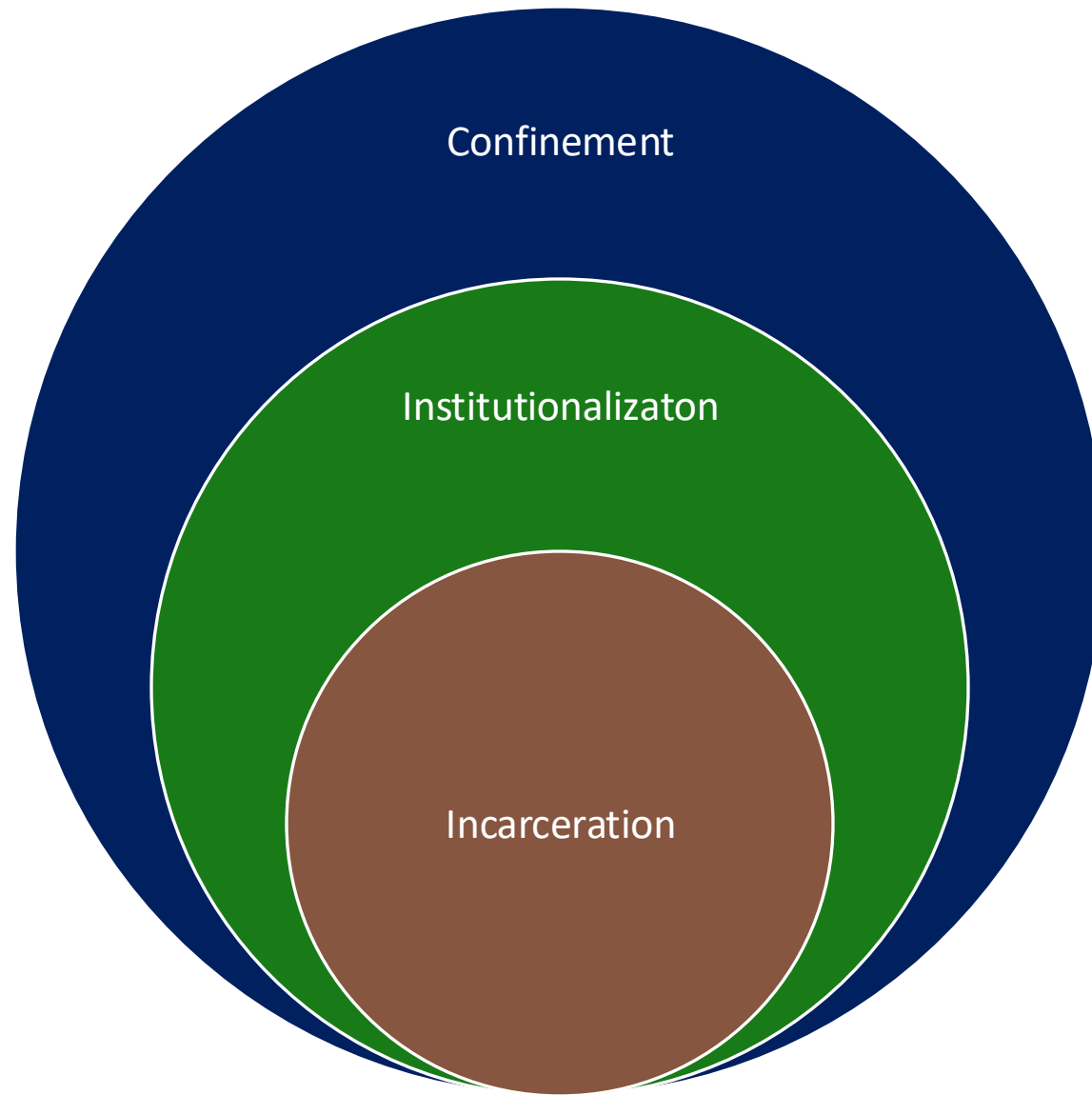
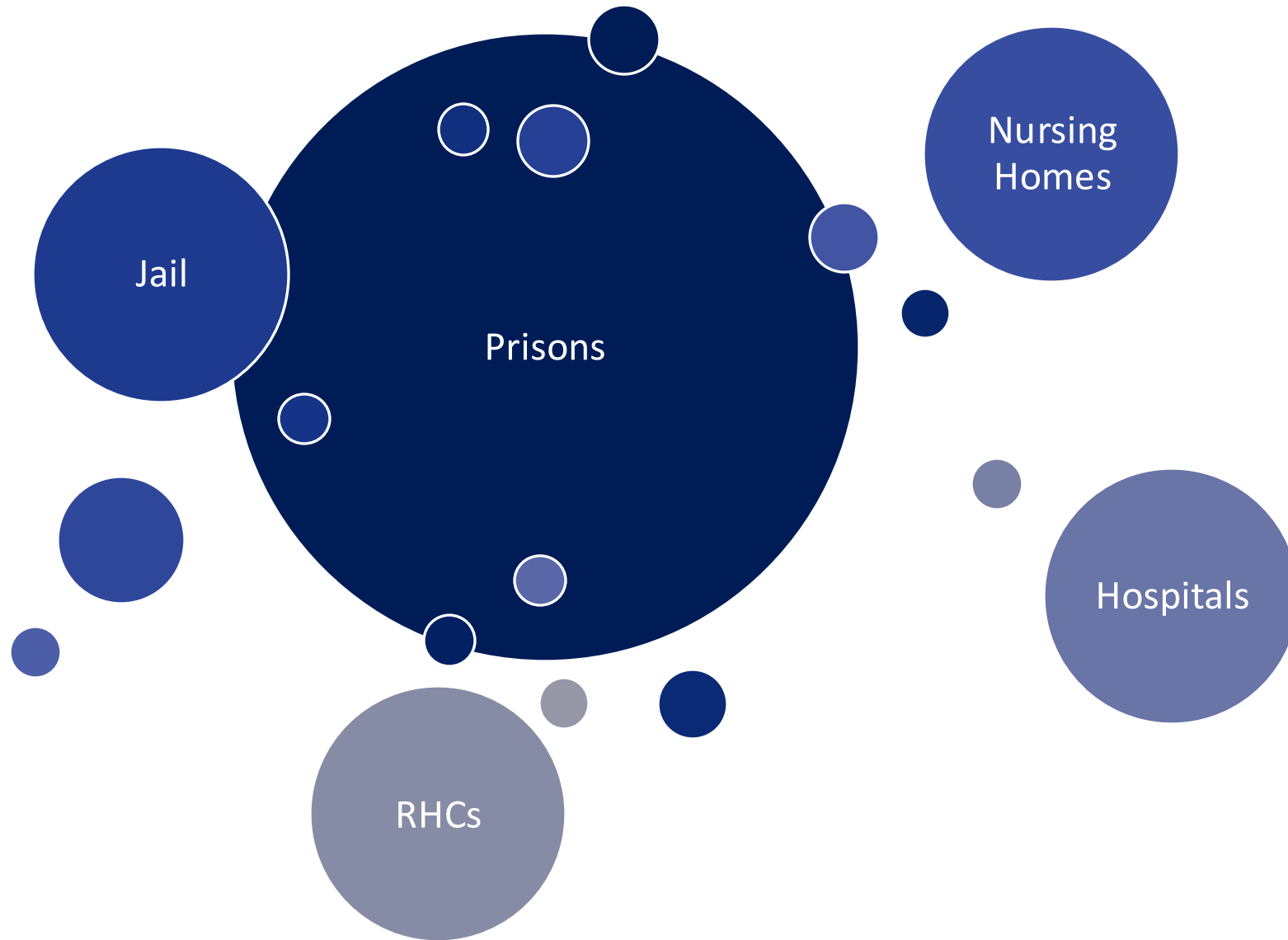
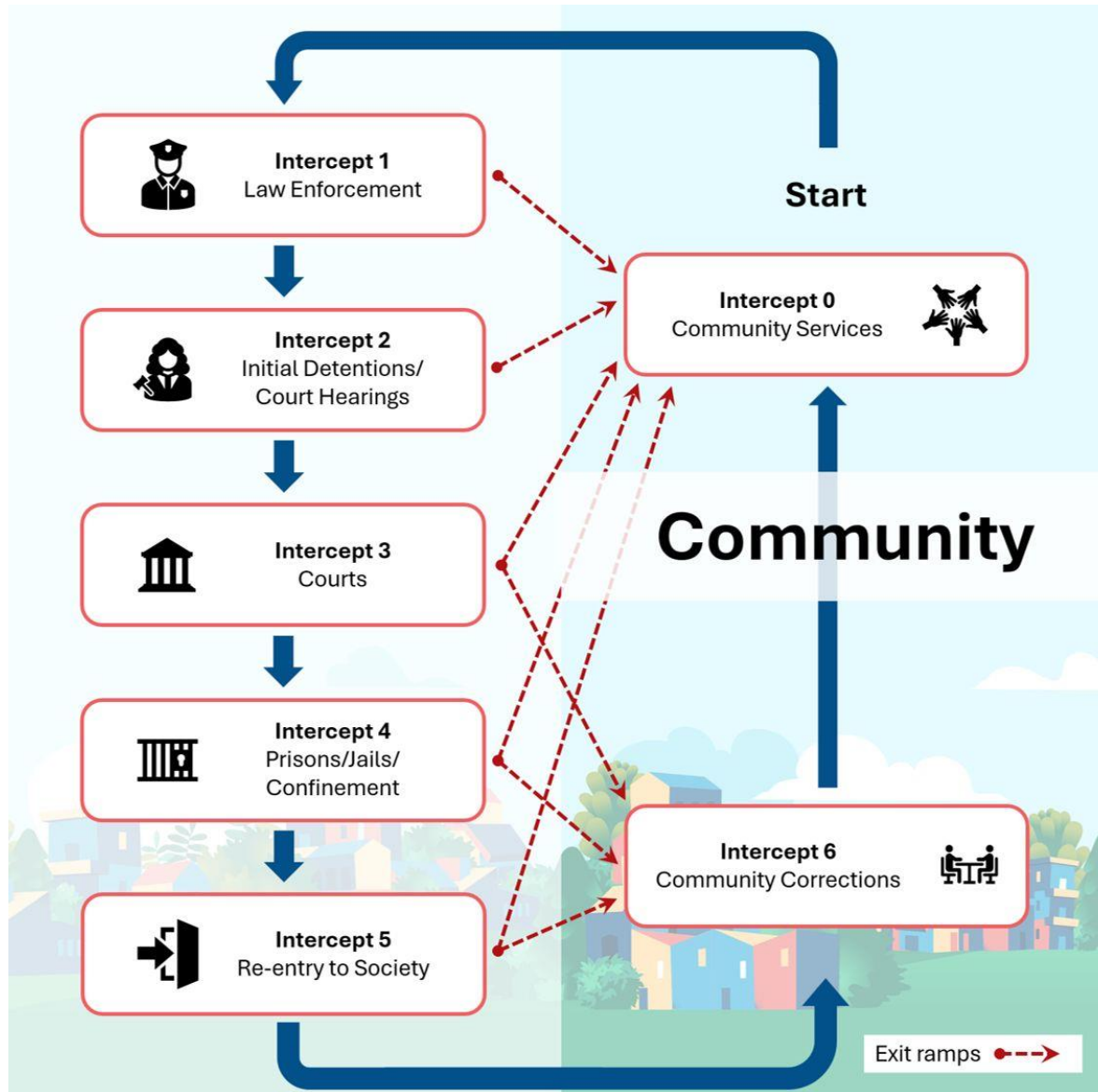


Incarceration, Confinement, Institutionalization







Sequential Intercept Model (SIM)

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Recommendations for the DDC

Learn More About the Criminal Justice System:

- Host learning sessions with experts to understand policing, courts, jails, prisons, and reentry.

Support a SIM Mapping Workshop:

- Use the Sequential Intercept Model to identify where people with IDD interact with the justice system and where improvements can be made.

Include People with Lived Experience:

- Involve people with IDD who have been through the justice system in planning and decision-making.

Community

Stigma is a Barrier:

- Misunderstanding and bias against people with IDD make things worse.

System Problems:

- Poor coordination and inconsistent services hurt people with IDD.

Community Support Programs:

- Help people build life skills and reintegrate into the community to reduce repeat offenses.

Mental Health Services:

- Offer therapies and crisis support to help people with IDD manage behavior and emotions.

Housing is a Challenge:

- It's hard to find safe housing for people with IDD, especially with a criminal record.

Training is Needed:

- More education is needed for lawyers, police, and service providers on how to support people with IDD.

Community

Lack of Services:

- People with IDD often don't get the housing, healthcare, or support they need.

Not Enough Funding:

- Schools and community programs need more money to support people with IDD.

Early Help is Key:

- Identifying and supporting people with IDD early can prevent justice system involvement.

More Diversion Programs:

- Offer alternatives to jail for people with IDD, especially youth.

Protect Education Rights:

- Enforce special education laws to prevent students with IDD from entering the justice system.

Police and Courts

Support Courts to use Therapeutic Approaches:

- Focus on diversion by working with professionals in education, psychology, and medicine.
- Expand Specialized Courts:
 - Create and support courts for people with cognitive disabilities.
- Fair Sentencing:
 - Ensure sentencing guidelines consider the needs of people with IDD.

Better Training:

- Train police officers to recognize and safely interact with people with IDD.
- Train police and prison staff on ADA compliance and interactions with people with IDD.
- Teach police and courts to use legal accommodations like simple language, visual aids, and communication support to help people with IDD understand legal processes.

Prisons/Jails

Support Specialized/Adapted Criminal Justice Programming for People with IDD

- Evaluate the research on special programs and advocate for their use.

Reentry

Reentry is Hard:

- People leaving jail need help finding housing, jobs, and support.