

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

16.745 JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION

Program Description: The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) supports cross-system collaboration to improve responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses (MI) or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse (CMISA) who come into contact with the justice system. This contact can occur because a crime was committed, or because law enforcement officers were first responders to a call for service involving a person with mental illness but in which no crime was committed. This program supports public safety and violence reduction through service partnerships that enhance and increase law enforcement responses to people with MI and CMISA.