A Transactional Response to Community Care: A Social Work and Law Enforcement Approach

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Objective

The Problem

Problem Impact

Solution Idea

Understanding the Solution Professional

Goals/ Outcomes

Introduction

- History and education in the field
- Outcome results
- Research / Evidence Based outcomes

The Problem

Continued increase in social service issues within the city

Nationally 80% of responses are social service related in nature

Reactive approach to social service issues.

The Impact and Implications

Continued increase in social services issues

High level of recidivism

Lack of resources intervention

Solution Idea

- Social Work led team within police department/ Courts
- MOU with Social Service agency
- Evidence based Training for Team approach to community care

A Social Worker vs A Victim Advocate

- A Social Worker is degreed in social work BSW/MSW
 - Understands dynamics of human behavior in social environments
 - Understand empirical based practice
 - Skilled in advocacy/resources and assessment
 - Proactive approach to working with community
 - Great support system

- Advocate
 - Not necessarily degreed
 - Excellent skills in advocating for victim compensation
 - Reactive approach after crime is committed and support services is needed.
 - Skilled in judicial procedure for victims
 - Great support system

Goals

- Reduction of recidivism
- Decrease in social service issues
- Partnership for proactive approach
- Innovative partnerships

Chief Kimble