

Project CREATE

COVID Related Emergency Access to Therapeutic Environments



Overview

Many mental health and justice professionals have noted nationally, systems that manage both competence to stand trial (CST) evaluation and competence restoration (CR) processes in clinical cases is in crisis (1).

- Surges with referrals
- Challenge to address them in a timely manner

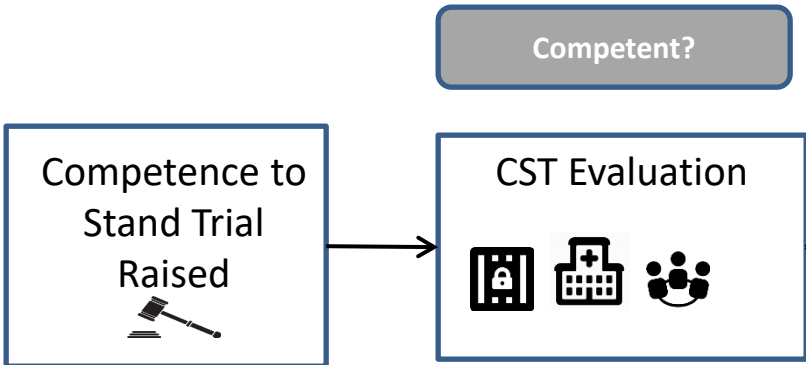
2020 COVID-19 resulted in:

- Waits for competence related services for people in jail
- Substantial risks to criminal defendants for whom competence issues are raised
- Increased risk for State lawsuits

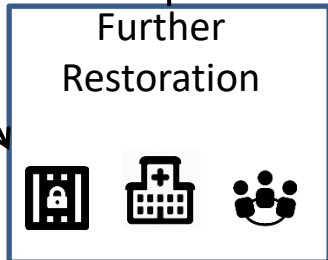
(1)<https://ps.psychiatryonline.org/doi/10.1176/appi.ps.201900483>



Competency to Stand Trial



Restored?



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Y

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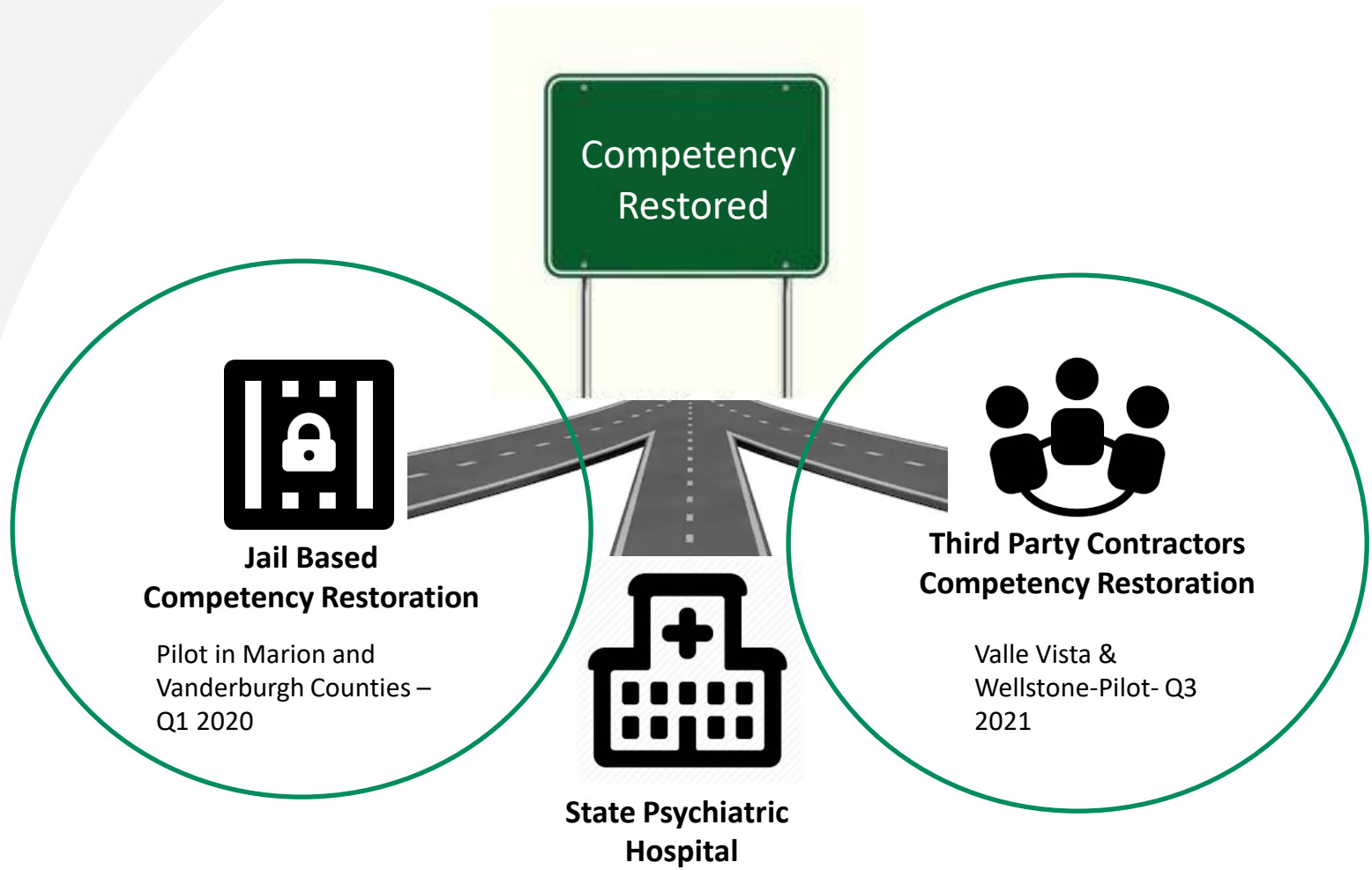
Q1 2020 Path to Competency Restoration



**State Psychiatric
Hospital**



New Innovative Pathways to Competency Restoration Introduced



Project CREATE Overview

To increase mental health care for the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Mental Health and Addiction established project CREATE (COVID Related Emergency Access to Therapeutic Environments) to assist individuals found incompetent to stand trial who are awaiting placement in the state psychiatric hospital network.



Goal

Project CREATE is one of a series of pilot program that provides a “fast-track” approach focused on moving people into a therapeutic environment in a timely manner, rather than a correctional setting.



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Fast Track Option

- Getting ICST candidates out of jails quickly.
- Use of Private Psychiatric Hospitals for Restoration Services.

Restoration Services

- Stabilization with medication & therapy (3rd Party Provider)
- Legal Education provided (DMHA)
- Court Reporting (DMHA)



Outcomes

Initial CREATE pilot data:

- Cost efficiency of current process:
 - \$1573 x 122 days in SPH
 - \$191,906 average cost
 - \$850 x 73 days in Private Institutions
 - \$62,050 average cost
- Length of stay
 - 49 reduction in LOS



What's Next...

- Expanding 3rd Party Providers
- Expanding Jail Based Opportunities
- Process Improvements in the ISPHN
 - Rapid Restoration Unit at the NDI
 - Implement standardized processes across the network in CST training, programming, and evaluations

