

COUNTY INITIATIVES

Orange County Local Reentry Council

The CJRD received a grant from the NC Department of Public Safety in June 2018 to administer the Coordinated Local Reentry Council. A coordinator and case manager provide oversight and direct support to individuals returning to Orange County from prior incarceration.

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Medication Assisted Treatment Program at the Detention Center

In this program, which is a collaboration between the OCSO, the FIT Program, the Health Department and the CJRD, MAT is being provided for individuals with Opioid Use Disorders at the Detention Center.

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UNC Psychiatry

The CJRD has partnered with UNC Psychiatry's Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health to offer psychiatric services to people in the Orange County Detention Center. Individuals in need of psychiatric services (medication) are screened by the Clinical Coordinator and then referred to psychiatry. This service is available once per week. In addition to providing medication management during the period of incarceration, UNC Psychiatry is also able to call in 30 day prescriptions to a community pharmacy so that once people are released, they are able to have access to needed medication until they are connected to a community provider.

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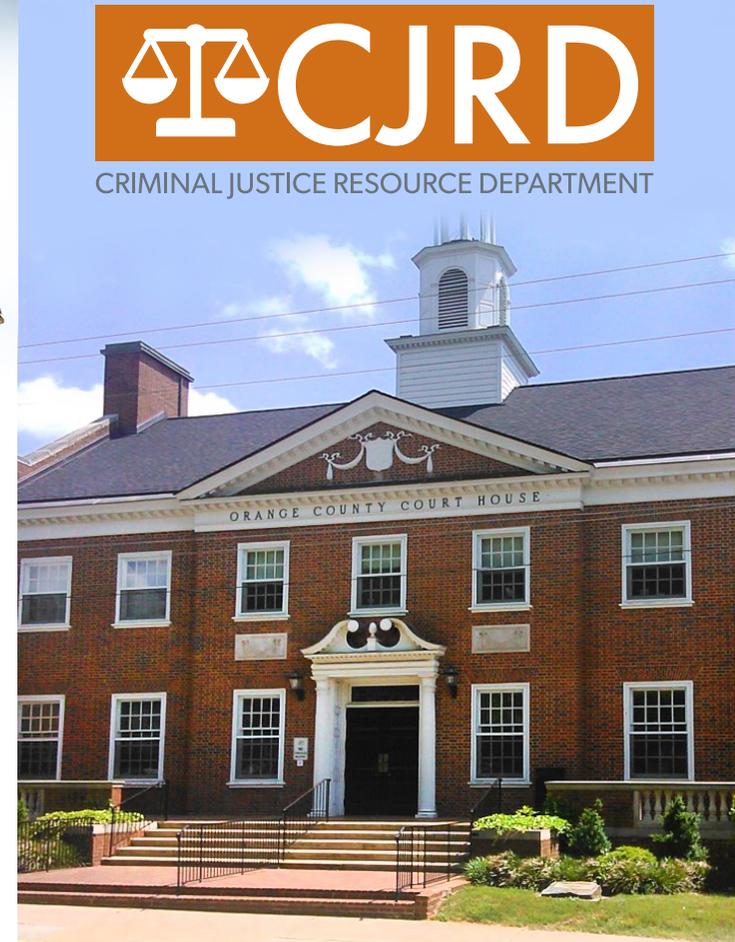
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The Criminal Justice Resource Department seeks to increase jail alternatives and diversion opportunities while providing treatment and support for individuals impacted by Orange County's criminal legal system.



CJRD PROGRAMS

The CJRD directly oversees and administers the County's Pretrial Services Program, Pre-Arrest Diversion programming for youth and adults, behavioral health services for youth and adults, the Lantern Project focused on harm reduction, two Treatment Courts, the Restoration Legal Counsel position, a clinician with the Street Outreach (SOHRAD) team, the Local Reentry Council, the Justice Advisory Counsel, and programs that support transportation to court and court system debt relief.

Pretrial Release

The Pretrial Release Program can minimize unnecessary detention by supervising individuals who are likely to appear for future court dates and do not pose a serious risk to the community as they await trial. This results in reduced jail costs for the County, enhanced public safety, and more informed and equitable pretrial outcomes. Most significantly, individuals who are released from custody are able to maintain employment, access treatment, maintain stable housing, aid in their own defense, assert their innocence, and mitigate the severity of any active prison term that may be imposed at sentencing.

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Deflection and Diversion

The **Pre-Arrest Diversion Program (OC PAD)** provides law enforcement the option to divert individuals 18 and older with no criminal record on certain misdemeanor offenses. The **Youth Deflection Program (YDP)** diverts youth aged 17 and under for eligible charges from the juvenile justice system. Eligibility requirements include: being under 17 years old at time of offense; no pending juvenile record; misdemeanor or low-level non-violent felony offense or a youth at present risk for such an offense, law enforcement retains discretion. The **Lantern Project** works to divert people with behavioral health concerns and prior justice involvement out of the criminal legal system and into treatment and to harm reduction interventions. The goal is to increase community safety and well-being by offering earlier and direct access to resources. Successful participants in all three programs earn the benefit of not having a charge or a criminal record, which have collateral consequences for employment, housing, legal residency status, and eligibility for public benefits and licensing.

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Lantern Project Diversion Coordinator:

Macon Hollister, MSW, 336.264.9084

Adult Behavioral Health

The Clinical Coordinator works directly with individuals incarcerated in the Orange County Detention Center who have mental health and substance use concerns. A primary goal of this position is to increase opportunities for pretrial release and connection to community resources.

Services include completion of clinical assessments, referral to treatment, psychiatry and MAT coordination, brief counseling, and crisis management. This position also works in collaboration with Orange County therapeutic courts and diversion programs to provide additional clinical support and care coordination.

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Youth Behavioral Health

The Youth Behavioral Health Liaison provides clinical services to youth ages 18 and under who are incarcerated, in detention or at high risk in the criminal and juvenile legal systems.

Services include completion of clinical assessments, referrals to treatment, crisis management, counseling and coordination with families and other systems of care to develop an appropriate treatment plan to support youth in returning to or remaining in the community.

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Lantern Project

The Lantern Project is a Deflection, Diversion, and Reentry program that works to support people with histories of substance use who are justice involved by connecting them to therapeutic supports as soon as possible. The Lantern Project team, which consists of a reentry recovery navigator, a clinician, a peer support specialist, and a diversion coordinator, will continue to provide support and referral assistance to each individual throughout the course of their journey. The Lantern Project has two paths – the diversion path works with people who have been arrested or are about to be arrested, while the re-entry path works with people who are currently incarcerated and working towards reentry as well as with those who have been recently released.

The Lantern Project is a partnership between the Orange County Criminal Justice Resource Department and Freedom House Recovery Center, with grant funding from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse.

Reentry Recovery Navigator:

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Recovery/Treatment Courts

The CJRD administers two distinct, therapeutic programs for court-involved adults who have substance use disorders. Recovery Court is a diversionary court for individuals who are facing significant terms of incarceration. Participants are referred to the program by judges, defense attorneys, and probation officers. Successful participants will avoid incarceration and reduce their likelihood of recidivism.

Family Treatment Court is a collaborative effort between the court system and the Department of Social Services (DSS). It is for parents or guardians who have a case pending with DSS regarding abuse, neglect, or dependency. Successful participants enhance their parenting skills and improve the chances of having their parental rights restored. The core components of both programs are formalized substance use treatment, random drug testing, frequent court appearances, referrals to resources, peer support and monitoring by a multidisciplinary team.

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Restoration Legal Counsel

The Restoration Legal Counsel works in collaboration with court and community stakeholders to provide pro bono restorative legal services to low-income justice involved individuals. This legal assistance to qualified individuals includes driver's license restoration work, expunctions, criminal justice debt relief and certificates of relief.

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SOHRAD

The Street Outreach, Harm Reduction and Deflection (SOHRAD) program connects people experiencing homelessness in Orange County with housing and services. Peer support and clinical staff use a relationship-based model to provide ongoing engagement and case management for people living unsheltered.

SOHRAD is co-managed by the Orange County Criminal Justice Resource Department and the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness in the Orange County Housing & Community Development Department.

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