

# Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT)

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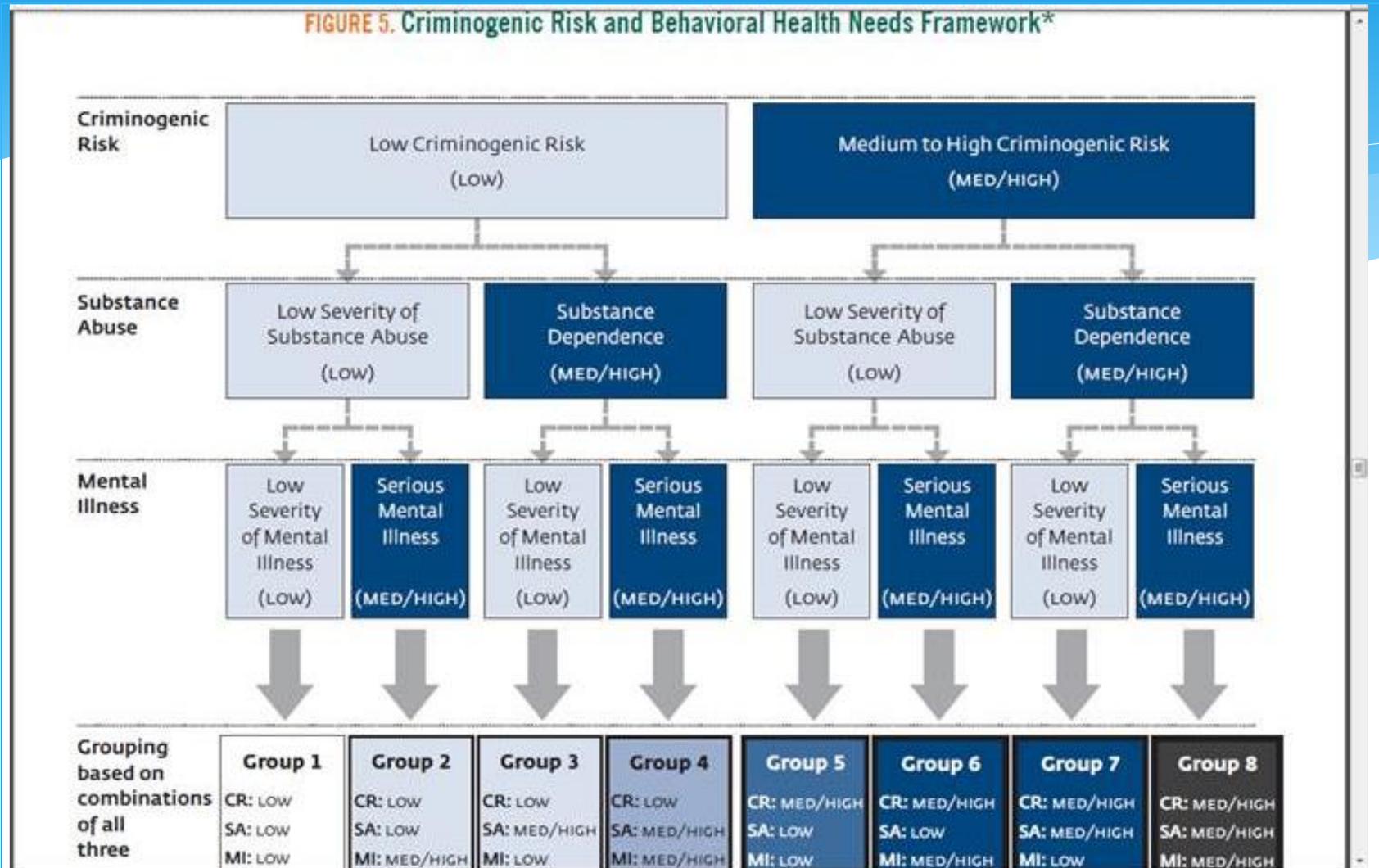


# Forensic Assertive Community Treatment

## History in Maricopa County

- \* First F-ACT team 1996
- \* 2014 developed new F-ACT team criteria with input from Justice Partners
- \* Targeted those who would be considered Group 6 or Group 8 according to the Criminogenic risk and Behavioral Health Needs Framework

**FIGURE 5. Criminogenic Risk and Behavioral Health Needs Framework\***



# ACT Admission Criteria

## **The individual must have one of the following diagnoses:**

- \* Schizophrenia
- \* Schizoaffective disorder
- \* Other psychotic disorders (must be SMI qualifying)
- \* Bipolar disorder or other affective disorders

## **Service need must have one or more of the following:**

- \* 2 or more acute psychiatric hospitalizations or 4 or more psychiatric emergency room visits in the last 12 months
- \* 2 or more interactions with law enforcement in the past year for emergency services due to mental illness or substance abuse (this includes involuntary commitment)
- \* Currently residing in an inpatient bed but clinically assessed to be able to live independently or with natural supports only if ACT services were provided
- \* Currently in residential treatment or a staffed community living placement but clinically assessed to be able to live independently or with natural supports only if ACT services were provided

# ACT Admission Criteria Continued

## **Must have one or more of the following:**

- \* Inability to participate, remain engaged and/or respond to traditional outpatient services
- \* Inability to meet basic survival needs or independently maintain adequate housing, homeless, or at imminent risk of becoming homeless

# ACT Admission Criteria Continued

## **Must have at least three (3) of the following:**

- \* Evidence of co-existing mental illness and substance abuse/dependence
- \* Insufficient independent living skills to support independent living in the community
- \* Significant suicidal ideation with a plan and ability to carry out within the last two (2) years
- \* Suicide attempt in the last two years
- \* History of violence due to mental illness/substance abuse within the last two (2) years
- \* Lack of support systems
- \* History of inadequate follow-through with treatment plan, resulting in psychiatric or medical instability
- \* Threats of harm to others in the past two years
- \* Significant psychotic symptomology; such as command hallucinations
- \* Not employed or engaged in other meaningful community activity

# F-ACT Criteria

**In addition to meeting ACT Criteria – the following must be present in order to be served on a F-ACT Team:**

- \* Person is assessed as having increased risk to recidivate to incarceration as determined by:
- \* Risk to Recidivate Score (RRS) of 3\* or above as identified by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office at the time of booking. SCORE \_\_\_\_\_
- OR**
- \* Offender Screening Tool (OST) as completed by MCAPD with recidivism risk of medium or above. SCORE \_\_\_\_\_
- OR**
- \* Offender re-screening tool (FROST) as completed by MCAPD or Az DOC Community Corrections with recidivism risk of medium or above SCORE \_\_\_\_\_
- OR**
- \* Releasing from Az Dept of Corrections after at least 2 years of incarceration.

\* can be an RRS score of 2 if person has had at least 3 bookings in the past 24 months

# Referrals from Probation

- \* Review the probationer's case and history
- \* Complete the referral and submit to supervisor
- \* Supervisor reviews the referral and submits to MMIC
- \* APETS is updated to reflect referral
- \* PO communicates with current team about referral

# F-ACT Referral

- \* **Member's Name:** Full legal name, can include aliases
- \* **Member's DOB:** month/date/year
- \* **Member's Current Location:** hospital, jail, shelter, community, full address
- \* **Contact Number to reach member:** Can be NA, PO or family
- \* **Person sending the referral:** PO name here
- \* **OST/FROST:**
- \* **Member's current clinic:** Clinic and PNO here
- \* **Member's cross roads/zipcode:** closest intersection and zip code

# F-ACT Referral

- \* Reason for a F-ACT referral here: Justification for referral, current team buy, probationer's needs, level of interaction with the criminal justice system to include new charges, recent bookings, number of bookings in 6-12 month period, etc.

# Criminogenic Needs

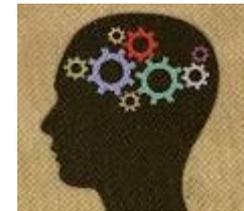
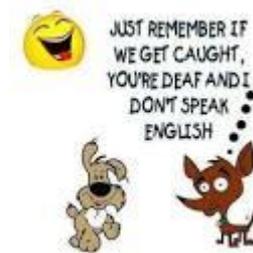
- \* What are criminogenic needs?
  - \* Characteristics, traits, problems, or issues of an individual that directly relate to the individual's likelihood to re-offend and commit another crime.

*<https://study.com/academy/lesson/criminogenic-needs-definition-risk-factors.html>*

- \* How are they assessed or identified?
  - \* Risk assessments (ie OST, FROST)
- \* How are they addressed?
  - \* Case plans and ISP

# The Big Four

- \* Anti – social peers
- \* Anti – social personality
- \* Anti – attitude
- \* Anti - behavior



# Push and Pull



- \* F-ACT referrals require a marriage between the clinical system and law enforcement
- \* Buy in from the current team is essential for smooth transition
- \* The probationers/member must be willing
- \* There isn't always an agreement on needs
- \* Which takes priority? Clinical needs or law enforcement?
- \* Consideration for Victims.



# How the System needed to Change

- \* Adjustment of policies and procedures
  - Transition point
  - Jail badging for Forensic peers
  - Referral source



# How the System needed to Change

- \* Partnership with Housing providers and Landlords
  - Developing relationships with landlords, so they would house our population.
  - Educating housing providers on our services
  - Showing up when called

# How the System needed to Change

- \* Integrated Care and PCP partnership
  - Cross-collaboration with CBI programs

# ACT Model Prior to Mercy Maricopa

- \* Varied measurement tools and Dashboard
- \* Increased Case Management Model vs. Service Delivery
- \* 15 Legacy ACT teams



# ACT Fidelity with Mercy Maricopa

- SAMHSA Dartmouth ACT Tool (DACT)
  - 3 Categories
    - \* Human Resources
    - \* Organizational Boundaries
    - \* Nature of Services
- Technical Assistance Opportunities
  - Fidelity Action Plans
  - Justice Series Training
  - ACT Operational Manual
- Annual Fidelity Reviews



Evaluating  
Your Program

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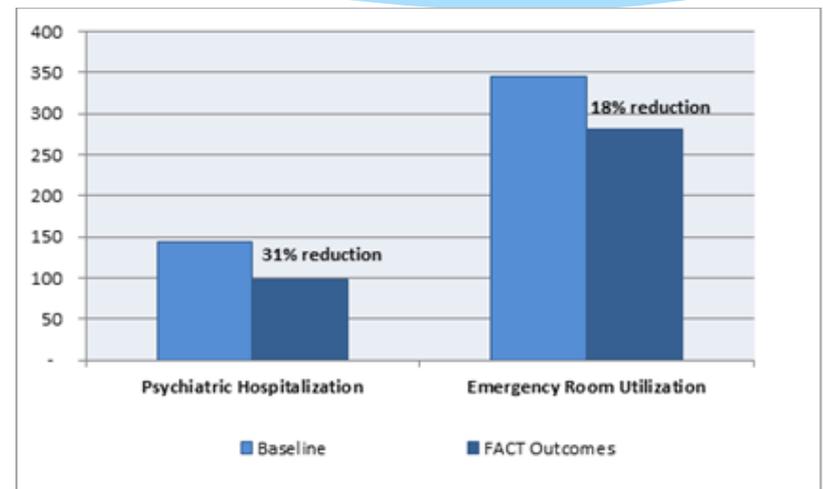
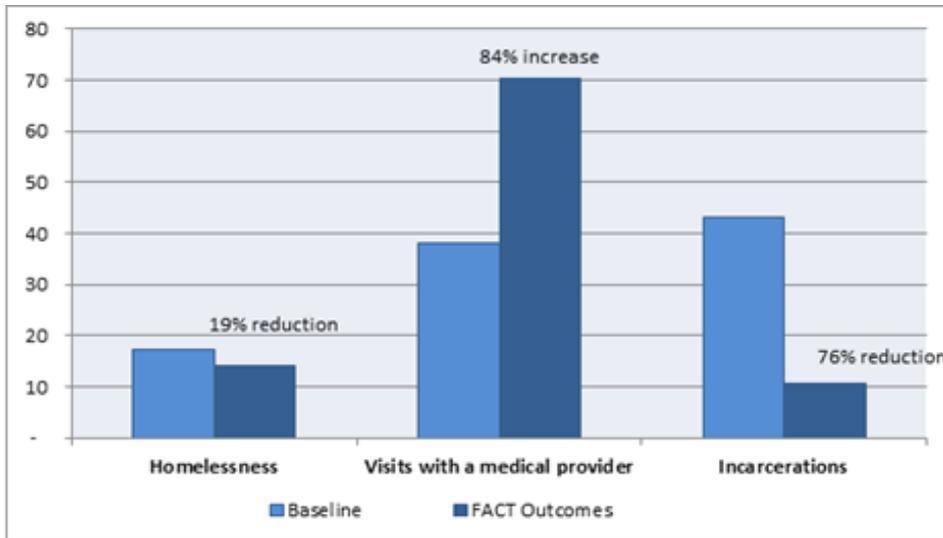


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# Mercy Maricopa ACT and FACT

- Expansion of 2 new FACT teams
  - FACT 1 August 1, 2014
  - FACT 3 May 1, 2016
- FACT 2 was a Legacy team transitioned to CBI October 1, 2015
- Integration: Primary Care Physician (PCP) Partnership teams
- Expansion of services to 24 ACT teams (specialty teams included)

# FACT Outcomes



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**Forensic Assertive Community  
Treatment (F/ACT) to Reduce  
Homelessness**



# Sustainability

- \* Ongoing collaboration
  - \* MMIC
  - \* F/ACT teams
  - \* County and justice system leaders
  - \* Adult probation personnel
- \* Continued funding
- \* Workforce development and retention
- \* Value based contracting (sharing with teams)

# Links and additional information

- \* [http://www.medicaidinnovation.org/\\_images/content/2017\\_Compendum\\_v4\\_Awarded\\_LT.pdf](http://www.medicaidinnovation.org/_images/content/2017_Compendum_v4_Awarded_LT.pdf)
- \* <https://www.mercymaricopa.org/providers/resources/manual>
- \* <https://communitybridgesaz.org/>
- \* <http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/AdultProbation/index.asp>
- \* <https://stepuptogether.org/>

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