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**The Shelby County Jericho Project**



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**Program Start Date:** 1998

**Website:** [www.justcity.org/the-jericho-project](http://www.justcity.org/the-jericho-project)

**Description:** The Jericho Project is a post-disposition, jail diversion strategy that links people diagnosed with co-occurring substance abuse disorders and serious mental illness to resources in the community. The goal of the project is to remove barriers to recovery and reduce recidivism by providing medication management, counseling, therapy, case management, housing, and other services to people returning to the community on supervised probation. These intensive services are provided for four months, and extended transition services are available after the initial four-month period. The project serves about 100 people each year.

**Criminal Justice Partners:** Shelby County Division of Community Services, the Mental Health Unit of the Shelby County Jail, and Alliance Mental Health Services are the primary partners in the project. However, Jericho receives referrals from attorneys in the Public Defender's Office, private attorneys, prosecutors, judges, jail counselors, and family members.

**Evaluation/Research:** A Shelby County Outcomes and Systems Impact Report (2009), is available at:

**Implementation Guide:** [Click Here](#)



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