



La Plata County Jail Based Health Services (JBHS) Axis Health System and La Plata County Sheriff's Department

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Program Vision

The La Plata County JBHS will lower recidivism rates and improve the quality of life among inmates released from the La Pata County Jail to the Axis Health System's Outpatient Integrated Dual Disordered Treatment programs.

Program Mission

The La Plata County JBHS program will identify and engage inmates who have been screened for co-occurring mental health illnesses, substance use disorders, post traumatic stress disorders, and traumatic brain injuries. Inmates will begin receiving treatment services while still incarcerated and will be provided intensive case management services to identify and link inmates to needed services before release, in addition to continuing outpatient treatment services for their co-occurring disorders, following release from jail.

Target Population

All male and female adult residents (18 and older) of La Plata County, who are initially processed into the La Plata County jail, are screened for Co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, Post Traumatic Stress Disorders and Traumatic Brain Injuries.

Approach and Intended Impact

The La Plata County JBHS Program provides engagement through initial screening for mental illnesses, substance use disorders, post traumatic stress disorders, and traumatic brain injuries as a part of a new inmates' intake process at the La Plata county jail facility. Individual and group therapy will be provided by Therapists with Axis Health System (AHS) during their incarceration, and an intensive needs assessment provided by an Axis Health System Case Manager who will begin linking individuals with needed services within the community prior to their release, as well as continued engagement in outpatient psychiatric and treatment services for their co-occurring disorders at (AHS) after they are released. Through these early intervention processes, recidivism rates will be reduced and quality of life for these individuals will improve, closing the revolving door of crime, incarceration, and substance abuse/mental illness related consequences.

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