

DEFLECTION: PATHWAYS TO COMMUNITY POLICE, TREATMENT, AND COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE



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Self-Referral • An individual voluntarily initiates contact with a first responder agency (law enforcement, fire, or EMS) for a referral to treatment and services. If the contact is initiated with a law enforcement agency, the individual makes contact without fear of arrest.

Active Outreach • A first responder intentionally identifies or seeks out individuals with SUD to refer them to or engage them in treatment and services; outreach is often done by a team consisting of a behavioral health professional and/or peer with lived experience.

Naloxone Plus • A first responder and program partner (often a behavioral health professional or peer with lived experience) conduct outreach *specifically* to individuals who have recently experienced an opioid overdose to engage them in and provide linkages to treatment and services.

First Responder and Officer Referral • As a preventative approach, during routine activities such as patrol or response to a service call, a first responder engages individuals and provides a referral to treatment, services, or to a case manager. (*Note: if law enforcement is the first responder, no charges are filed or arrests made.*)

***Officer Intervention** • (Only applicable to law enforcement) During routine activities such as patrol or response to a service call during which charges otherwise would be filed, law enforcement provides a referral to treatment, services, or to a case manager, or issues a non-criminal citation to report to a program. Charges are held in abeyance until treatment and/or a social service plan is successfully completed.

Community Response • In response to a call for service, a team comprising community-based behavioral health professionals (e.g., crisis workers, clinicians, peer specialists, etc.), and/or other credible messengers—individuals with lived experience—sometimes in partnership with medical professionals, engages individuals to help de-escalate crises, mediate low-level conflicts, or address quality of life issues by providing a referral to treatment, services, or to a case manager.

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