

Creating a Legal Systems Support and Health Care Exchange to Promote Engagement in Primary Care Services



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Criminal Justice
Health Care Access
Violence & Trauma

Wicked Problem Description

The interaction between health and criminal justice needs results in negative outcomes across both systems. Out of fear of these anchor systems, individuals may not seek maintenance healthcare and render the emergency room their effective primary care provider, burdening an already overwhelmed healthcare system.

Project Strategies

Create an interdisciplinary team: a physician, nurse, and social worker, spanning the health care and criminal justice systems to address the health needs of justice-involved individuals.

Develop an exchange program, uniting hospital healthcare workers with court social workers.