

# Criminal Justice & Public Health Modernization Model

## KEY TENETS:

- Resources invested lower on the scale are more efficient/effective and less expensive
- For low level offenses, swift, community-based interventions are more effective than, slow, traditional approaches
- When community-based approaches fail, to be effective, the traditional justice system must predictably hold offenders accountable
- A mindful continuum of options from prevention education to incarceration are all essential system components – each used in a balanced way under the correct circumstances

## STAGE 4: COURTS, CORRECTIONS & FACILITIES

- Reserved for those who fail at stages 1 through 3 and/or serious offenses
- Swift, predictable use of the system for corrective (or punitive) measures
- Requires some modernization to improve the speed and predictability of outcomes including: need for streamlined case tracking and information systems that enable/inform continuity

## STAGE 3: ALTERNATIVE SANCTIONS & PLACEMENTS

- Municipal /civil tickets for low-level offenses
- Restorative Justice - pre-arrest diversion via local “Community Justice Centers”
- Traditional Court Diversion & reparative boards
- Mental health & substance “crisis” beds
- Rapid arraignment & judicially directed intervention w/wrap around services, combined with assessment tools upon entry into the system

### ----- BEHAVIOR CROSSES FROM DISORDER & SERVICE RESPONSE TO CRIME -----

## STAGE 2: OUTREACH & INTERVENTION

- 70 to 85% of responses/events are service-based, pre-crime calls; mental health, substance abuse, social service/ family/youth issues
- Programs / offramps include: mental health & substance abuse/social work outreach; job training; youth centers; pre-arrest restorative justice / diversion; etc.
- Multi-disciplinary outreach using responsive/proactive visits with those in need

## STAGE 1: EDUCATION & PREVENTION

- Led by youth, parents, educators/schools, social service & community organizations, & public safety agencies
- Immediately accessible substance abuse & mental health services
- Youth center services and educational supports
- Community policing & crime prevention initiatives