



# Roads to Recovery

Safety Committee Presentation

*July 10, 2024*

# Agenda



- Overview
- Strategies and Goals
- Progress
- Engagement
- Funding

# Mayor Johnston's Citywide Goals

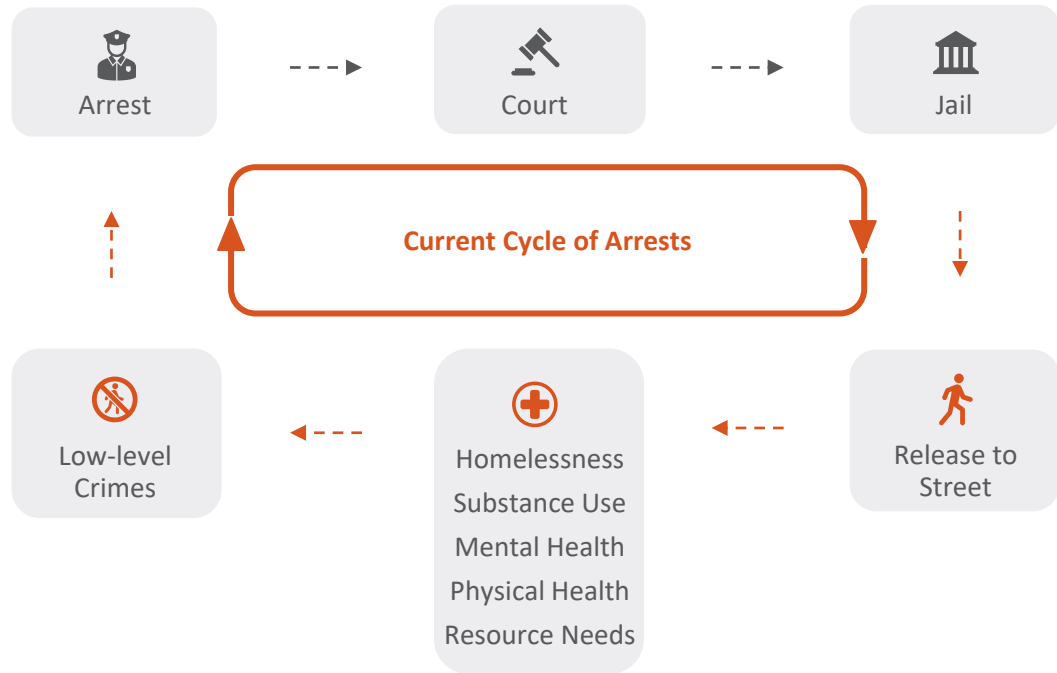
**Roads to Recovery** is a mayoral initiative designed to support people involved in the criminal justice system who are struggling with addiction and mental health.

It is one of two strategies under the **Safe Denver** 2024 citywide goal.



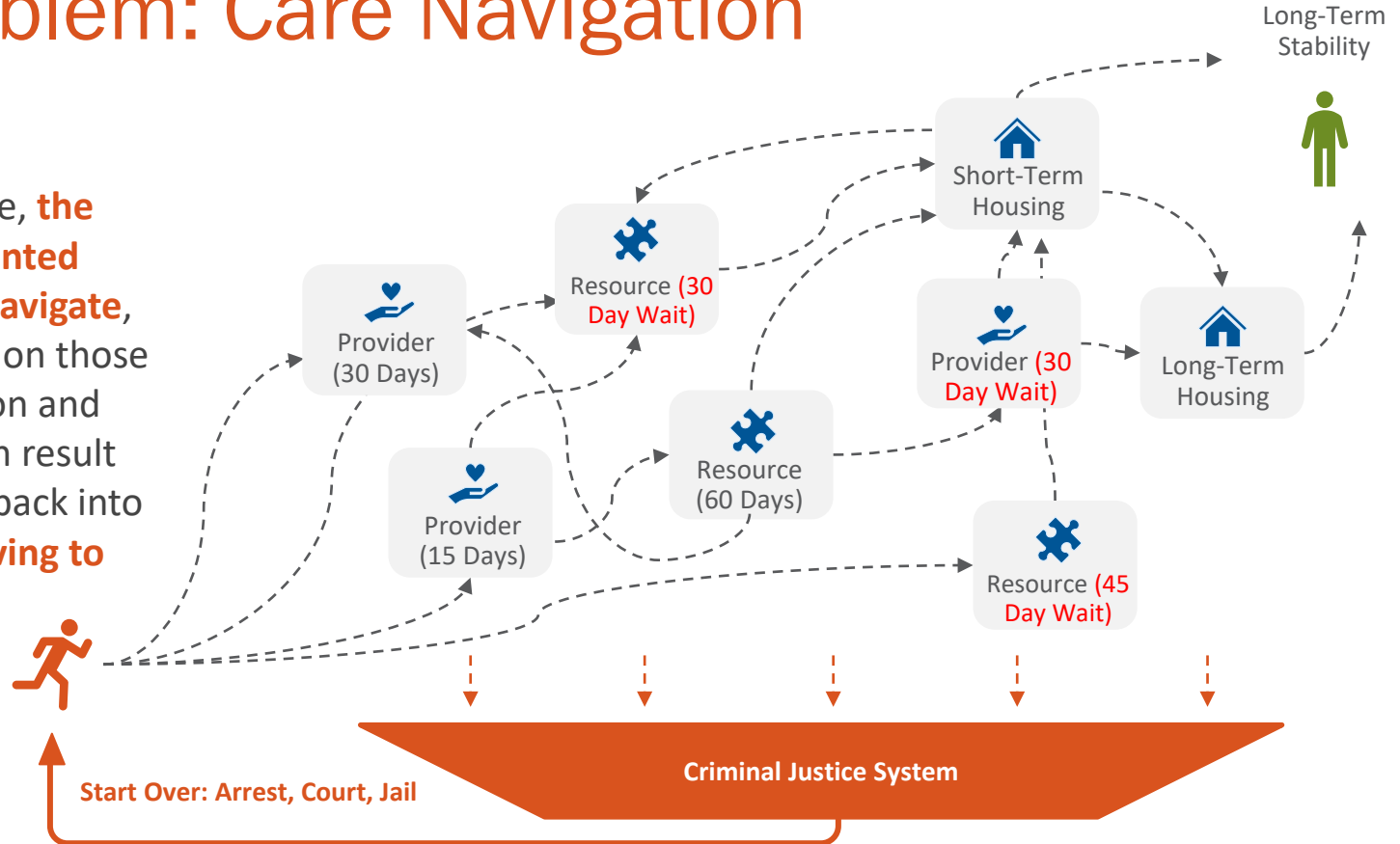
# The Problem: Current Cycle

Many people struggling with addiction or mental health end up **locked in a cycle of arrests and incarceration**, often for low-level crimes like trespassing and drug possession.



# The Problem: Care Navigation

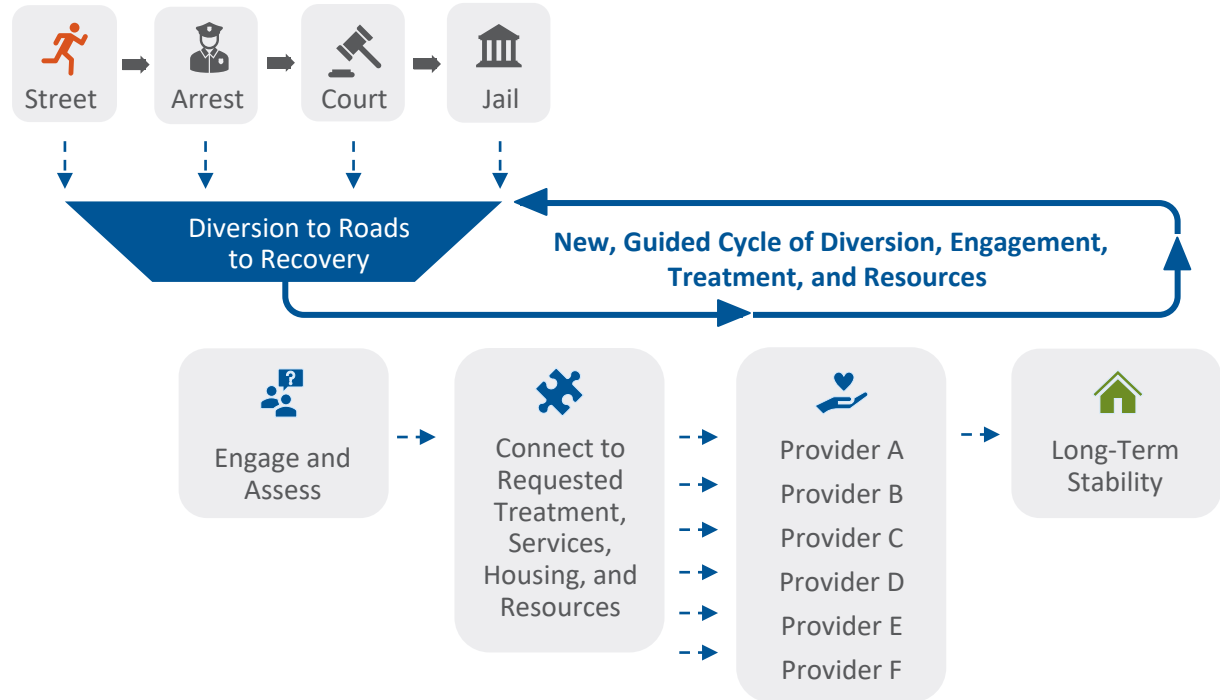
While many are connected to care, **the system is fragmented and difficult to navigate**, placing a burden on those in need. Confusion and gaps in care often result in people falling back into the cycle and **having to start over**.



# The Solution: Roads to Recovery

Instead, we **lift people out of that cycle** before additional contact with the criminal justice system, or by leveraging traditional criminal justice system contacts.

People struggling with addiction or mental health enter a coordinated, high-touch system for immediate **intervention, treatment, and rehabilitation.**



# Roads to Recovery Strategies

## **Pilot**

Focused on high jail-utilizers, many of whom have an underlying mental health or substance use condition.

## **Diversions**

Create diversion pathways at each possible step of the criminal justice system: pre-booking (deflection), court diversion, and upon release from jail.

## **Appropriate care**

Provide a menu of options to ensure the appropriate care for each participant.

## **Direct Access**

Move away from a referral-based system towards near-immediate access to care.

## **Long-Term Care Navigation**

Support participants continuously as they navigate their path through mental health and addiction.

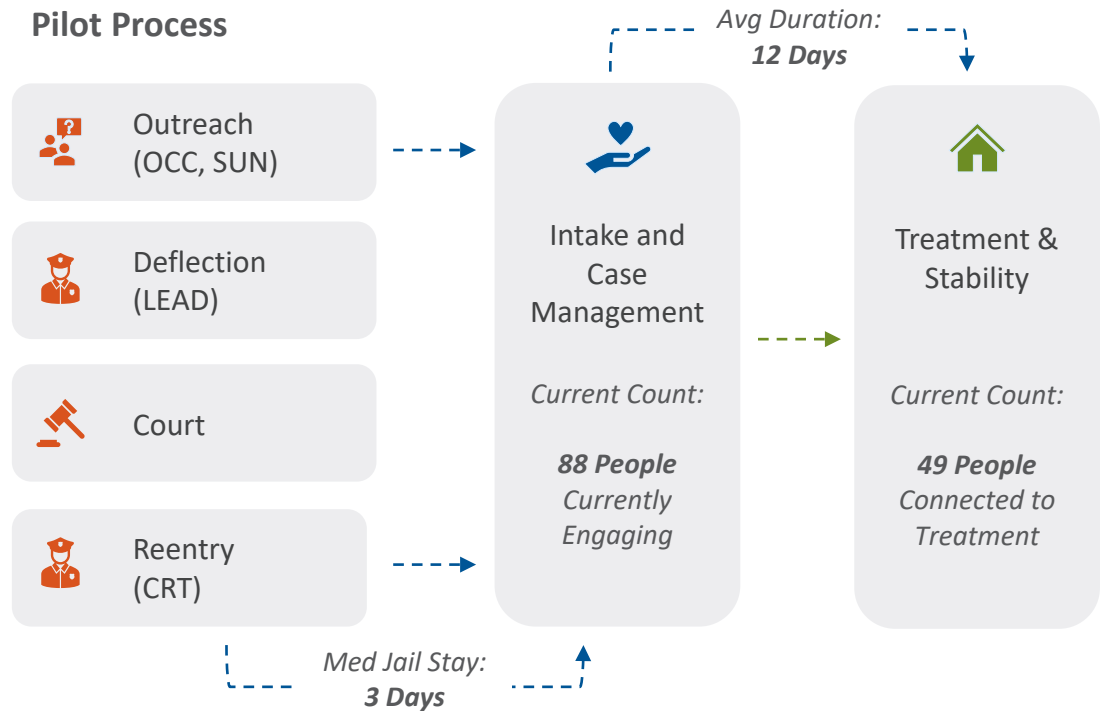
# Current Progress

DPD Crisis Services Team,  
DSD Crisis Response Team,  
and Dept. of Safety are  
leading outreach.

As of June 28, 2024:

- **132** people contacted by the program
- **88** people currently engaging
- **49** connected to services

## Pilot Process



# Goals and Metrics



**Primary Goal:** Move 200 people struggling with addiction or mental health out of the criminal justice system and into a coordinated intervention, treatment, and rehabilitation pipeline by December 31, 2024.

## Out of Criminal Justice System

- Total number of arrests and bookings
- Time between arrests
- Number of jail bed days
- Type of arrests

## Into Treatment & Services

- Ability to access services within 48 hrs. of contact and willingness to accept services
- Engaged in case management and one additional intervention/service
- Engaged in MAT treatment
- Successfully completed treatment

## Reentry

- Release from jail to services or treatment, not the streets

## Wellbeing

- Self-reported changes to wellbeing

# Provider Partners

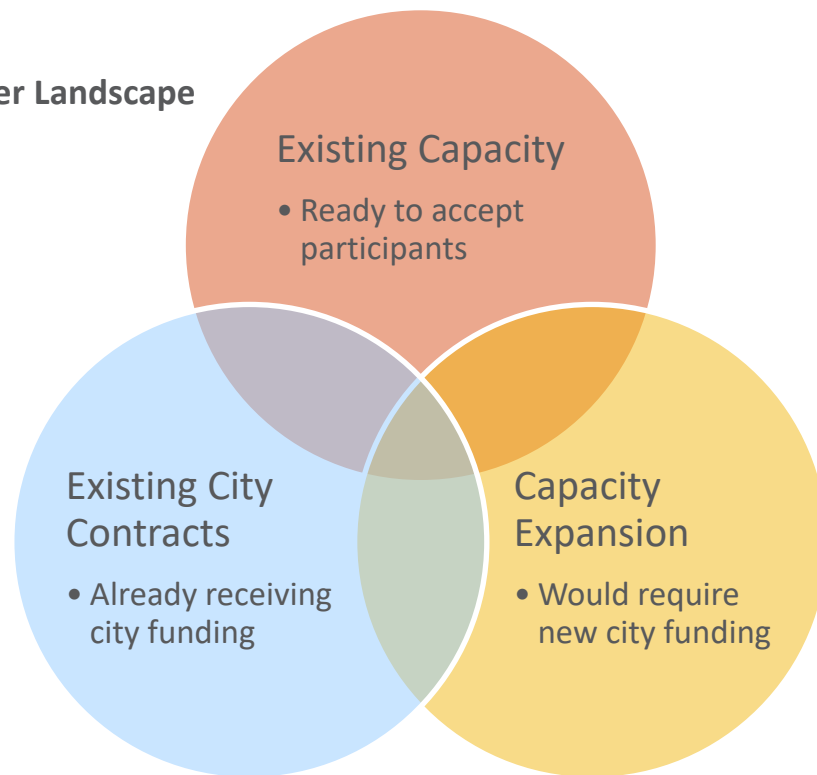
## Engagement

- More than 20 individual meetings with providers
- Kick-off meeting (40+ attendees)
- Quarterly provider meetings began June 21, 2024
- Provider survey (31 respondents)

## New Paid Provider Partners

- Reciprocity Collective (Case Mgmt)
- Authentic Recovery Homes (Low-Barrier Residential)

## Provider Landscape



# Project Funding



**Funding Strategy:** Short- and long-term funding plans include leveraging support from existing programs, shifting resources from partner agencies where feasible, and applying for grants.

## Existing Program Support

- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)
- Substance Use Navigators (SUN)
- Co-Responder Outreach Case Coordinators (OCC)
- Behavioral Health Solutions Center
- DSD Crisis Response Team (CRT)

## Existing Resources

- Dept of Safety (DOS) BHA SB 22-196 grant
- Denver Dept. of Public Health and Environment (DDPHE) general fund offset

## Grants Timeline and Progress

- State opioid grant submitted (funding announcements in August)
- DOAC funding request submitted (early July)
- On priority list for 2025 Federal Earmark grant
- Fines committee funding request (early July)

# Thank you!



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