



Texas Judicial
Commission on
Mental Health

SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL (SIM) MAPPING WORKSHOP

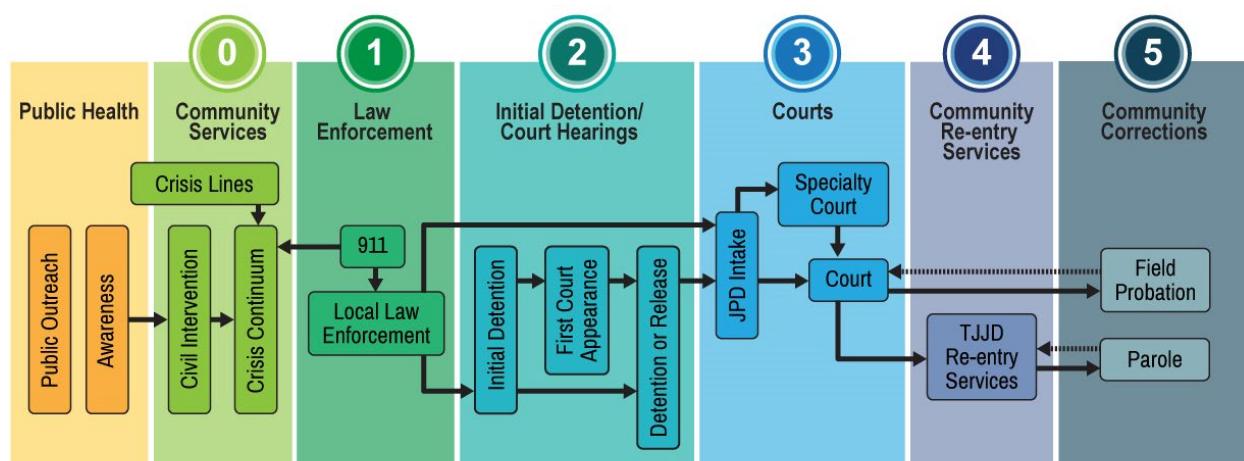


APPLICATION

OVERVIEW

Since 2021, the [Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health](#) (JCMH) has offered Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) mapping workshops to Texas communities interested in better identifying and responding to the needs of individuals with behavioral health needs who become involved in the criminal justice system. The workshops are designed to bring together a multidisciplinary group of key community leaders to facilitate cross-system collaboration and to identify all of the points at which individuals in the target population can be diverted from the criminal or juvenile justice system and into appropriate and available treatment.

THE SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL



The [Sequential Intercept Model](#) was developed by Mark R. Munetz, M.D. and Patricia A. Griffin, Ph.D., in conjunction with SAMHSA's GAINS Center. Since its creation, it has been used by communities to assess available resources, determine gaps in services, and plan for change. The JCMH adapted the Sequential Intercept Model (above) for youth who move through the juvenile justice system.

A Sequential Intercept Model mapping is a workshop to develop a map illustrating how people with behavioral health needs move through the criminal justice system. The workshop allows participants to identify opportunities for collaboration to prevent further involvement with the criminal justice or juvenile justice system.

The Sequential Intercept Model mapping workshop has five primary goals:

- Develop a comprehensive picture of how people with mental illness and co-occurring disorders move through the criminal justice system along six distinct intercept points: (0) Community Services and Crisis Response, (1) Law Enforcement, (2) Initial

Detention and Initial Court Hearings, (3) Courts, (4) Reentry, and (5) Community Corrections;

- Identify challenges, resources, and opportunities for each intercept for individuals in the target population;
- Create shared priorities to improve systems and service level responses for individuals in the target population;
- Generate an action plan to implement those priorities; and
- Nurture cross-system communication and collaboration.

SITE SELECTION

The JCMH will provide adult or juvenile SIM Mapping Workshops free of charge to selected communities in 2026. There are no fees for registration, tuition, or materials associated with the workshops. The JCMH will cover all costs associated with workshop planning and coordination, facilitator time, analysis, and report development.

Communities that are selected to receive Sequential Intercept Model mapping workshops must identify an event space for the workshop and cover any costs associated with event space rental, provide food and refreshments for participants at the live event, and supply meeting materials and equipment (microphones, extension cords, power strips, a projector and screen, wifi connection, name badges, easel pads, post-it notes, pens, markers, and other items).

LOCAL PARTICIPATION

Workshop participants should include justice professionals, including judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, 9-1-1 dispatchers, law enforcement officers, other first responders, probation and parole officers, the local mental health authority, mental health service providers, substance use professionals and service providers, family partners and people or family members with lived experience of the justice or mental health delivery systems, and representatives from relevant organizations or agencies.

The workshop is interactive in nature and attendees should be prepared to actively participate during the pre-workshop meetings online and the in-person workshop.

APPLICATION

It is required that the applicant submitting an application for consideration identify and engage community leaders who are dedicated to participation in the workshop and resulting action plans.

- Applicants must complete and submit the SIM Mapping Workshop Application to jcmh@txcourts.gov.
- Applicants must work within the county or jurisdiction for which they are submitting an application.
- Applications must specify a principal point of contact for the community, who may be different than the applicant.
- Communities must form a local planning team. This team will meet with the JCMH and workshop facilitators two or three times before the SIM Mapping workshop to plan the event and communicate with the community. The planning team should consist of five or six local leaders representing courts, law enforcement, the local mental health authority, probation, service providers, people with lived experience, schools, and government agencies. For Youth SIM Mapping, one of the planning committee members must be a judge who handles juvenile cases. Applications must include contact information for the local planning team.
- Competitive applications will include letters of support from the local mental health authority, court and legal professionals, law enforcement, jail or detention center, schools, mental health and substance use service providers, and probation department.
- Preference will be given to communities that have not yet had a SIM mapping or similar systems analysis.

Applicants who are selected to receive Sequential Intercept Mapping Workshops agree to participate in the following:

- 2-3 planning calls with JCMH staff and workshop facilitators;
- Local planning tasks as needed to select workshop dates, identify and invite workshop participants, etc.;
- Pre-workshop online session to complete resource mapping; and
- Full day in-person workshop.

Communities will receive a detailed report that includes all identified resources, gaps, and best practices; a systems map; an Executive Summary; and copies of all local Action Plans.

READINESS FOR CHANGE AND COMMUNITY INTEGRATION

A SIM mapping workshop brings a community together to assess available resources, determine gaps in services, and plan for change. “Readiness for change” is a critical element in determining whether a SIM mapping workshop will fit the needs of a community. To determine a community’s readiness for change, the community must self-assess how well its mental health, criminal or juvenile justice systems, and substance use services are integrated. This self-assessment will help the JCMH adjust the workshop to fit each community’s needs.

Stages of Community Integration

Stage of Integration	Activities
1. Information Sharing and Communication	• Talk with one another • Willingness to help from time to time • Share information
2. Cooperation and Coordination	• Multidisciplinary staff meetings • Joint planning on specific program pieces • Coordinate client referral process • Understand how program operates from the other side
3. Collaboration	• Informal joint planning • Joint or coordinated funding • Written MOUs or interagency agreements • Effort to share funding or services
4. Consolidation	• Formalized joint planning • Regular meetings of key partners • Cross-training of staff • Designated planning council • Clients seen as shared responsibility
5. Integration	• Share funding of key positions (boundary spanners) • Unified intake and assessment • Joint budget development

JCMH SIM Mapping Workshop Application

Complete the fields below, then answer the five narrative questions on the following pages. Save the PDF and email it with any letters of support to jcmh@txcourts.gov.

Community or County

Principal Point of Contact

Title

Organization

Phone Number

Email Address

Name of Applicant (if different than Principal Point of Contact)

Planning Team Members

List 5-6 local leaders (courts, law enforcement, mental health authority, probation, providers, lived experience, schools, government). For Youth SIM, include a judge who handles juvenile cases.

Name	Title	Organization	Email	Phone

Application Narrative

Answer each question in the space provided. If a box runs short, attach a continuation sheet.

1. Using the Stages of Community Integration chart (page 5), identify at which stage you would place your community. Use the box below to explain your choice.

Stage of Community Integration:

2. What active efforts are underway to improve your county's collaboration and integration?

Application Narrative

3. Discuss any policies or programs already implemented to identify and respond to the needs of those with mental illness or substance use disorder who become involved with the justice system. Note any existing strategic plans for this population.

Application Narrative

4. What major challenges does your community face in serving those with mental illness or substance use disorder who have become involved with the justice system?

5. Describe what your community hopes to accomplish with a SIM Mapping Workshop.