

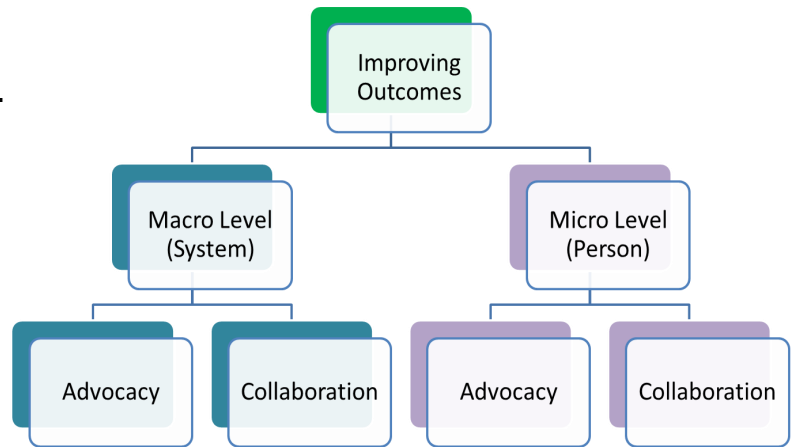
## Improving Outpatient Service Delivery for Criminal Offenders with Serious Mental Illness

Outpatient service adherence and formal community supervision are positive factors in reducing re-incarceration for inmates with serious mental illness. Recidivism among repeat criminal offenders with serious mental illness is higher than recidivism among non-impaired offenders.

### Desired Outcomes of Improved Outpatient Service Delivery

1. **Successful coexistence in the community.**
2. **Safer Community.**
3. **Lower costs associated with incarceration and justice procedures.**
4. **Clinical needs may be addressed with an overall lower level of care.**

This process requires collaboration and advocacy within the justice and mental health services systems that address the system of care simultaneous to addressing the needs of individual persons.



Collaboration between the two systems involves defining what the process of collaboration will look like for a specific community. It will differ based on the community, the agencies, and the professionals involved. **With a flexible approach, we see a unique opportunity where each of these groups, having a**

Advocacy: Six Steps	Macro Level	Micro Level	Consider. . .
<b>1. Define Barriers and Needs.</b>	Bureaucracy, Turf Issues, Funder Expectations, etc.	Lost Support, Secure Basic Needs, SA, etc.	Staff turnover, Current Events, etc.
<b>2. Assess Resources to Address Barriers and Needs.</b>	Strong Leaders, Combined Funds, Community Support, Outreach conduits.	Natural Supports, Public Benefits, Service Hx, etc.	Advocates in other communities
<b>3. Brainstorm, Outreach, Education.</b>	Review Case Examples, Examine solution options.	Communication is key! Involve natural supports.	Stakeholder Meetings.
<b>4. Determine a Collaborative Plan</b>	Consensus, Funding, Assign Responsibilities	Combine Treatment Plans	Accountability Plan
<b>5. Follow the Plan Through.</b>	Track unintended consequences, problem-solve unexpected issues.	Support the person, Encourage, Be Reliable	Expect the unexpected!
<b>6. Evaluate the Outcomes/Tweak Plan.</b>	Ongoing quarterly meetings.	Regular Team Meetings, Transition out of Services	Hold each other Accountable