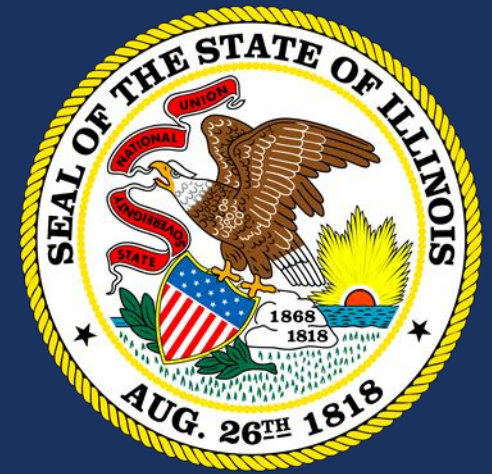


PRESENTATION TO HEALTH AND HOSPITALS/CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

JANUARY 19, 2022



ROLE OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE



- The judiciary of Cook County maintains a steadfast commitment to its constitutional obligation as a neutral arbiter of cases brought to bar. But the court also has an obligation under the law to do more than this, by offering alternatives such as problem-solving courts to help steer those in the justice system to improve their lives.
- We plan to continue to work together with all of our partners to address violence.

WHAT ARE THE OFFICES UNDER THE CHIEF JUDGE DOING TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE?



- Adult Probation Department EPICS program
- Restorative Justice Community Court
- SEED Program
- Problem Solving Courts
- Juvenile Probation Initiatives
- Pretrial Services Cognitive Behavioral Treatment
- Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center

ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE PRACTICES IN COMMUNITY SUPERVISION (EPICS)



- Implementation supported by US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance grant to Adult Probation Department
- Trains probation officers to translate principles of effective cognitive behavioral based interventions (CBI) and core correctional practices (CCP)
- Targets high-risk probationers, as determined by an Adult Risk Assessment, and probationers with a history of violence
- Not intended to replace other treatments such as therapy, substance abuse treatment, etc., but to act in conjunction with outside treatments

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COMMUNITY COURTS



- Currently in North Lawndale, Avondale and Englewood
- Aimed at young adults, aged 18-26, charged with non-violent crimes, including gun possession
- Resolve conflict through restorative conferences and peace circles involving participants, victims, family members, friends, others affected by the crime, and the community
- The young person signs a Repair of Harm Agreement, agreeing to perform community service, write a letter of reflect to a loved one, undergo substance abuse treatment, and other tasks
- The Repair of Harm Agreement is a contract between the participant and the community
- If completed, case is dismissed/expunged

SUPPORTING EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (SEED)



- Created for individuals charged with felony drug distribution
- Offers comprehensive services to help these individuals seek employment at a living wage and ultimately prevent actions that harm communities
- Through an external service provider (funded through Safety and Justice Challenge), participants receive:
 - Job Training and Employment Services
 - Educational Programming
 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Sessions

PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS



- Problem-Solving Courts (Drug, Mental Health and Veteran's Treatment Courts) – OCJ and Partner Agencies
 - Clinical Assessment by licensed and trained professionals
 - Evidence-based programs specific to individuals
 - Individualized Case Management Plan including Risk and Clinical Needs Assessment
 - Referrals to appropriate community-based, licensed treatment agencies, in consideration of an individual's language, gender, race, and geographic proximity
 - Monitoring of compliance with ongoing support and treatment adjustments

COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPY FOR PRETRIAL DEFENDANTS



- For higher-risk defendants, as assessed by the Public Safety Assessment, who are in the community awaiting trial.
- Aims to change behavior and reduce pretrial offending, in addition to ensuring compliance with pretrial release conditions
- Supervision includes reporting to cognitive behavioral therapy classes twice-weekly for 10 weeks or until case disposition (whichever comes first)
 - Currently offered virtually
- Currently in pilot phase

INITIATIVES FOR JUVENILES



- The Reporting Centers for youth on probation with six (6) operating across Cook County, IL. These Centers have expanded hours of operations to include day, evening, and weekend programming.
- Partnership with provider agencies, including the City of Chicago's SCaN model and the National Youth Advocate Program's CANEI program which operates in the city of Chicago and South Suburban Cook County.
- Trauma informed care throughout juvenile court

JUVENILE TEMPORARY DETENTION CENTER



- Becoming a Man
- Project Safe Neighborhoods
- Center for Conflict Resolution - This program teaches residents conflict resolution methods/skills and provides opportunities for mediation referrals upon release.
- Storycatchers Theatre
 - This program provides an opportunity for residents to express themselves in creative ways such as acting, play and script writing, and singing. Story catchers has put together anthologies of the resident's work as well as videos.

HOW HAS THE COURT COLLABORATED WITH OTHER AGENCIES?



- Problem solving courts and community courts
- Integrated trauma informed care
- Chicago Public Schools
- Chicago Department of Family and Support Services
- Community collaboration in Restorative Justice Community Courts

WHAT RESOURCES DOES THE COURT NEED?



- Collaboration between Justice Advisory Council anti violence funding and Adult Probation Department
 - Young people sentenced for weapons possession offenses
- Grant funding for effective supervision programs
- Expansion of Strengthening Youth and Families Initiative

CONCLUSION



- The Court and the offices under the Chief Judge have multiple programs for reducing violence
- The court's primary mission is the administration of justice
- We continue to work with our partners toward a common goal of a safe and peaceful city