



Improving Domestic Violence Outcomes in Vermont: A Systems- Based Approach

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- ▶ Purpose and Project Partners
- ▶ Connection to Justice Reinvestment I and II in Vermont
- ▶ Project phases and projected outcomes

Project Purpose

- ▶ Using a **Justice Reinvestment approach**, leaders in Vermont will pair with The Council of State Governments Justice Center **to engage stakeholders, analyze data, and provide research-based recommendations for systemic reform** while centering the safety of domestic violence survivors and addressing the needs of those who cause harm.

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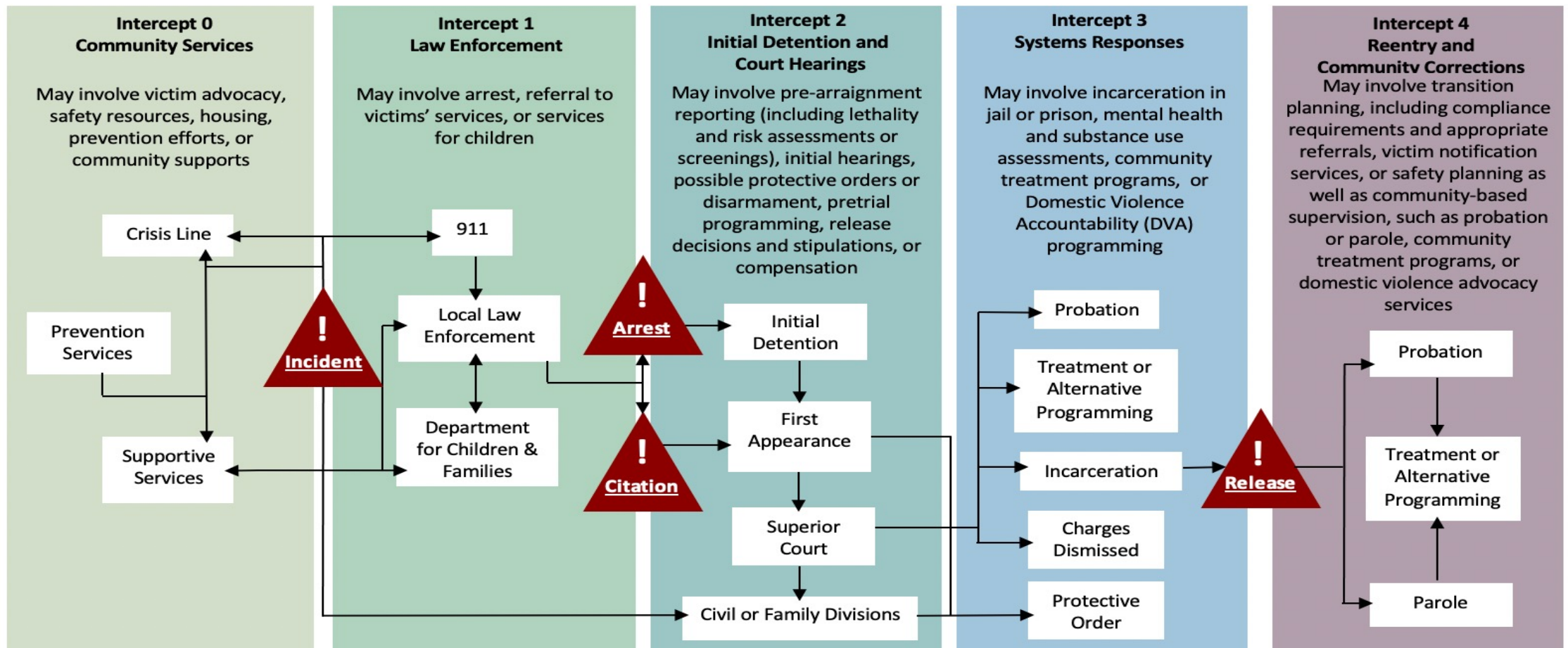
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Connection to Justice Reinvestment I and II

- ▶ Continued prevalence of domestic violence in Vermont, including over half of the homicides in Vermont being domestic-violence related.
- ▶ Increase in felony convictions for felony domestic violence crimes between 2015-2019.
- ▶ Recommendation of Justice Reinvestment I Working Group that state examine domestic violence and innovate policies and practices related to domestic violence from event to reentry.
- ▶ Recommendation from Justice Reinvestment I working Group that Vermont invest in infrastructure of community-based treatment and support for people who use violence in their relationships.

Project Design: Sequential Intercept Model

Sequential Intercept Mapping¹ can help us understand how individuals in Vermont impacted by domestic violence interact with the criminal justice system. Not all pathways are linear, nor will every individual interact with every intercept. Individuals may interact with various intercepts



Project Design: Phase 1

- ▶ Development of Executive Working Group and Sequential Intercept Groups
- ▶ Analyzing Qualitative and Quantitative Data regarding domestic violence in Vermont
- ▶ Begin considering innovative and targeted options and approaches

Project Design: Phase 2

- ▶ Implementing innovative approaches
- ▶ Adopting needed policy changes to address domestic violence
- ▶ Determining metrics for evaluation

Project Design: Phase 3

- ▶ Measure program improvements
- ▶ Communicate obstacles and opportunities for implementation
- ▶ Share results through a final report



Questions?