## FORENSIC RELATIONSHIPS

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# Ojectives

Evaluate Consumer Needs

Identify Services and Supports

Coordinate Services and Supports

Monitor Services and Supports

Meet Consumer Needs

## Forensic Assessment Team (FAT)

- Case review and analysis
- Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays (and as needed)
- Jail Recommendations
- Court recommendations
- Treatment recommendations
- Follow-up activities

## Multi-Agency Advisory Board (MAAB)

- Meets quarterly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month
- Review case studies
- Review current, pending, changes and new law affecting judicially involved consumers
- Discuss resources
- Discuss trends (recidivism, crime rates, arrest statistics)
- Agency Updates

#### MAAB Members

**Department of Mental Health** 

**County Probation Department** 

**County Department of Children and Family Services** 

Office of the Public Defender

**County District Attorney & City Attorney** 

**Sheriffs Department** 

**Los Angeles Police Department** 

**State Parole Office (Department of Corrections)** 

**Los Angeles County Regional Centers** 

# Regional Center Services – Therapeutic Intervention

- Specialized Services Unit (SSU)
- Vendored sex offender treatment Jail Liaison/ Intake, Regional Center Module, & Program for Judicially Involved
- Juvenile Hall Liaison
- Court Liaison
- Forensic Assessment Team (FAT)
- Specialized Residential Facility
- Forensic Supported Living Services (SLS)
- Competency Training
- Mental Health (crisis support/ anger management)
- Bio Behavioral Consultation Clinic (BBCC)

# Community Partnerships

- Generic Resources (substance abuse programs, transitional housing, generic transgender/lesbian/gay support)
- Los Angeles Police Department Gang Task Force
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
  - Probation
  - Jails
  - Department of Mental Health
  - Department of Children & Family Services

## Working with Courts and Public Defenders

- Juvenile Public Defender Resource Attorneys
- Court-appointed psychological evaluators for IST may also assess for intellectual disability
- Need for school records PD can subpoena
- Need for contacts with informants who know the juvenile well (parents, custody staff, teachers)
- Since regional center involvement is voluntary and all homes are unlocked, court orders may be necessary for compliance with safety procedures and treatment

## Why are forensic relationships important?

- 75% not identified as ID on arrest—10% not until in prison
- Often don't understand Miranda warning
- Vulnerable to false confessions
- Harsher sentences for the same crime
- Less likely to get probation
- More abuse in jail and prison
- Longer and harder time—more infractions
- Higher recidivism rates

