

# Allegheny County Justice Related Services

From **Point of Initial Contact/Diversion** to  
**Treatment Courts** to **Reintegration** from County  
and State Correctional Institutions

# Justice Related Services

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- Support for adults with
  - mental illness and/or
  - substance use disorders and
  - who are involved with the CJS
- Is provided
  - during and following court proceedings
  - during and following incarceration
- To promote successful transition back into the community and reduce the likelihood of returning to incarceration by providing access to
  - treatment
  - supports
  - recovery-oriented programs



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## Arrest

- Caught committing a crime.
- Arrest warrant issued.
- Probable cause.

## Arraignment (*Within 72 hours of arrest*)

- Held at magistrate level.
- Bond is set.

## Preliminary Hearing (*Within 3-10 days; can be postponed*)

- Determines if there's enough evidence to prove crime committed and that the accused is the perpetrator; if so case held for trial.
- Court must presume that witness is telling the truth.
- Defense does not present evidence.
- May result in dismissal of case, reduction of charges, or fine assessed.
- A motion for bail reduction can be made at this hearing.



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## **Formal Arraignment** *(If in jail the accused is not present)*

- Signing of subpoena giving Pre-Trial Conference date
- Judge assignment.

## **Pre-Trial Conference** *(If in jail the accused is not present)*

- Signing of subpoena for trial date.
- DA and either Public Defender or Court Appointed Attorney Assigned if defendant does not have a private attorney.
- Defendant could potentially enter guilty plea.
- Defendant chooses jury or non-jury trial.
- Defendant may choose to accept a plea bargain at this time.

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**Trial** (*up to 180 days or less provided there are no postponements*)

- Defendant enters guilty or not-guilty plea
- Accused may present a defense.
- Believability of witnesses extremely important.
- Defendant may be found guilty or not guilty.
- If guilty, sentencing date to be set or waived; defendant may choose to have a presentence investigation which normally takes an additional 8-10 weeks.

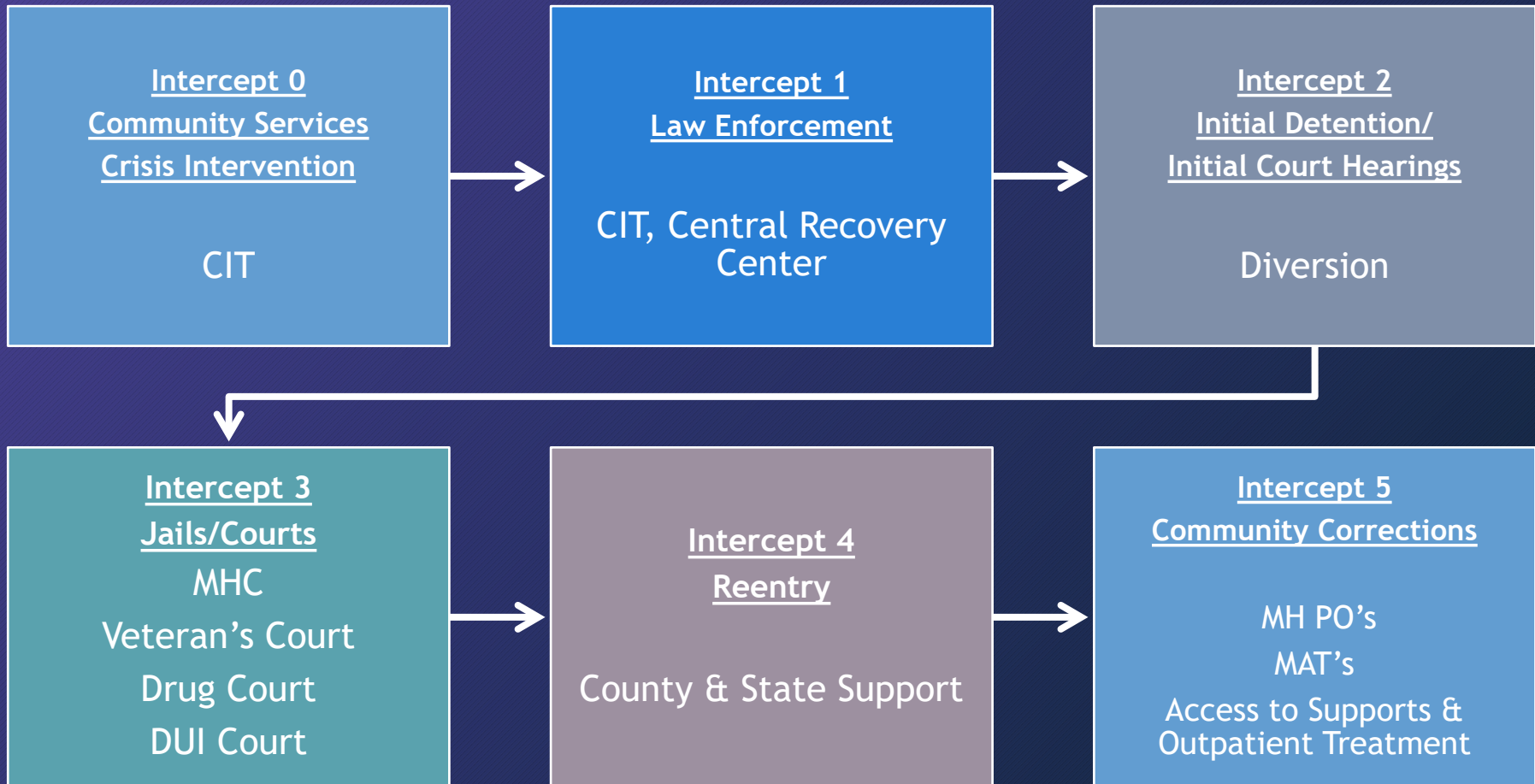
## **Sentencing**

- A person found guilty may be sentenced to any of a number of options, often in combination: fines, restitution, probation, alternative housing, to total confinement.
- 2 days less 2 years or under is county time.

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# Allegheny County Sequential Intercept Model

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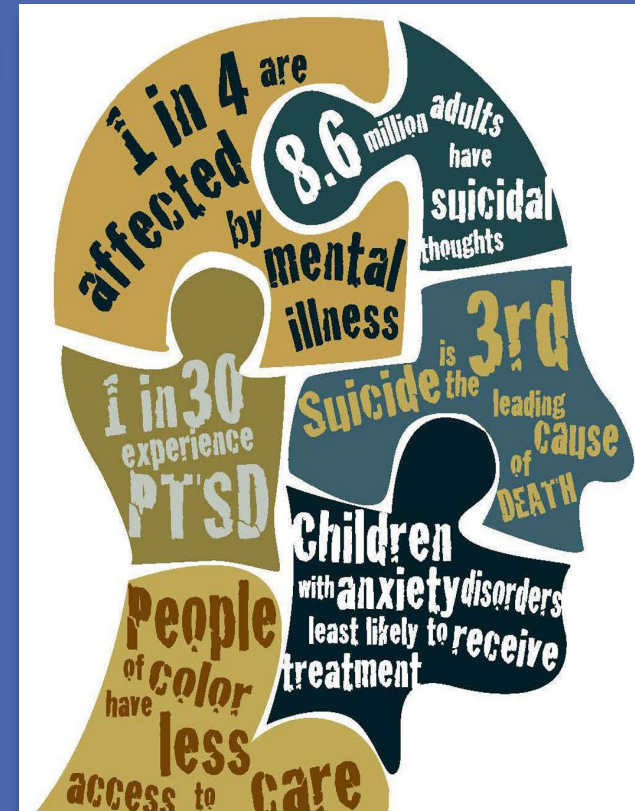
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- CIT---Pre-Arrest Diversion
- Diversion---Front Door of the County Jail
  - Post-booking
- Mental Health Court
- Veterans Court
- Drug Court
- DUI Court



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- County Support---Back Door of the County Jail
- State Support---Individuals with mental illness maxing or paroling out of the state correctional institutions (SCIs)





# All Justice-Related Services Include:

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- Assessment
- Service Planning/Written Service Plan Presented to the Court
- Service Coordination referrals
- Housing Options
- Referrals for Treatment and other supports
- Contingency Funds for: Housing Support, Clothes, Transportation, State ID, Vital Records
- Assistance with reinstatement or obtaining Medicaid and SSI Benefits
- Follow-up and Monitoring in the Community (Including communication with probation/parole/courts)

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# Criteria

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- Active pending criminal court case in Allegheny County
- Client must want to participate on voluntary basis
- Client must reside in Allegheny County
- Client has a documented diagnosis of MH or is dually diagnosed with MH in conjunction with D&A

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# Questions?

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