



Texas Judicial
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SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL (SIM) MAPPING WORKSHOP



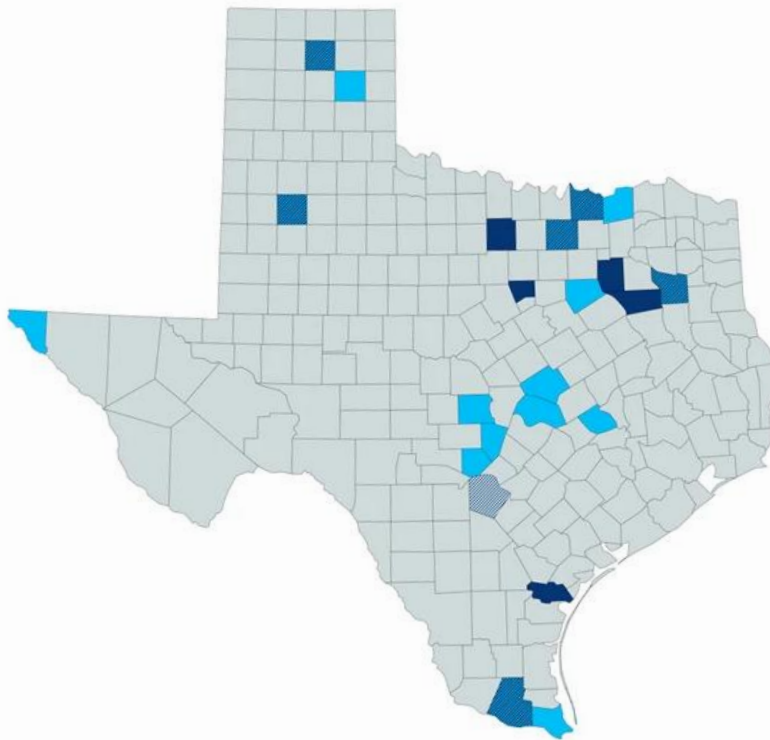
APPLICATION

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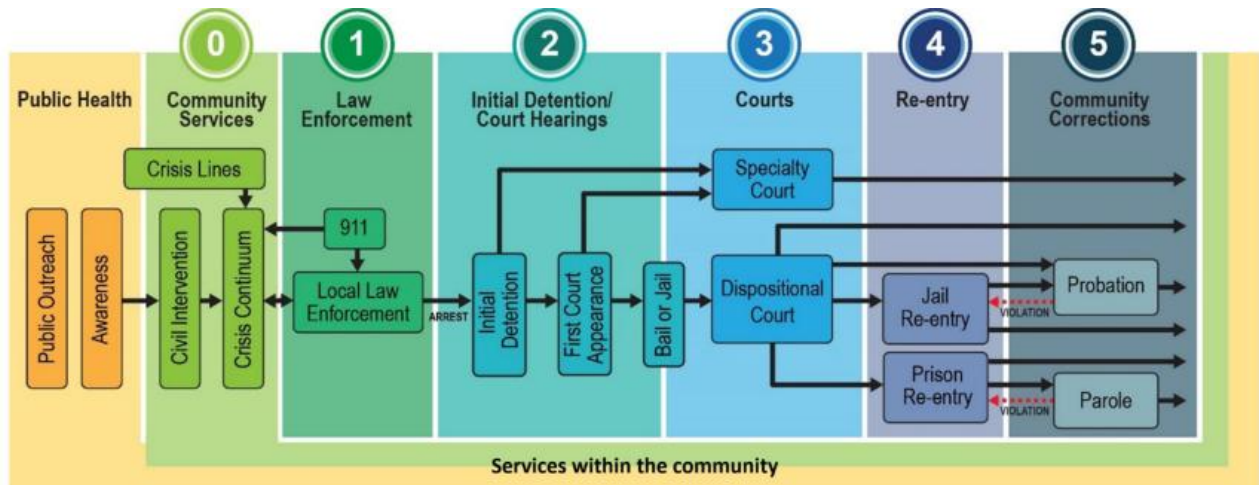
OVERVIEW

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 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. JCMH, in partnership with Dr. Lynda Frost and Doug Smith, has adapted the SIM for use with specific populations, such as transition aged youth and persons with substance use disorders. More information about the SIM can be found in the JCMH [Bench Book](#).



A SIM 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. **There are five primary goals of a SIM Mapping Workshop:**

1. Develop a comprehensive picture of how people with mental illness and co-occurring disorders move through the criminal justice system along seven distinct intercept points:

Public Health
 One — Community Services and Crisis Response
 Two — Law Enforcement
 Three — Initial Detention and Initial Court Hearings
 Four — Courts
 Five — Reentry
 Six — Community Corrections

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

FACILITATORS

JCMH partners with Lynda Frost, JD, PhD, of Lynfro Consulting, and Doug Smith, MSSW, of D-Degree Consulting, to facilitate SIM Mapping Workshops. Lynda founded Lynfro Consulting after 14 years at the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health and brings more than 25 years in the nonprofit sector focused on mental health and justice reform. Doug brings more than 12 years in mental health and justice policy, 8 years teaching social policy at the University of Texas at Austin, and lived experience of mental illness, substance use disorder, and incarceration.

Communities are often surprised by the structure of the Workshop. It is not a day of presentations with questions at the end. Each session is designed using facilitation methods built to engage all participants at once, and priorities are developed by all attendees. Participants are actively engaged, and dynamic groups form throughout the Workshop, leading to more effective and seamless collaboration across systems. Lynda and Doug stay engaged with communities after the Workshop.

SITE SELECTION

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

Communities that are selected to participate in this program 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, internet connection, name badges, easel pads, post-it notes, pens, markers, and other items).

LOCAL PARTICIPATION

The Workshop is interactive in nature and attendees should be prepared to actively participate. Workshop participants should include:

- Judges
- Prosecutors
- Defense attorneys
- 9-1-1 dispatchers
- Law enforcement officers
- Other first responders
- Probation and parole officers
- Local mental health authority (LMHA)
- 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
- Representatives from relevant organizations or agencies

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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. The following requirements exist:

- One (1) Applicant from a county/community should submit a SIM Mapping Workshop Application, via the instructions in this document.
- 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 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 fully participate in the following:

- Two to three planning calls (virtual) 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, scheduled with the community.

After the 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. This Report is drafted by JCMH and its partners with collaboration from the community and serves as a resource to share with prospective funders and a useful history for new community leaders as they engage in this work.

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 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

When a county or community is ready to apply, the SIM Mapping Workshop Application is to be submitted via an online form which may be found [here](https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/bqP0U6aTgK), or by pasting this URL into a web browser: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/bqP0U6aTgK>. Additionally, a scannable QR code is included on the next page. **Applicants should be prepared to provide all information and submit their Application in one sitting, as the form cannot be saved and returned to at a later date.** JCMH recommends collecting all information in a word document then pasting the responses into the web form.

Applicant & Planning Team Information

The Application will require the Applicant to identify the *type* of Workshop being requested and submit the following information:

County or Community Name

Planning Team Members

Name

Title

Organization

Email Address

Phone Number

Designation of a Team Member as the Principal Point of Contact

Community Information

The Application will require the Applicant to answer and explain, if necessary, the following questions:

1. Are there any recent assessments relevant to your community?
 - a. If yes, name each assessment, who conducted it, and the year completed.
2. Has your community previously participated in a SIM Mapping Workshop?
 - a. If yes, when and was it adult or youth focused?
3. Does your community have a Behavioral Health Leadership Team or other cross-agency leadership group?
 - a. If yes, what is the name of the group, who convenes it, and how often does it meet?
4. Does your community collect data relevant to the SIM Mapping process?
 - a. If yes, what are the key metrics you track and who maintains that data?

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The Application will require the Applicant to provide narrative responses to each of the following prompts:

1. Using the Stages of Community Integration chart (page 7), identify at which stage you would place your community.
2. What active efforts are underway to improve your county's collaboration and integration?
3. Discuss any policies or programs that have already been implemented to identify and respond to the needs of those with mental illness or substance use disorder who become involved with the justice system. Please also note any existing strategic plans for this population.
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.

While not required, JCMH highly recommends submitting Letters of Support from community stakeholders with an Application.

For questions related to SIM Mapping Workshops, the SIM, or this Application, please contact us via email at jcmh@txcourts.gov or visit our [website](#). We look forward to conducting a Workshop in your community soon!

JCMH SIM Mapping Workshop Application

