

You **CAN** Teach an Old Dog New Tricks: Breaking Down Silos to Successfully Gain Buy-in from Staff, Leadership, and the Community

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# TODAY'S SPEAKERS



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## MARICOPA COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM



- Seven Jails
- Average Daily Population 6,000-9,000 (down to 4,300 at height of COVID-19)
- 2,400 authorized detention positions
- Average length of stay 25-30 days
- Serving approx. 26 local, federal, and state law enforcement agencies
- Phoenix PD is the biggest user of jail booking
- 45% misdemeanor bookings
- 55% felony bookings
- Currently transitioning to direct supervision/Strategic Inmate Management
- ~ 250-350 bookings/day

# HISTORICAL ISSUES

- '90s-2010 experienced lawsuits, jail deaths, medical issues, overcrowding
- 42-Year Federal lawsuit over jail conditions (originally Hart v. Hill)
- Two large jails constructed in early 2000s: 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Lower Buckeye Jail
  - Goal was to minimize contact with inmates and create higher security
  - New intake area was larger version of previous design with large holding tanks and linear process
  - Tent City was utilized for lower security/sentenced population



# MOVING FORWARD

- What does the future of the jail system look like?
- Are we utilizing our facilities effectively?
- Is what we are doing actually working?
- Why do our new jails already seem dirty, in disrepair, and outdated?
- How can we minimize lawsuits?
- Why do we have so many fights, assaults, and medical emergencies?

## **SMART JUSTICE**

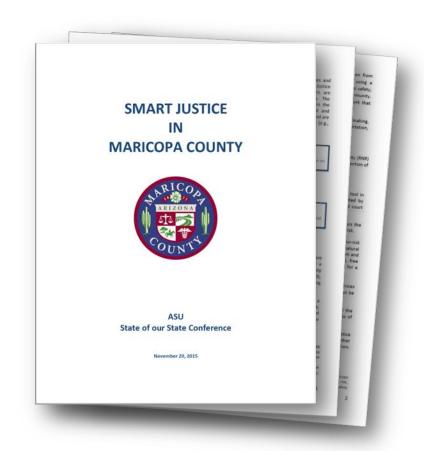
## **Established in 2011**

Created collaboration and coordination amongst Maricopa County criminal justice system partners

**Established outline for evidence-based programming** 

Determination of system goals (reduction of recidivism/ mental health)

Common language and terminology amongst stakeholders

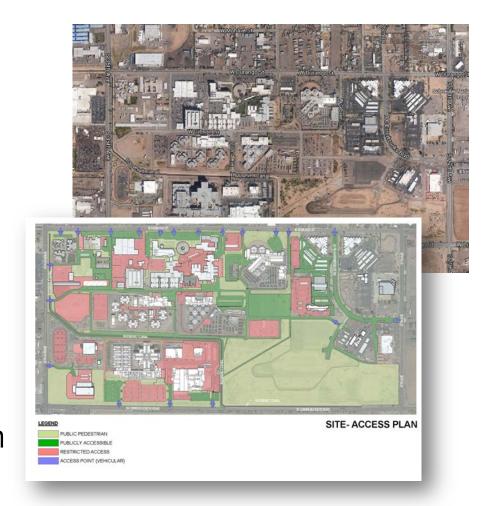


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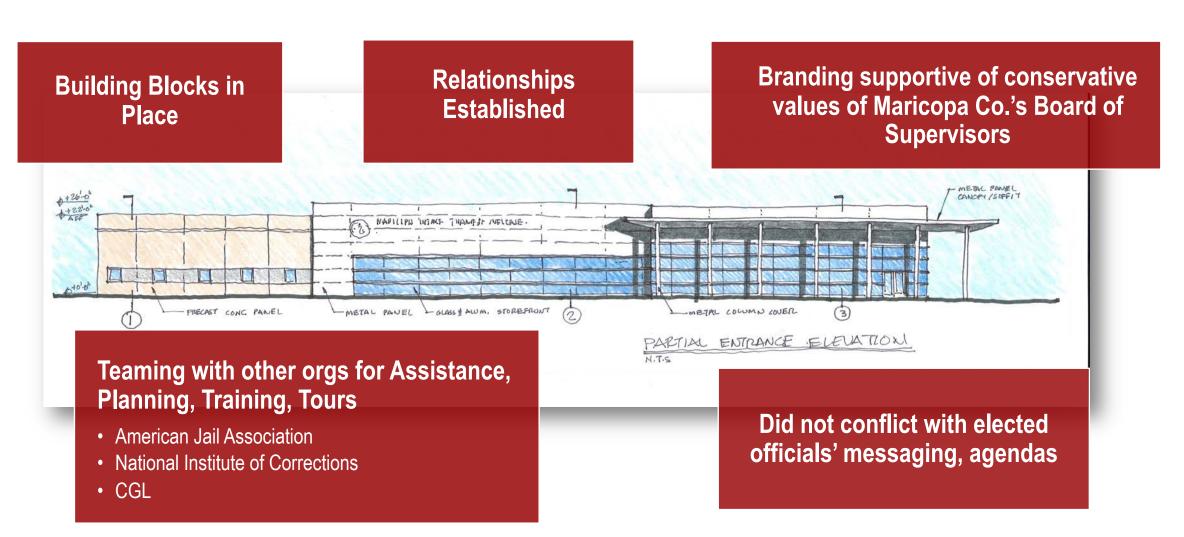
# MASTER PLANNING 🔣



- Started in **2012**
- Looked at facility conditions, population projections, industry trends
- Established need for better collaboration between jails, other agencies
- **Duplicative processes** amongst various jails
- Inconsistency in managing populations
- Called out lack of programming and medical space
- Created 10-year plan for all partner agencies to work from



## NEW JAIL PLANNING



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## **Jail Facility Research Tours:**

- Clark County, NV
- Los Angeles County, CA
- San Bernardino County, CA
- San Mateo County, CA
- Denver County, CO
- Pima County, AZ

## **Key Takeaways**

- The importance of **keeping up on facility maintenance**, paint, cleanliness
- *Normalized* facilities contribute to *normalized* behaviors
- Staff professionalism <u>directly</u> impacts inmate professionalism
- Direct supervision and other management techniques
   can be adapted to work in facilities not designed for them



# Direct Supervision Training from American Jail Association & National Institute of Corrections

- AJA "Train the Trainer"
- NIC Administrator's Role,
   Supervisor's Role, Line Officer's Role
- NIC technical assistance & training implementation
- NIC Executive Coaching Sessions



## **Creating the Case for Change**

- Identifying Current System Limitations
- Identifying Current System Consequences
- Direct Supervision Jail Design and Operation
  - Physical Plant
  - Operations
- Benefits of Direct Supervision
  - Identify Stakeholders:
    - County Gov't./Taxpayers
    - MCSO Detention Staff
    - Inmate and Inmate's Family

## **Case for Change**



#### MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office will transition existing jail operations, as well as two new jail facilities opening in early 2020, to a system of strategic inmate management using the principles of direct supervision. This shift focuses on the assumption most inmates in the jail system will comply with rules and regulations by staff utilizing positive reinforcement, communication, accountability, and mutual respect.

#### **Current System: Limitations**

The current methodology of jail operations has been based on the philosophy inmates are considered violent and destructive. This assumption led to the practice of containing inmate activity behind bars or glass and having limited interaction between staff and the inmates.

#### **Current System: Consequences**

Due to past assumptions and physical barriers, jails have been at greater risk of escapes, assaults on staff and other inmates, property damage and medical emergencies.

Operations lack incentives designed at reinforcing appropriate inmate behavior while in custody. The living environments of immates who follow rules and regulations do not differ greatly from the living environment of inmates who are in fact violent and destructive. It is time to change these assumptions and overcome physical barriers.

#### Direct Supervision Jails: Design and Operation

Jail designs and operations have evolved over the last 30 years. By providing an environment utilizing effective supervision and incentives, most inmates can and will behave appropriately. Through design and operational guidelines, control of the facility is maintained by detention staff, improving the safety and security of staff, inmates, and the community.

#### **Physical Plant:**

- Increasing staff presence to overcome any physical plant challenges in current facilities.
- Newly designed jails will incorporate open style living areas requiring constant staff presence.
- All facilities will seek methods to reduce noise levels, improve cleanliness, and offer incentives for appropriate behavior.

#### **Operations:**

Each newly admitted inmate is assessed for risk, need, and appropriate security level and housed accordingly. All jail facilities incorporate a system of inmate orientation, emphasizing expectations of appropriate inmate behavior and consequences for not meeting them. Inmates who fail to meet set expectations are to be held accountable immediately.

Detention Officers are the sole authority in the housing units they supervise and are to remain in their assigned unit throughout the shift, maintaining the maximum level of supervision and presence. Officers interact continuously with inmates to become familiar with the risks they present, their needs, and their behavior patterns. Officers can detect and resolve problems in the early stages, preventing crisis or serious conflict. Officers manage inmate behavior through positive motivational techniques and by holding inmates accountable.

Officers are instrumental in coordinating and supervising all unit functions to ensure they contribute to a safe, secure, and clean jail environment while providing an opportunity to positively engage the inmate population in activities.

## **Developing a Communications Plan**

### **Staff**

- NIC Direct Supervision Training
- Conference Calls, Email Exchange, In-person Meetings, Focus Groups, Surveys
- Microsoft Teams Platform
- Video Spotlight
- Newsletters
- Tours of ITR, 512, and Watkins Jail













#### CASE FOR CHANGE: MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office will soon transition existing jail operations, as well as two new jail facilities opening in early 2020, to a system of strategic inmate management using the principles of direct supervision. Sheriff Penzone and Custody command staff recognize the fact that this methodology represents a shift from previous operations. In order to assist staff to be successful in this transition, it is the goal of Custody Bureau for supervisory, training, and command staff to create open channels of communication and to provide extensive training on multiple aspects of Strategic Inmate Management and Direct Supervision principles.

The desired outcome of the use of these management principles is to create a jail

- . Is safer for staff, inmates, and the public
- Is clean · Is quiet
- Reduces property damage
- · Reduces assaults on staff and other inmates
- · Lessens risk of inmate escape
- Encourages employee retention through
- reduced stress

Attached to this newsletter is a document titled: "Case for Change: Maricona County Sheriff's Office". This document will stand as the standard for change in operations for future reference and will serve as a reminder of how MCSO's jail system will operate from this point forward.

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The Sheriff's Office is currently or will soon be engaging in the following activities to prepare staff for this transition:

- . Training of staff by the National Institute of Corrections (NIC)
- . Executive coaching sessions from the NIC · Weekly facility tours to direct supervision
- iails for staff . Tours of new jail facilities
- . Commission of Change Team
- . Commission of New Jail Transition Team
- · Policy revision
- · Scenario Development
- Implementation of direct supervision training in the basic academy
- Implementation of direct supervision principles in block training
- . Developing methods for increased communication
- · Developing a plan for inmate orientation

Staff are highly encouraged to seek training opportunities and get involved in the transition process. As with any change, challenges and issues always arise. An increased level in employee involvement in this process is critical

## **DIRECT SUPERVISION**

Moving forward, Direct Supervision may also be referred to as Strategic Inmate Management (SIM). Please read the Case for Change that has valuable information relative to our agency



What staff is saying about the

change to Direct Supervision....

Tm excited that the implementation of the tablets and

allow them more time to effectively and productively

manage inmates.

-Sqt. Broulette B1839

'I learned so much in the Direct Supervision training.

attending a training class on it. The course was insightful

and I now truly understand the Direct Supervision

philosophy. The most encouraging part of Direct

#### Did vou know??

ounty (CA), Clark County (NV), Denver Count O), and San Mateo County (CA) intakes and

So far, there have been two Direct Supervision training sessions for Chiefs, Captains and Lieutenants. Training will soon begin for Sergeants and FTO's

programs, I am convinced an all around win for the Dete Although I have done my own research, it was my first time

Supervision is that it is going to make our officer's work environment safer, easier, and less stressful. The tablets will also add to a positive environment for staff and -Lt. Laredo-Tarango Bo454

Why did MCSO choose to start utilizing the Direct Maricopa Coun Supervision Concept Sheriff's Office oneMC

eveals-plans-for-huge-shift-in oneMCSO.

https://ktar.com/story/269177 2/mcso-reveals-plans-for-huge shift-in-how-it-operates-jails/

Watch video:

https://videopress.com/v/wve9 Ek8t?%20autoPlav=1

## **Developing a Communications Plan (cont.)**

### Inmates/Offenders

 Informational Posters/Signage for Inmates



Video Spotlight

### **External Stakeholders**

- Website and Social Media Platforms
- General Message
- Press Release
- Letters to outside Law Enforcement Agencies
- Tours of ITR, 512, Watkins Jail Facilities













## **Addressing Nay-Sayers**

- Sometimes opposition to positive change or new ideas can feel louder and more prevalent than all else
- Staff who are supportive usually do so quietly
- You can't take negative criticism personally or it will consume what you desire to achieve
- Sometimes you must address the negativity head on and publicly



Listen here: https://omny.fm/shows/ktar-reporter-audio/mcsoreveals-plans-for-huge-shift-in-how-it-operat

## **Developing a Change Team**

- Inside Stakeholders
- Roles
- Meetings
- Development of Subcommittees
  - Classification
  - Canteen
  - Employee Incentives
  - Inmate Incentives
  - Policy, Procedures, and Inmate Rules and Regulations Updates
  - Recruitment
    - New Job Description for Detention Officer Applicants
- Tours of Pima County Direct Supervision Jail

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View from Direct Supervision Officer Desk at Durango Replacement

Officers working in Direct Supervision housing units at Durango Jail had the following thoughts:

I have never felt unsafe working in a Direct Supervision house -Officer Hoyt

Once you get it running smooth it is so much easier. I actually enjoy it -Officer Perez

### Did you know?

Thanks to the hard work of Pre-Employment and others Detention Officer vacancies has decreased by over 236 since the beginning of this year.

1/7/2019: 268 Detention Officer Vacancies 6/24/2019: 250 Detention Officer Vacancies 11/12/2019: 32 Detention Officer Vacancies

If your interested in working at new facilities. You can now put in transfer requests to ITR, 512-bed, and 1600 bed Durango replacement.

 $Transfer\ Requests\ can\ be\ sent\ to:\ custody.transfers@mcso.maricopa.gov$ 

#### The Change Team

The Change team was created to guide MCSO's transition to Direct Supervision and Strategic Inmate Management. The Change Team has representatives from each division including Officers, Sergeants, Lieutenants and Captains. Some examples of work done are policy updates, internal and external communication, staff incentives, training opportunities, creating a staff resource library.

### New Resource Library

The resource library was created for staff to learn more about Direct Supervision. It will have pictures, videos, descriptions, and other agency information employing Direct Supervision.

The Resource Library is for all to access and can be found at U:/Training/Direct Supervision.

#### A Message from Change Team

We encourage staff to reach out with questions and concerns to respective Change Team members at their facility. A list of members is located in the resource library.

The Change Team meets every two weeks to help maintain our progress.

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# WHAT WE ENDED UP WITH

