



Which Way Out?

The Sequential Intercept Model
A Framework for Decriminalizing Mental Illness

The Role of Advocacy in System Change

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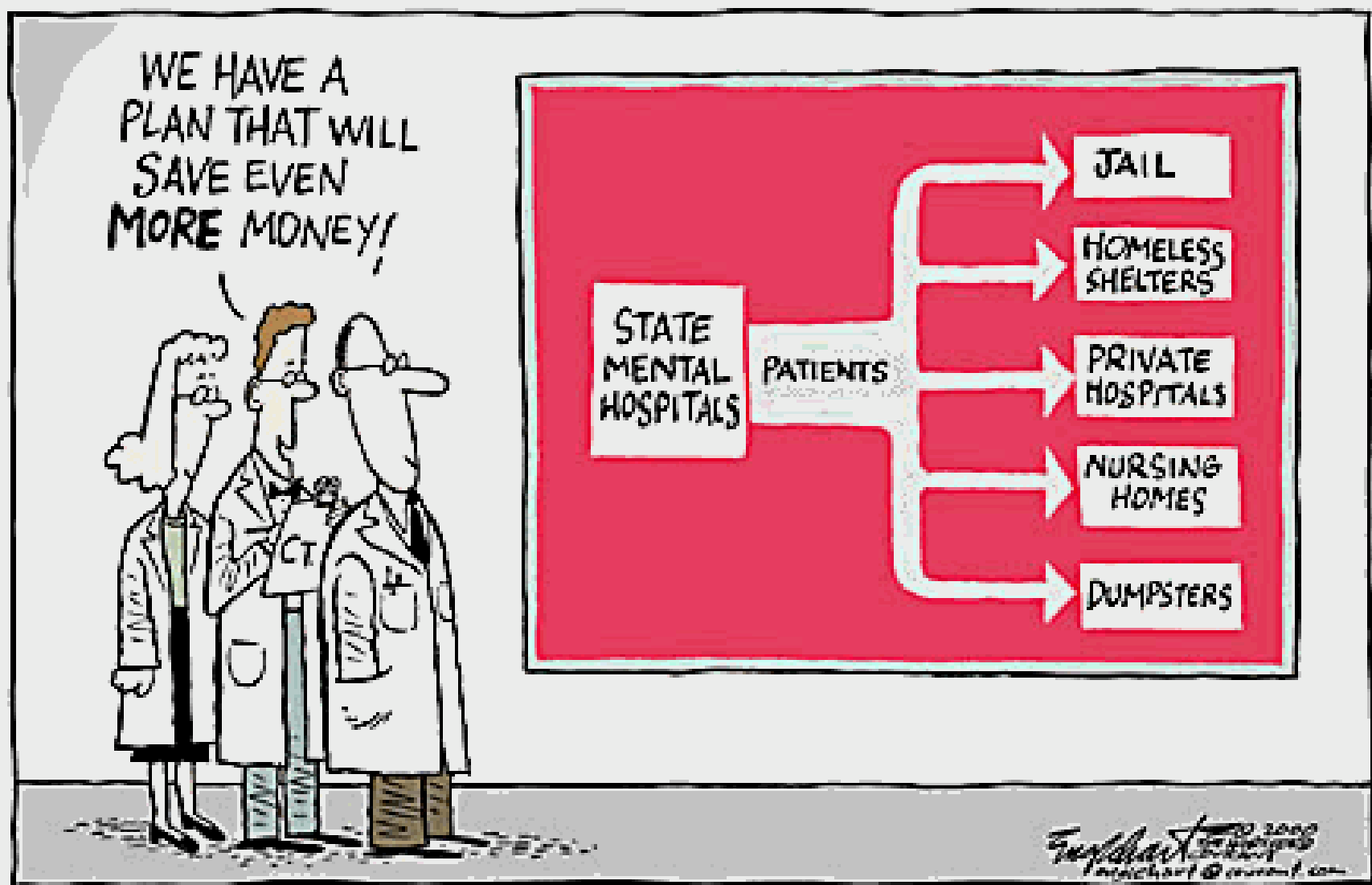
Prevalence of Mental Illness

- Approximately 5 percent of the U.S. population has a serious mental illness; those with mental illnesses are significantly more likely to come into contact with the criminal justice system (Council of State Governments, 2002).
- The rate of serious mental illness for persons in jail in the U.S. is 3 to 4 times more than that of the general, non-inmate population (President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health, 2003).


Prevalence of Mental Illness (continued)

- Jails and prisons in the U.S. hold three times more persons with mental illness than do psychiatric hospitals in America (Human Rights Watch Report, 2003).
- Jails comprise the 3 largest inpatient psychiatric facilities in the country.
- Estimates are that around 16 percent of jail and prison populations in the U.S. are comprised of persons with mental illness (Ditton, 1999). (Compare to James & Glaze, 2006 BJS/DOJ study).

Deinstitutionalization



Who/What Are The Culprits?

- Increasing Homelessness
 - Health Coverage either inadequate or nonexistent
 - Medicaid Reform (restricted formularies, preferred drug lists)
 - Managed care corporations (HMOs)
 - Negative Side Effects of Medications
 - Selectivity of private psychiatric hospitals and care providers in treatment
 - Anosognosia
 - Mistakes Made by Clinicians
 - Stigma
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The Beauty of the Sequential Intercept Model



Houston, There's a Problem



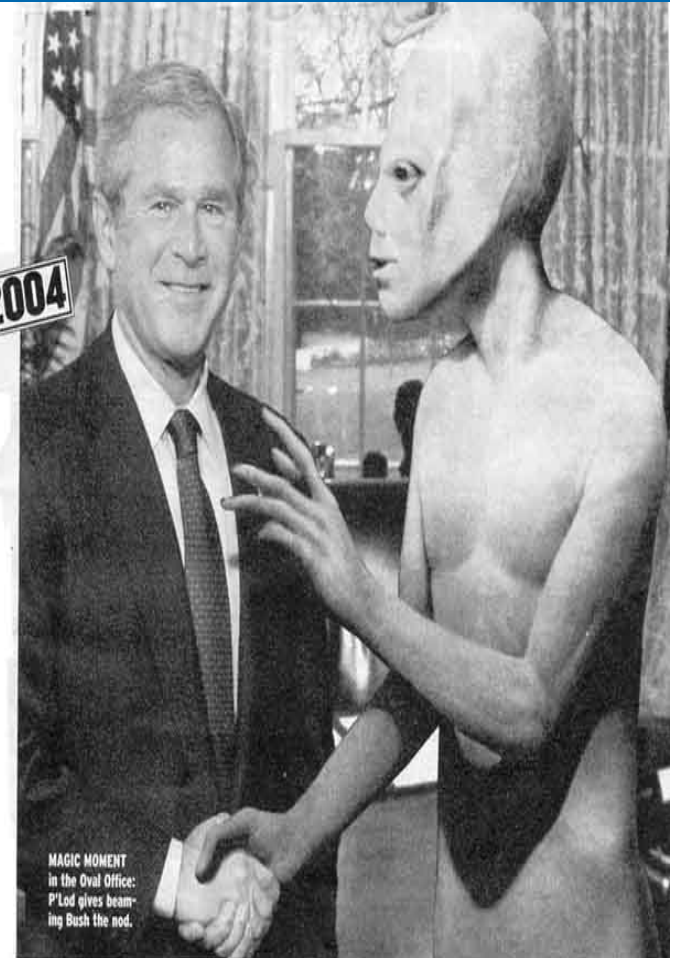
Mission accomplished! George W. Bush has secured the coveted endorsement of the Washington space alien P'Lod -- virtually guaranteeing his reelection!

Thrilling news for **2004** Bush Campaign!

P'Lod Gives Bush the Nod!

Space Alien from Sirius B has picked every president since Reagan!

Sources say Bush and Rove were biting their nails as they waited for P'Lod's final verdict!



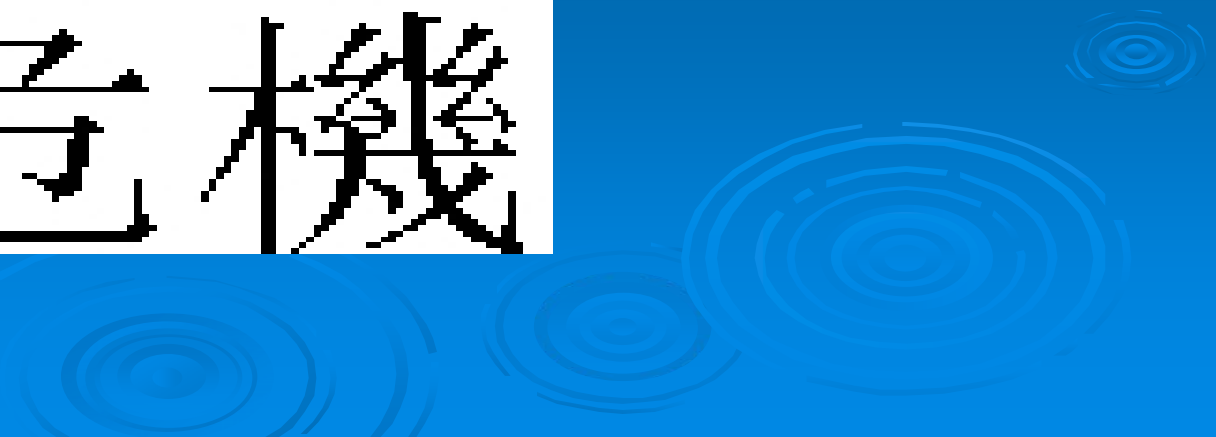
“We are all ignorant; just about different things.”

-- Mark Twain



Crisis in Mandarin Chinese:

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Advocacy: A Necessary Component for Diversion Programs



Role of Advocates at Intercept Points

- Success of initiatives at each intercept point is contingent on the involvement of key community stakeholders, to include consumers and families
 - Pre-booking
 - Post-booking
 - Court based
 - Re-Entry
 - Community supports

Advocacy with local and state leaders and lawmakers

➤ Local Advocacy

- For diversion programs
- For inclusion in planning, implementing, evaluating
- For funding

➤ State Advocacy

- For diversion programs
- For funding

Steps to Effective Advocacy

- Know the Problem – understand the issues
- Anticipate frequently asked questions
- Know your audience
- Take Action
 - Media, coalitions, forums, letters, visits
- Leverage Resources
 - Local, private, public,



Florida Partners in Crisis

- Unique statewide advocacy organization
- Membership includes criminal justice, behavioral healthcare and consumer advocate leaders
- Organized: Board of Directors; Board of Trustees, Membership
- Consensus agenda; One Voice Message
- Outcomes: Increased funding, substantive legislation

Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Act

- 4 million dollars of new money
- State/county matching grant program
- Planning or implementation grants
- Focused on cross system collaboration and diversion programs
- Building community capacity and supports
- Builds local Partners in Crisis to advocate with the statewide Partners in Crisis

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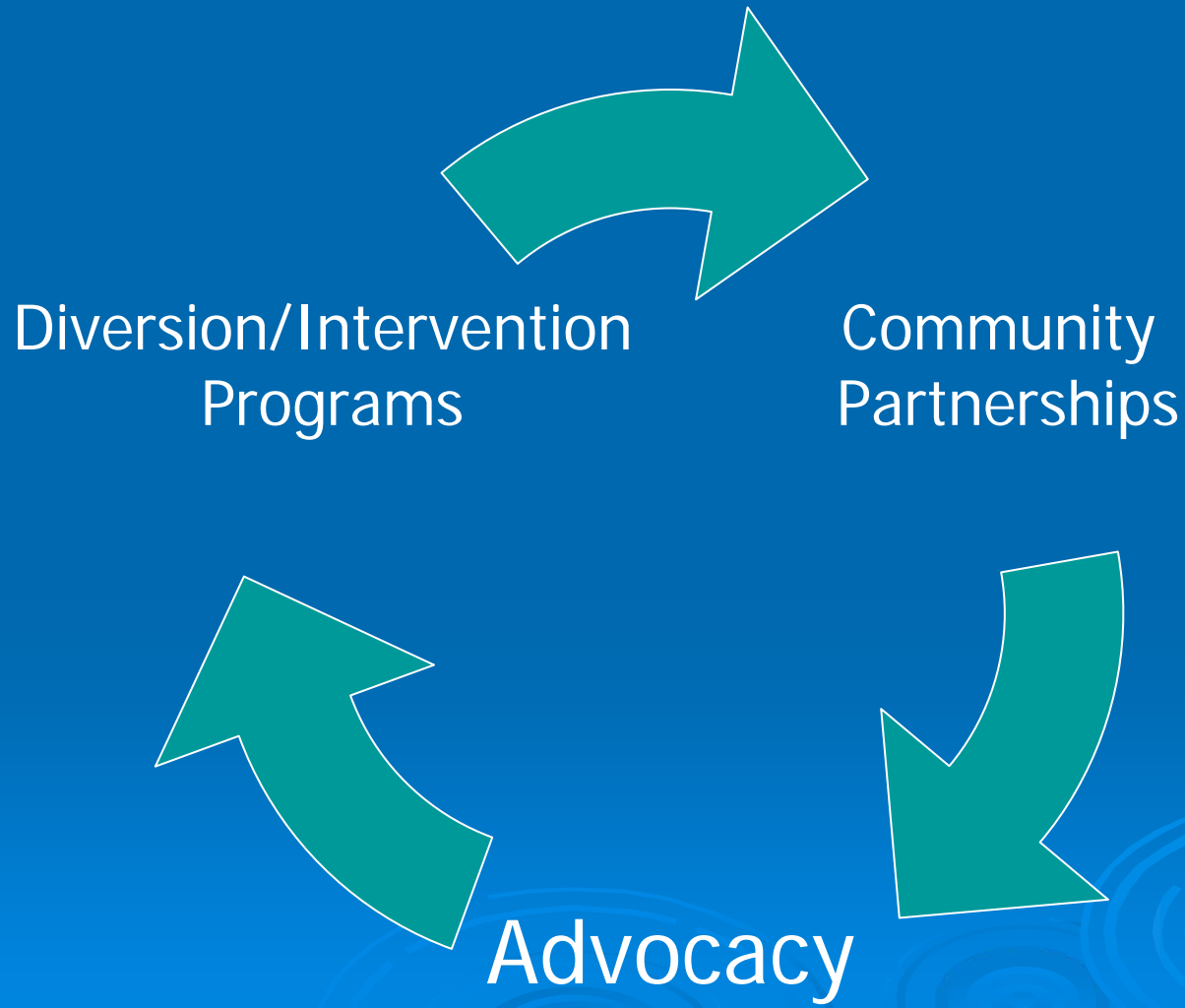
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Key websites

www.Consensusproject.org

www.gainscenter.samhsa.gov

www.flpic.org



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