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# INNOVATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE STRATEGIES

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## Reentry/Recidivism

Where: Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Program: Jail-Based Reentry Specialist Program

<https://crimesolutions.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?ID=494>

This program consists of two phases with a goal of reducing recidivism and improving inmate's transition into the community. Phase one consists of providing inmates in-jail services to prepare them for release, it lasts 5 months. Phase two is geared towards providing inmates with up to twelve months of supportive services in the community. Participants in this program must have been sentenced to a minimum of six months in jail and were returning to the county upon release. Inmates must also be categorized as medium to high-risk offenders. The program seeks to reduce recidivism with 8 variables, some examples are: Coordinating services inside of the jail with those in the community to have continuous support for the 12 months post release. A Reentry Specialist is assigned to each participant to provide support and recommendation throughout the process.

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## Courts/Substance Abuse Treatment

Where: Snohomish County, Washington

Program: Family Drug Treatment Court

<https://crimesolutions.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?ID=597>

Snohomish County Family Drug Treatment Court (SCFDTC) is a type of problem solving court that aims to help parents who have allegations of child mistreatment resulting from their substance abuse. The goal of the program is to improve permanency planning for families, reduce the amount of time children spend in the child welfare system, and increase treatment completion of parents. The drug court team approves up to 30 admissions into the program after being presented with eligible participant information. Participants must follow six guidelines to maintain eligibility. Some examples of these are: They must attend court as scheduled, attend treatment each week, and complete all treatment requirements. They also must not associate with known drug users, dealers, or manufacturers. They must be ready to take a urinalysis test at any time. The program consists of four phases that are outlined in the participant handbook found here: [//snohomishcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/3701](https://snohomishcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/3701).

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## Jail Diversion

Where: Franklin County, Ohio

Program: Prison Diversion Program

<https://radio.wosu.org/post/franklin-county-court-receives-5-million-prison-diversion-program#stream/0>

Franklin County's Board of Commissioners renewed funding of \$5 million for prison and jail diversion programs. The funding comes from Ohio's Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. The goal of the program is to divert up to 1,500 individuals from prison by utilizing local substance abuse treatment, workforce development, anger management, and other resources. The funds will also go towards transportation, and ensuring that individuals in the program are able to make their court dates. The program targets people with a medium to high risk of committing another crime that are on probation.

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