Peers in the Criminal Justice System

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Training Objectives

• Introduce two different peer-based criminal justice efforts in Arizona

• Give an overview of the programs using peers for diversion

• Discuss successes and challenges of using peers in the criminal justice world
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We’re in it together.
HOPE’s Community Relationship Philosophy

• It takes a village

• Say yes

• Share information
HOPE’s Community Programs

• CRTT–Community Re-Entry Transition Team

• Located at the Pima County Adult Detention Complex

• Support individuals to make their court dates, complete their community service hours, comply with their community supervision requirements
Also under CRTT:

• CPR
• BJA
• Empower (For Vets)
• Peer Support groups in prison
HOPE’s Community Programs

• SPAN – Supportive Peers Assisting as Navigators

• Located at the CRC

• Sally port

• Connect discharged members to community resources
Successes

- CRTT: 1566 (total)
- CRTT: 374 (current year)
- CPR: 48 (total)
- SRCCC: 278 (total)
- SPAN: 5722 (total)
- SPAN: 2267 (current year)
Challenges

• Working in the criminal justice system requires nuanced training and understanding

• Behavioral health peers are in criminal justice’s house

• No chewing gum, shorts, sharp objects, etc.
Questions