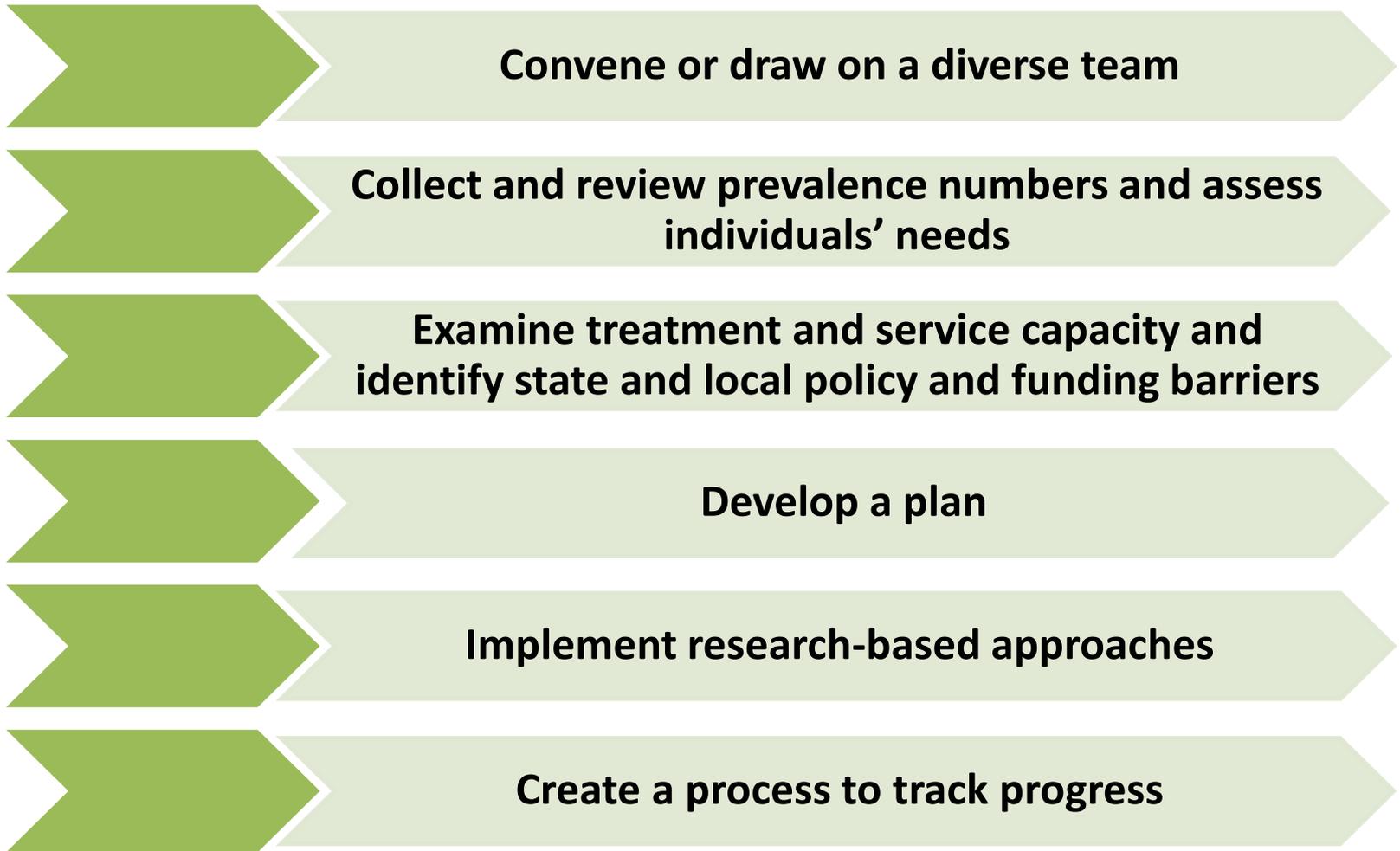
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- *Getting Started with Stepping Up. Archived*



- *Strategies to Measure Prevalence and Assess the Needs of Individuals with Mental Illnesses in Jails. Archived*



- *Examining Treatment and Service Capacity and Identifying State and Local Policy and Funding Barriers Archived.*



- *Effective Law Enforcement and Diversion Strategies **September 10, 2015 at 2pm ET.***



- *Effective Strategies for Connecting People with Mental Illnesses to Services after Release from Jail **October 8, 2015 at 2pm ET.***



- *Preparing a Plan and Tracking Progress **November 19, 2015 at 2pm ET.***



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STEPPING UP: EFFECTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DIVERSION STRATEGIES

Sep. 10, 2015, 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

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REGISTER



Join us for the next webinar in the Stepping Up series to learn about key law enforcement and diversion strategies for reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails. As the second of three webinars focused on Module 3 of Stepping Up, county law enforcement and behavioral health practitioners will share law enforcement-focused policies, practices and programs they have established and the impact they have had on these numbers. Attendees are encouraged to first review the first webinar in this module before watching this one. The final webinar in this module will focus on effective strategies for connecting people to community-based services after their release from jails.

Thursday, September 10, 2015

2:00pm EDT – 3:15pm EDT

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