

CASES



THE COURT-BASED INTERVENTION AND RESOURCE TEAM (CIRT)

In 2014, CASES initiated the New York County CIRT program to provide an alternative sanction for individuals with indications of mental illness who are detained on criminal charges. The goal of CIRT is to rapidly divert individuals from detention or incarceration and to provide immediate engagement in community-based support and treatment services—reducing the detention and incarceration of those with mental illness, promoting their stability and success in the community, and helping them avoid recidivism.

WHO CIRT SERVES

CIRT works in New York County Criminal and Supreme Court, serving men and women along with young people age 16 and above who

- have behavioral health needs including mental illness and/or substance abuse,
- are detained in jail, and
- are facing continued detention or incarceration.

CIRT SERVICES

CIRT provides risk-responsive services tailored to the assessed individual risks and needs of participants. Program services include

- court advocacy and reporting;
- community monitoring and supervision;
- risk and need assessment, including behavioral health screening;
- treatment planning, case management, and linkages to appropriate community providers; and
- interim services including, as needed, individual, group, and psychiatric services.

Like all CASES' services, CIRT implements a trauma-informed approach and uses best practices to build client motivation to achieve lasting change. The program also includes youth-specific services for participants age 16–17, including linkage to education and adolescent treatment.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

CIRT staff make referrals of appropriate participants to a network of community-based providers including treatment programs, benefits assistance, employment/vocational services, and housing providers. These providers play a critical role in promoting the long-term success of CIRT participants.

CONTACT

The CIRT program includes court staff based in New York County Criminal Court and services based in Central Harlem at 2090 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard. If you would like to learn more about CIRT or to discuss becoming a community provider for CASES' CIRT participants, please e-mail kdubin@cases.org or call (212) 553-6372.