



THE
STEPPING UP
I N I T I A T I V E

Forsyth County's Response to the Call

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How Forsyth County is Answering the Call

- Approach
 - Teams (Steering Committee, Core Team, Planning Team)
- Action Steps
 - Orientation (Key Leaders)
 - 3 Planning Meetings (Feb, Mar, May)
- Pilot Project - SUPER
 - Conceptual
 - 3 Grant applications to Community Foundations



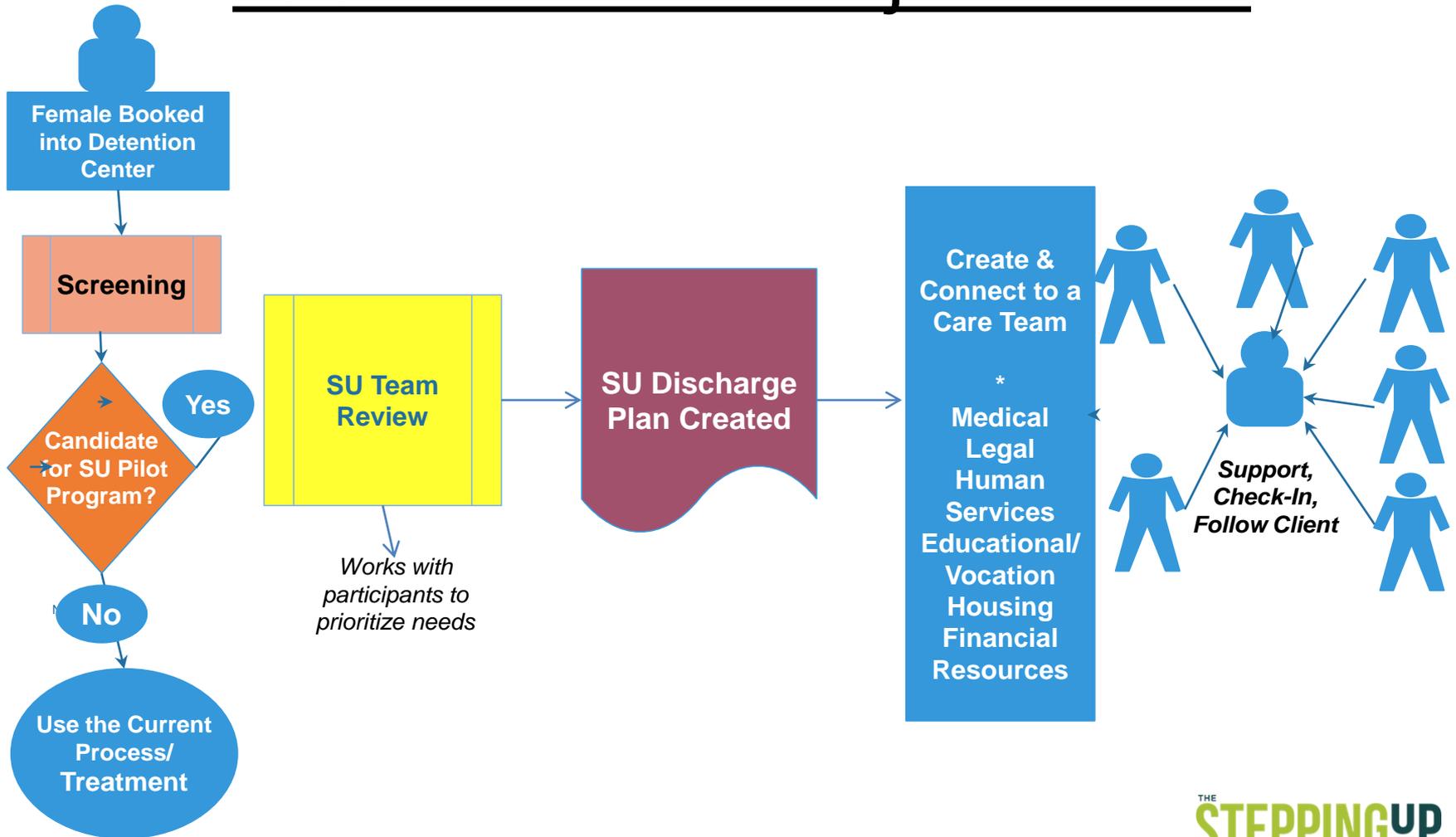
RECOMMENDED PILOT PROJECT

“***SUPER***” PROGRAM

Stepping Up Processes to End Recidivism

- Integrated SUPPORT for justice system involved women
- Dual diagnoses focused - mental health (illness) + substance use
- Individualized Discharge plans created for participants

“SUPER” Pilot Project Vision



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EXPAND TO HERE

PILOT PROJECT 2016-2018

Intercept 1
Law Enforcement/1st Responders

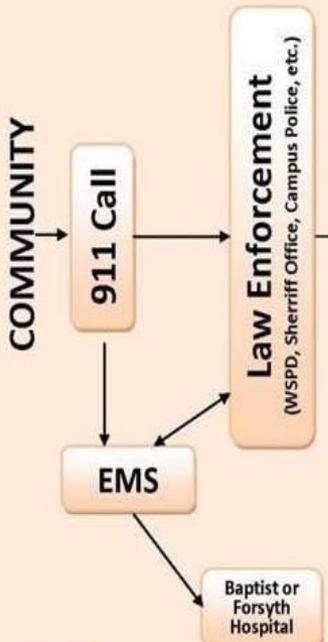
Intercept 2
Initial Detention/Jail

Intercept 3
Jail/Courts

Intercept 4
Reentry & Community Resources

Intercept 5
Community Corrections

COMMUNITY

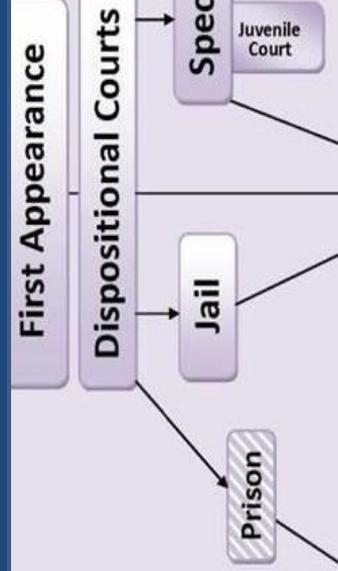


- RESOURCES**
- CenterPoint Mobile Crisis Team
 - CIT Training for Law Enforcement
 - EMS Para-medicine Program (2 year program; CIT Trained)
 - 2017 CHPS Urgent Care

ARREST
Forsyth County
Detention Center

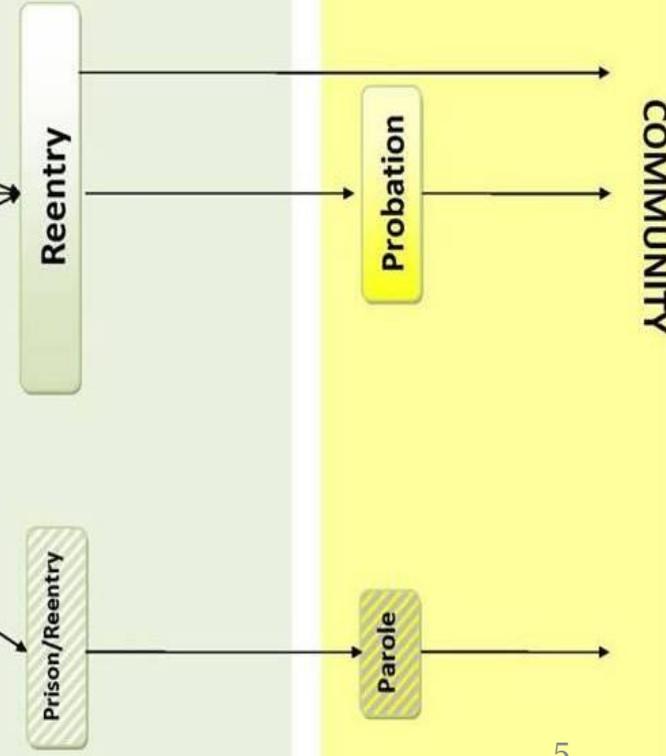


STEPPING UP GOAL HERE / REACHED



- RESOURCES**
- Special Proceedings Office
 - CPHS MH Jail Liaison
 - Jail & Prison Ministries (45 Congregations)

- RESOURCES**
- Mental Health Providers
 - DSS MI Guardianship
 - VAST Team
 - Mental Health Association
 - Peer Support Services
 - Housing Resources



CHALLENGES & LESSONS

Challenges

- Access to information
 - Overcoming HIPAA
- Staff Capacity for the “new”
- Define terms early so everyone is working off the same page
- Ensuring that community stakeholders are clear on what the County’s vision and commitment to Stepping Up Initiative is and isn’t:
 - Not a magic bullet or Granny’s elixir
 - Will not address every issue and concern about mental health services

Lessons

- Find a champion on the Board
- Follow the NACo template
- Make sure relevant stakeholders are at the table
- Have an orientation with agency stakeholders first and then get commitments from them
- Move fast
- Decide on a message & be consistent relaying it regardless of messenger
- Think pilot project first
 - Don’t try to eat it all at once

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Forsyth County, North Carolina

THE STEPPING UP INITIATIVE

HOME

STEPPING UP INITIATIVE INFORMATION

OUR FIRST INITIATIVE

RESOURCES

National Call to Counties for Action to: **Safely Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails.**

- As of January 19, 2016 213 counties nationwide have passed Stepping Up Initiative Resolutions
- NC - 23 counties that have passed Stepping Up Initiative resolutions
- Forsyth County responded with a resolution in April of 2015

To learn more about Forsyth County's initiatives and connect to resources, visit the links below. [Read more information about the national Stepping Up project.](#)

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Stepping Up Initiative Information



Our First Initiative



Resources