



# PIMA COUNTY JUSTICE SERVICES

*TRANSITION CENTER UPDATES*

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# TODAY'S AGENDA

- Introduction of team members
  - Doyle R. Morrison
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- Transition Center program overview
- Population served
  - Expanding target population
  - Marketing the program
- Preliminary outcomes
- Success stories



# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Objective: engage with individuals leaving custody, and connect them with resources and services
  - Connection to existing services in the community – treatment, housing, employment, and more
  - Direct support: court reminders & justice system navigation
  - Resources: transportation, cell phones
- Metrics for success: increased court appearance, lower rearrest
- Staffed with Justice Navigators, each who have lived experience



# LOCATION





# POPULATION SERVED

- **Initial target population:** people who were released by Pretrial Services before jail booking
- **Added:** individuals booked into the jail, and released at IA hearing
- Available to help anyone released
- However...
  - Anyone who walks in the door can get help, no one is turned away



- Almost 500 encounters in 6 months of operation (August 3, 2023 to February 3, 2024)
  - 416 unique individuals
- Of those that walk into the door
  - 97% accept some form of assistance
  - 57% identified as homeless
  - Average age of 39
- 54 individuals received a CALL phone
- 53 were transported CARS taxi program
- Over 100 people were referred to substance use treatment services
- **90% of individuals served through the Transition Center were not rebooked within 30 days**
  - Baseline 73% were not rebooked

# EXPANDING PROGRAM AWARENESS

- [Video to play before and after Initial Appearance](#)
- “Blue Line” from release door to Transition Center
- Info Envelope with directions

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**Directions to The Pima County Transition Center**  
located outside the Pima County Adult Detention Center

*Direcciones al Centro de Transición del Condado Pima  
ubicado afuera del Centro de Detención de Adultos del  
Condado Pima*



## Pima County Transition Center

*Leave better than you came!*

Stop by the Pima County Transition Center and let our Justice Services Navigators help you on the next steps of your journey. Our navigators are trained to help you overcome obstacles to your successful transition back to the community.

Justice Services Navigators are not associated with corrections, law enforcement or the legal systems. They are peers who have made this journey themselves and are here to help others along the way.

Let them help connect you with the support and community resources you need after your release, if you have not been set up with a discharge plan.

### Resources they can help you connect to:

- Housing
- Medical care
- Transportation
- Food
- Peer support
- Cell phone
- Court reminders
- Employment support
- and more!

## ¡Logra tu mejor versión!

Visita el Centro de Transición del Condado Pima y deja que nuestro personal de Servicios de Justicia te ayude a lograr tus objetivos. Nuestro personal está capacitado para ayudarte a superar los obstáculos que se atraviesen en tu transición de vuelta a la comunidad.

Nuestro personal de Servicios de Justicia no está relacionado con Departamento de Correcciones, Departamento de Policía, o el sistema legal. Son compañeros que han pasado por lo mismo que tú y están aquí para ayudar a los demás.

Deja que te conecten con la ayuda y apoyos comunitarios que necesitas luego de recuperar tu libertad, si es que no se ha creado un plan para ti.

### Te pueden ayudar a recibir recursos como:

- Vivienda
- Atención médica
- Transportación
- Alimentos
- Apoyo de compañeros
- Teléfono celular
- Recordatorios de la corte
- Apoyo para conseguir empleo
- y mucho más



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# Success Stories

## Participant “M”

- In jail for almost 2 years
- Cross-agency collaboration
  - Pima County Superintendent “Cycle Breakers” programs
  - Adult Probation
- Employed, GED test, apartment
- Continue to work recovery

## Participant “G”

- Referred from DOC & Adult Probation
- Cross-agency collaboration
  - PACC
  - Cycle Breakers
  - One-Stop (Community & Workforce Development)
- Housed, education, dogs back from PACC
- Continue to work recovery