

*Communication from the Office of the ACBH Director -*

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**TO:** ACBH Staff & Stakeholders  
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**SUBJECT:** NEWLY **APPROVED** INNOVATION PROJECTS!



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On behalf of our MHSA Division, I am pleased to announce that on this past Wednesday, January 25, 2023, our Department received formal approval from the [Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission \(MHSOAC\)](#) for two new forensic focused 5-year pilot programs for a total of \$22 million dollars in Mental Health Services Act Innovation funding. Brief descriptions of the two projects are listed below.

**INN 7: Forensic Alternatives to Confinement: Clinical Focus**

This project is a collection of three (3) co-located services that are intended to prevent incarceration and divert individuals from the criminal justice system into the mental health services.

The services include:

- Forensic Crisis Residential Treatment (CRT);
- Arrest Diversion/Triage Center, and
- Reducing Probation/Parole Violations (RP/PV) project.

**INN 8: Forensic Alternatives: Peer Focus**

This project is a collection of four (4) services and supports, of which three are peer led and one is family focused. The project specifically seeks to support mental health consumers who are justice involved by helping them transition back into the community following an arrest or incarceration, identify and address the issues that led up to their arrest and/or incarceration, and connect with mental health and other services to support them in their recovery and reentry journey.

The services include:

- Reentry Coaches;
- WRAP for Reentry;
- Forensic Peer Respite, and
- Family Navigation and Support Services.

We are confident that these new opportunities and funding will allow our department to continue to focus on services, programs, and helping to reduce client involvement with the legal system as a part of an individual's journey towards wellness and recovery. We look forward to providing future program and progress updates in the months to come. For full program proposals please see the Appendix of the [FY 22/23 MHSA Plan Update](#). More information on program implementation will be available in the FY 24/25 MHSA Plan Update and/or on <https://ACMHSA.org>.

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