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Gallatin County Jail Diversion Program

Our mission as mental health providers in the jail is to provide services to people when they are at a point where change is needed. We believe that jail is a low point in some people's lives, but not the end and when connected to the proper services a person is less likely to re-offend. In the Gallatin County Detention Center we offer therapy and case management to inmates along with anger management, illness management and recovery, coping skills groups, Moral Reconition Therapy, and community resource groups. We also offer services to inmates after they are released as a way of transitioning back into the community.

Year 1: December 2010 to December 2011

- 149 inmates seen, 59 followed up in the community
- Of the 59, 5 committed new crimes.
- 8.5% re-offend rate
- Interventions included therapy, case management, financial assistance with housing and gas, anger management and Illness, Management and Recovery (IMR)
- 40 inmates showed a positive change in substance abuse
- 30 inmates obtained employment
- 68 inmates transitioned directly into housing from jail

Years 2-3: January 2012 to July 2013

- 190 inmates seen, 47 followed up in the community
- Of the 49, 8 committed new crimes.
- 17% re-offend rate
- Interventions included therapy, case management, Moral Reconition Therapy (MRT), anger management, community resource groups, Illness Management and Recovery (IMR), Thinking for Change and placement at Amos House.

Duplication:

- Butte Program
- Bill Keller- Full time case manager
- Kathleen Davis- Half time therapist

Future:

- Expand mental health to other detention centers
- Maintain a full time therapist and case manager
- Fine tuning approach to working with Probation and Parole
- Develop continuity of care with DOC programs and prison.