



Forensic Support Team

Program Description

The Forensic Support Team (FST) serves as a centralized structure within OBH in order to assist forensic clients when competency restoration services have been ordered by the court. The team includes a Program Director, two Program Coordinators, and 15 Forensic Navigators to provide case management services to Pretrial Detainees.

Program Services

The Navigators are assigned to cover all Judicial Districts throughout the state, and will be assigned to an individual by the Program Coordinators after the court has entered an order for competency restoration. Please note that the Navigators are not clinicians, but rather care coordinators.

Care and Monitoring for Individuals Waiting in Jail:

Provide updates about the status of the client and progress toward placement once competency restoration has been ordered. The Navigators shall:

- Connect clients to care in the jail while awaiting competency restoration
- If a client is decompensating or in need of more urgent care, alert Program Coordinator for possible M1 or M3
- Upon return from restoration services to jail, monitor client mental health status by contacting JBBS/jail treatment provider

Discharge Planning Coordination:

Develop a discharge plan with the Bridges Court Liaison if an individual is discharging to Outpatient Restoration Treatment.

- Obtain provider information from Outpatient Restoration Program and communicate all information to the client and Bridges Court Liaison

Status Updates:

Provide Bridges Court Liaisons with evaluation, program placement (RISE, CMHIP, private hospital providers), progress, and transition updates. Updates include:

- Evaluation attendance or Individual Special Circumstances updates
- Progress toward bed placement and when placement occurs
- When the client is restored and potential return date

Reporting Requirements:

Work with Inpatient Admissions and Outpatient Restoration Program teams to provide an update to the Bridges Court Liaison every 10 days on the information listed above in the Status Updates section.

Population Served

Adult Pretrial Detainees who are in jail awaiting admission for Inpatient Restoration Treatment and individuals admitted to contracted private hospital beds. As time permits, Navigators may expand their caseload to include case coordinated individuals within the community or on bond with barriers.

Program Mission

To ensure an effective competency system, the Forensic Support Team will strategically coordinate care and communicate the needs of the clients to all stakeholders.

Program Goals

1. Coordinate transitions between CMHIP, RISE, and jails.
2. Identify and intervene with high acuity clients.
3. Identify and close client care gaps within the jail through coordinated care efforts.
4. Use available technology to improve coordination of care.

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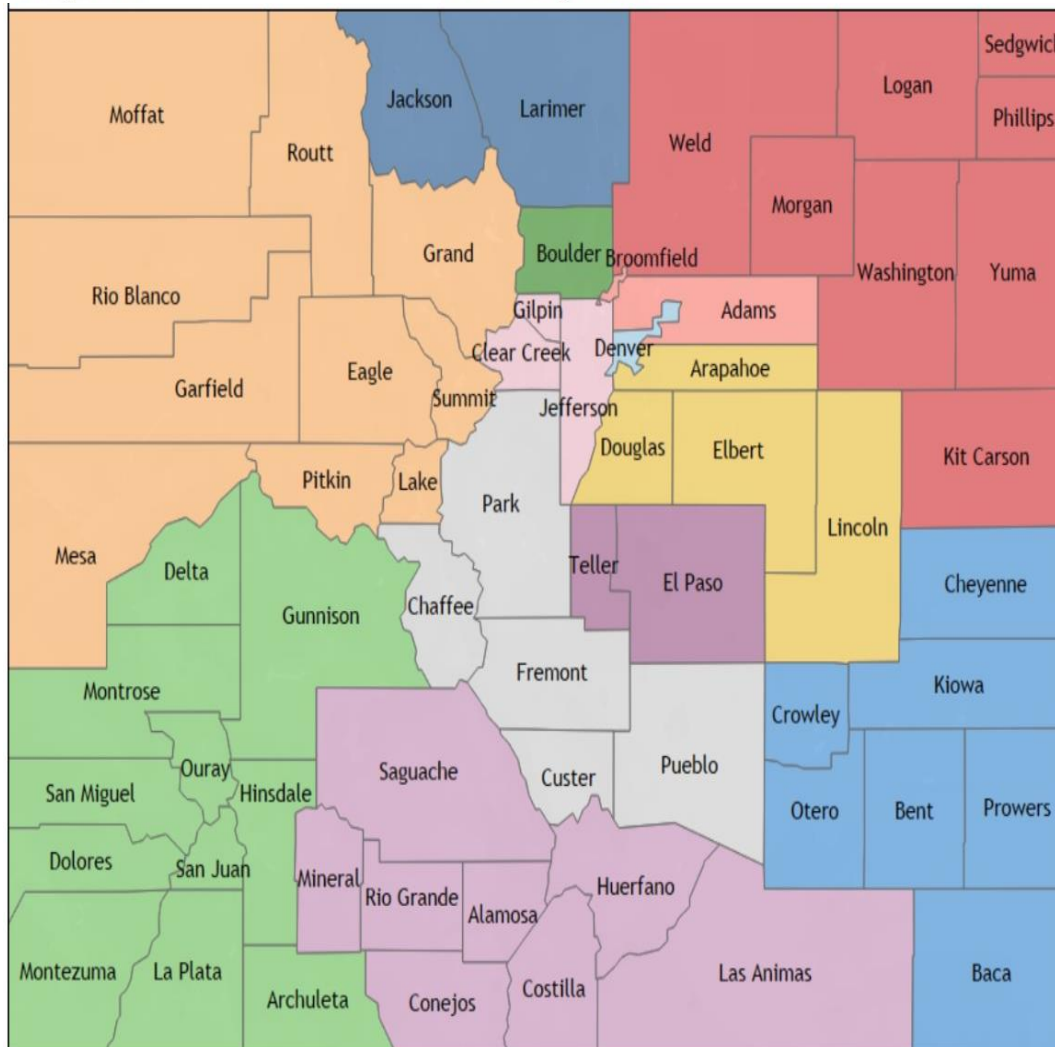
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Role of the Navigators

Forensic Navigators are not case managers, clinicians, or involved in community supervision. The Navigators act as case coordinators, working to ensure that all internal and external stakeholders have access to up-to-date client information. In collaboration with stakeholders, the Navigators help to ensure that services are being delivered to clients in an appropriate and effective manner.