

# VENTURA COUNTY STEPPING UP

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# STEPPING UP

- The national Stepping Up initiative was launched in 2015 as a partnership between the Council of State Governments Justice Center, the National Association of Counties, and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation.
- Utilizes a data-driven framework that assists counties through training, resources, and support that are tailored to local needs.

A NATIONAL INITIATIVE REDUCING OVERINCARCERATION  
OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES

## Screening people booked into jail for SMI



# THE STEPPING UP FRAMEWORK: SIX QUESTIONS



Is your leadership committed?



Do you have timely screening and assessment?



Do you have baseline data?



Have you conducted a comprehensive process analysis and service inventory?



Have you prioritized policy, practice, and funding?



Do you track progress?

# STEPPING UP KEY MEASURES

Reduce

# of those with Serious Mental Illnesses (SMI) booked into jail

Shorten

Average Length of Stay (ALOS) of those with SMI

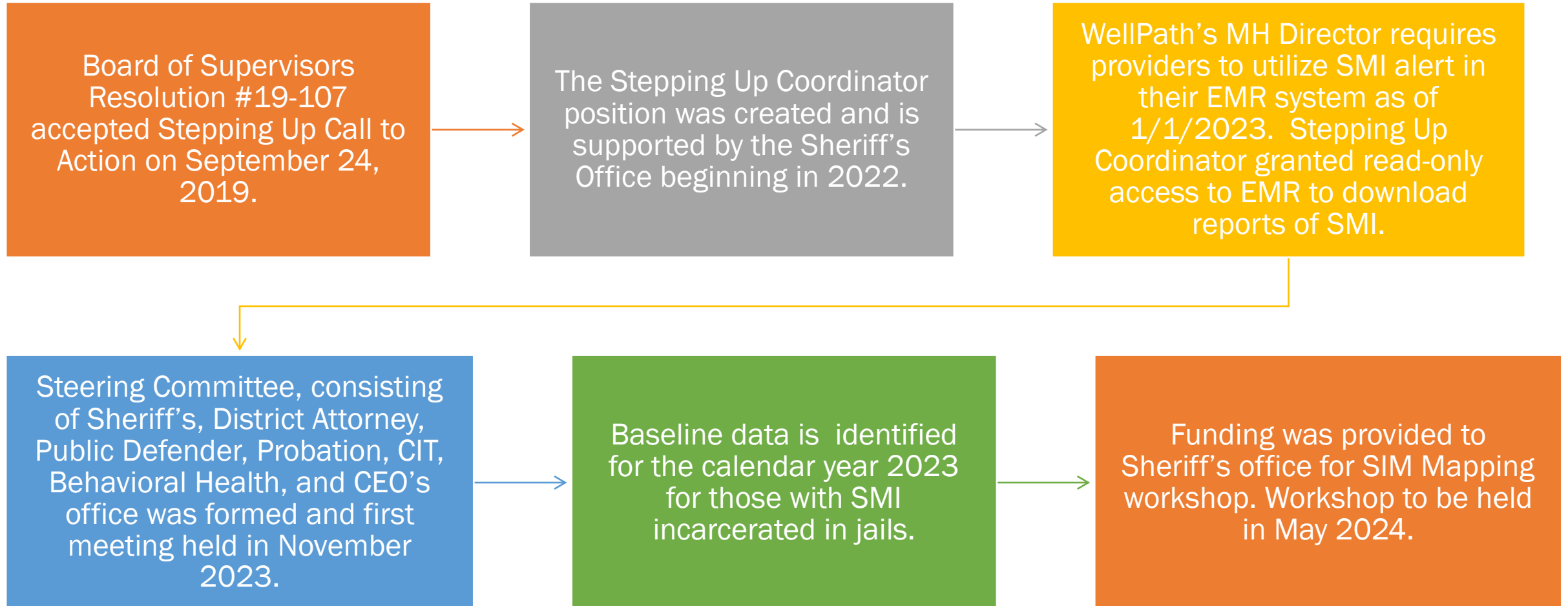
Increase

Connections to Community Based Organizations

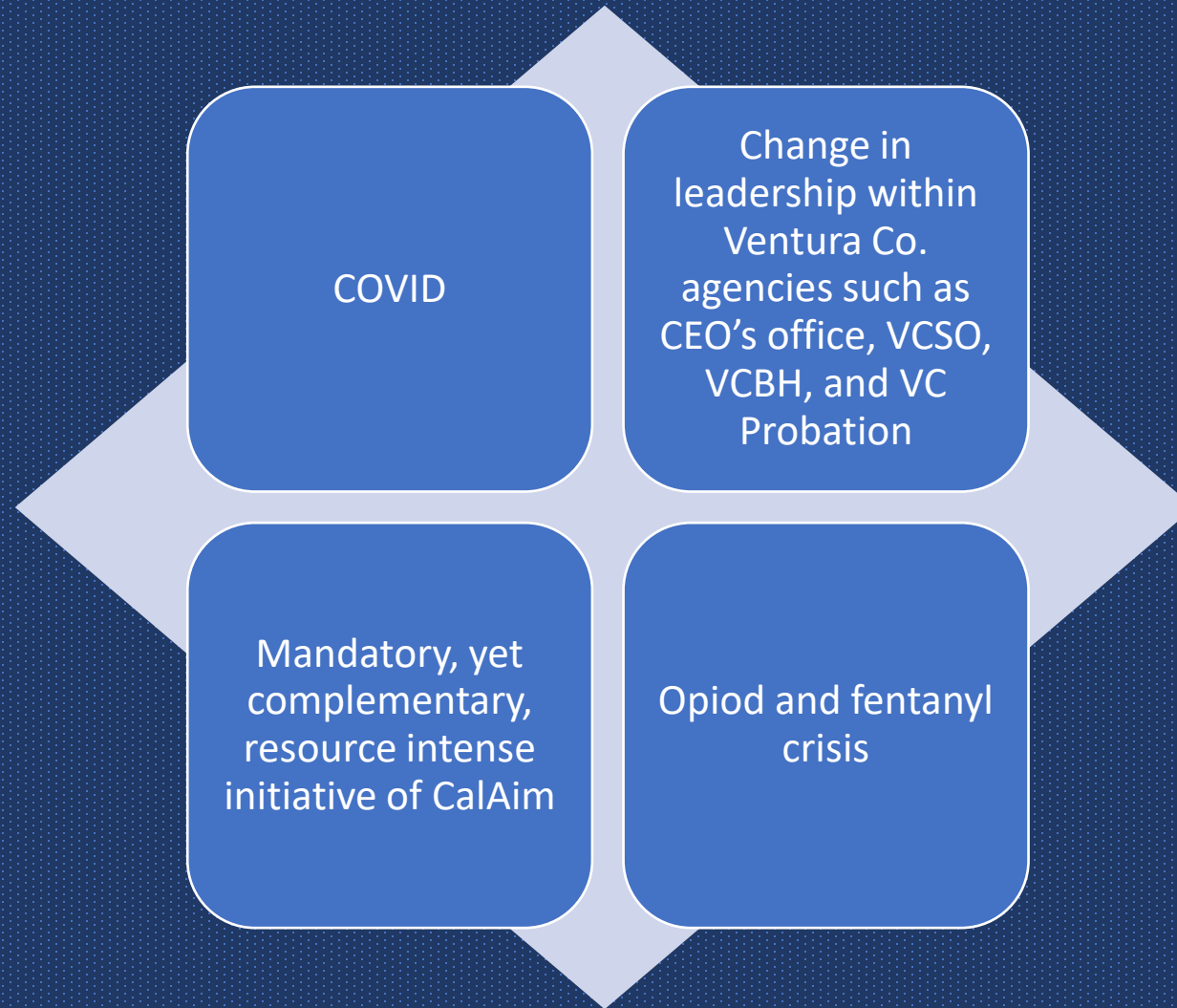
Lower

# of re-bookings of those with SMI

# VENTURA COUNTY'S STEPPING UP KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



# VENTURA COUNTY'S STEPPING UP CHALLENGES



# 2023 Justice Involved Persons with Serious Mental Illness

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295 non-duplicated persons with SMI in the jail(s) at any time during 2023

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261 non-duplicated persons with SMI booked into jail in 2023.

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92 of those are un-housed

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Accounted for 546 unique booking events (21,827 grand total)

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Average Length of Stay for SMI: 45.79 days vs Average Length of Stay for non-SMI: 24.18

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Number of Re-booking for SMI: 3.0 vs number of Re-booking for non-SMI: 2.2

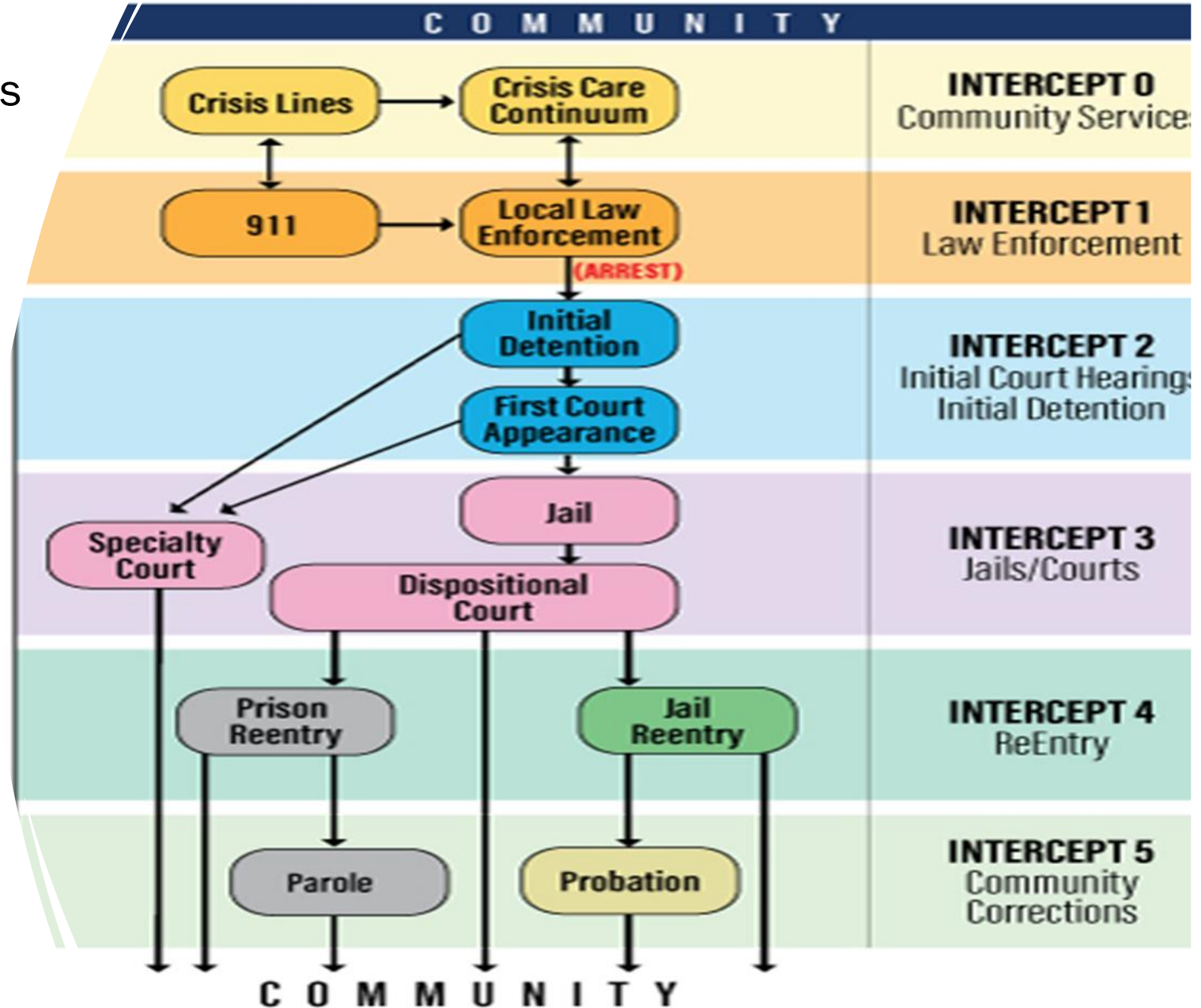


# Sequential Intercept Model (SIM)

Mapping out process of how individuals with mental and/or substance use disorders move through the criminal justice system

- Assists in identification of resources and gaps.
- Assists in developing a plan of action.
- Assists in collaborative learning and commitment across disciplines.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/criminal-juvenile-justice/sim-overview>





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Thank you!



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