

PROJECT NAME: Targeted Capacity Expansion Grant For Jail Diversion Programs

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TIMELINE: November 1, 2003 to October 31, 2006 (174,000 for evaluation; (\$294,750 per year for three years for Kansas City area service providers)

CONTENT AREA:

FUNDER: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

CLIENT: Jackson County Health Department

AUDIENCE:

**RESEARCH
METHODOLOGY:**

OVERVIEW: The goals of the Targeted Capacity Expansion Grant For Jail Diversion Programs were to: (1) support community-based mental health services for individuals who have a mental illness or a co-occurring disorder who are diverted from the criminal justice system; (2) assure that jail diversion programs are based on the best known practices and reflect current research findings; (3) form and support interagency collaboration between the appropriate criminal justice, mental health, and substance abuse systems; (4) engage in policy analysis and development activities at a local level to promote implementation and sustenance of diversion activities; and (5) use federal funds to supplement, and not supplant, State, local, Indian tribe, or tribal organization sources of funding that would otherwise be available.

The project was put into effect to improve linkages between Crisis Intervention Team and mental health centers. Services, including structured residential services, were to be provided as an alternative to jail for persons with a mental illness or co-occurring disorder.

LINKS: