

SCORE Clinical Intervention Specialist Pilot Program

The SCORE Clinical Intervention Specialist Pilot Program is a program led by DSHS' Office of Forensic Mental Health Services partnering with King County's South Correctional Entity and Wellpath to serve Trueblood class members. The program is tasked with providing enhanced behavioral health services to class members currently in custody such as medication management, aftercare, counseling and connection to community care, and providing coping skills. Class members work with psychology associates and a clinical intervention specialist in a multi-disciplinary team setting to ensure continuity of care through an evidence-based approach treating immediate behavioral health concerns, motivational interviews and specialized programming.

The clinical intervention specialist is a licensed professional with prescribing authority. They provide technical assistance to SCORE, work collaboratively with psychology associates, and ensure medication access, so class members don't destabilize outside of treatment.

The concept of the clinical intervention specialist role came about because of the passage of Senate Bill 5440 into law. The bill and this first-of-its kind program were created to help improve access to care, and to provide essential behavioral services to help ensure incarcerated class members are not decompensating in jail, ensure they have a better chance of reintegrating back into the community upon release, are diverted from inpatient competency services, and/or receive a warm handoff in the next step of their legal process.

Program

This is a one-of-a-kind program that is helping the state explore new alternatives for providing behavioral health services in jail settings, improving access and opportunities to community diversion pathways, redirecting inpatient competency referrals, and helping reduce people who have serious behavioral health conditions involvement with the criminal justice system.

Eligibility

- Class members in custody of SCORE Jail who have been ordered to undergo a forensic evaluation or restoration related to their ability to stand trial.
- Class members within SCORE jail who are experiencing behavioral health disorders.

Partners

- Health Care Authority
- SCORE, city and county jails
- Community-Based Service Providers
- Law Enforcement Agencies

Authority

- See [SB5440 SEC 17](#)
- See [RCW 10.77.320](#)

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