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# Reentry Considerations for Women Leaving Jails

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# Challenges of Jail Reentry

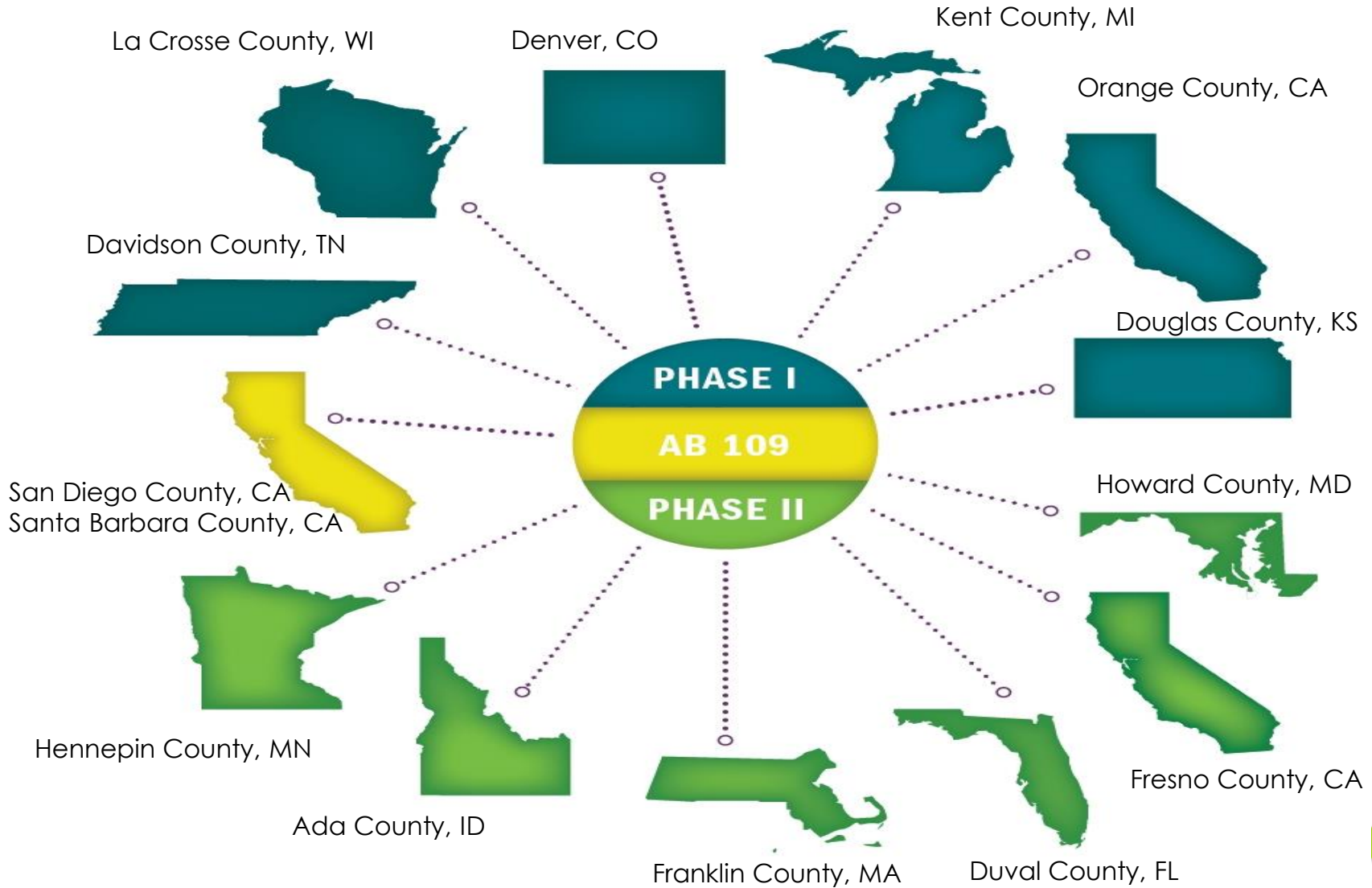
- Large booking volume
- Rapid population turnover
- Disparate populations
- Limited programming capacity
- Limited post-release supervision
  - Many releases no one's formal responsibility

# Transition from Jail to Community (TJC) Initiative

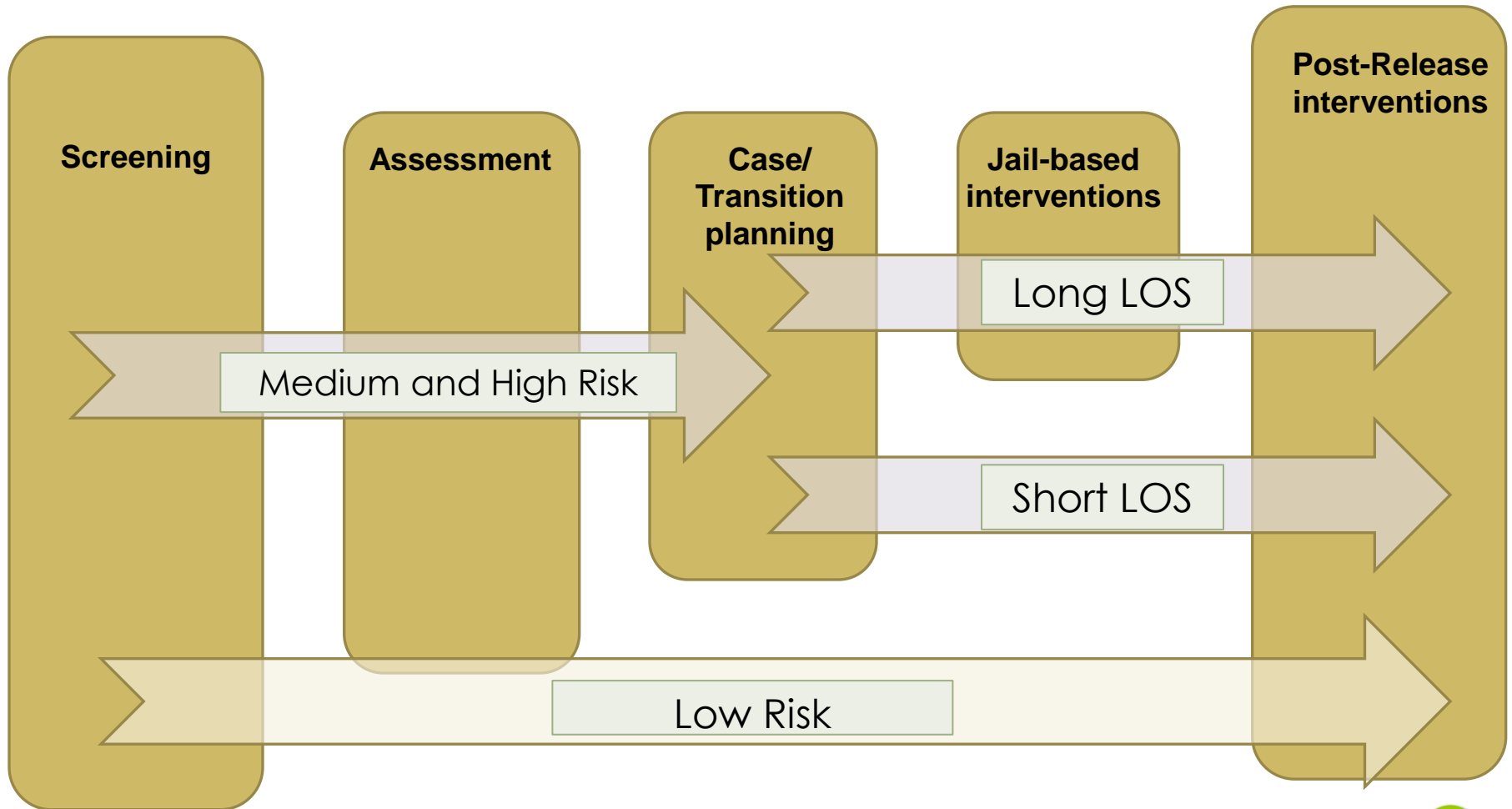
Initiated by National Institute of Corrections cooperative agreement with Urban Institute in 2007 to:

- Develop a TJC model to assist with implementing effective transition strategies
- Select and provide implementation assistance to TJC learning sites
  - Phase 1 Sites: 2008-2012
  - Phase 2 Sites: 2012-2015
  - CA AB109 Site: 2012-2105
- Conduct process and systems-change evaluation of TJC
- Disseminate TJC knowledge to inform practice nationwide
  - Web-based *TJC Online Learning Toolkit*

# TJC Learning Sites



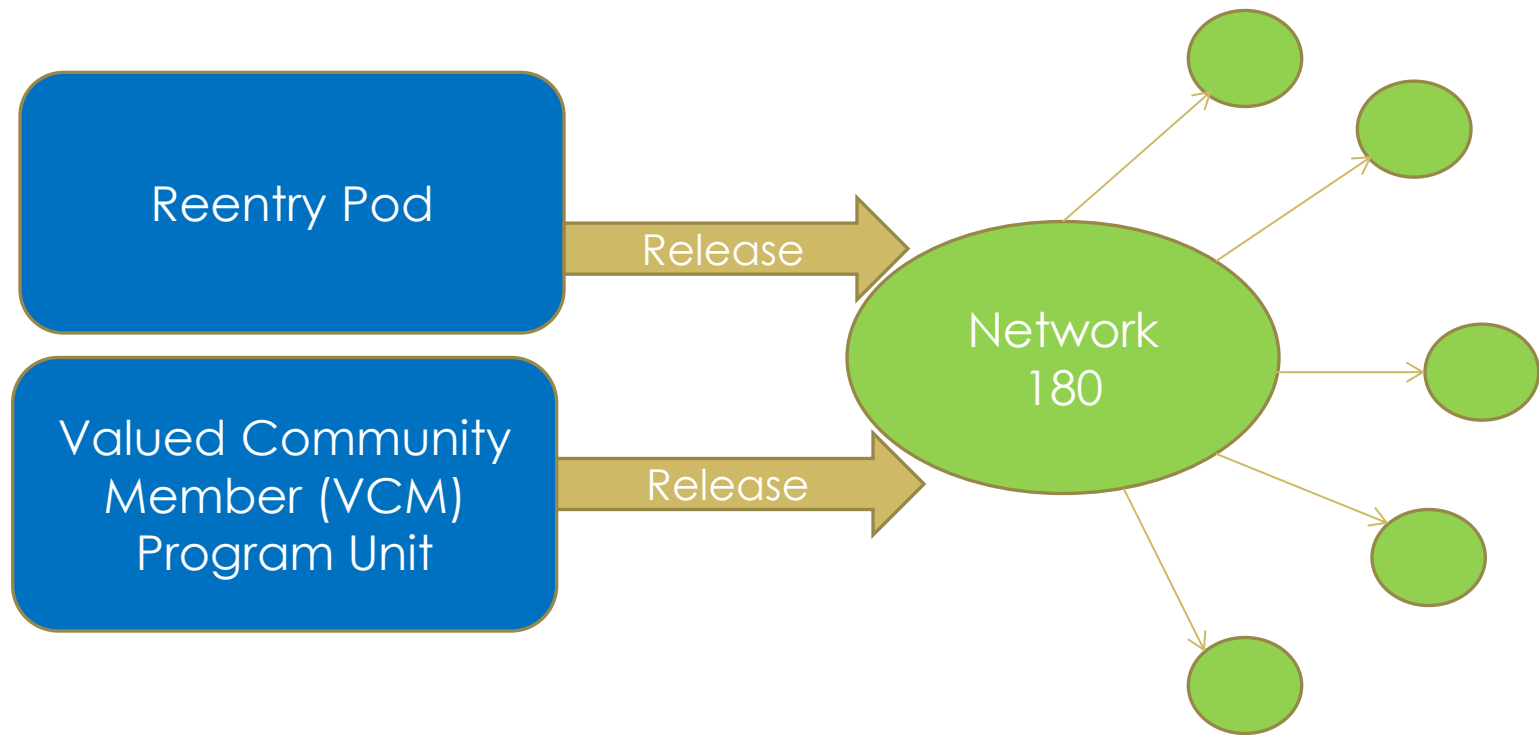
# Triage Approach to Interventions



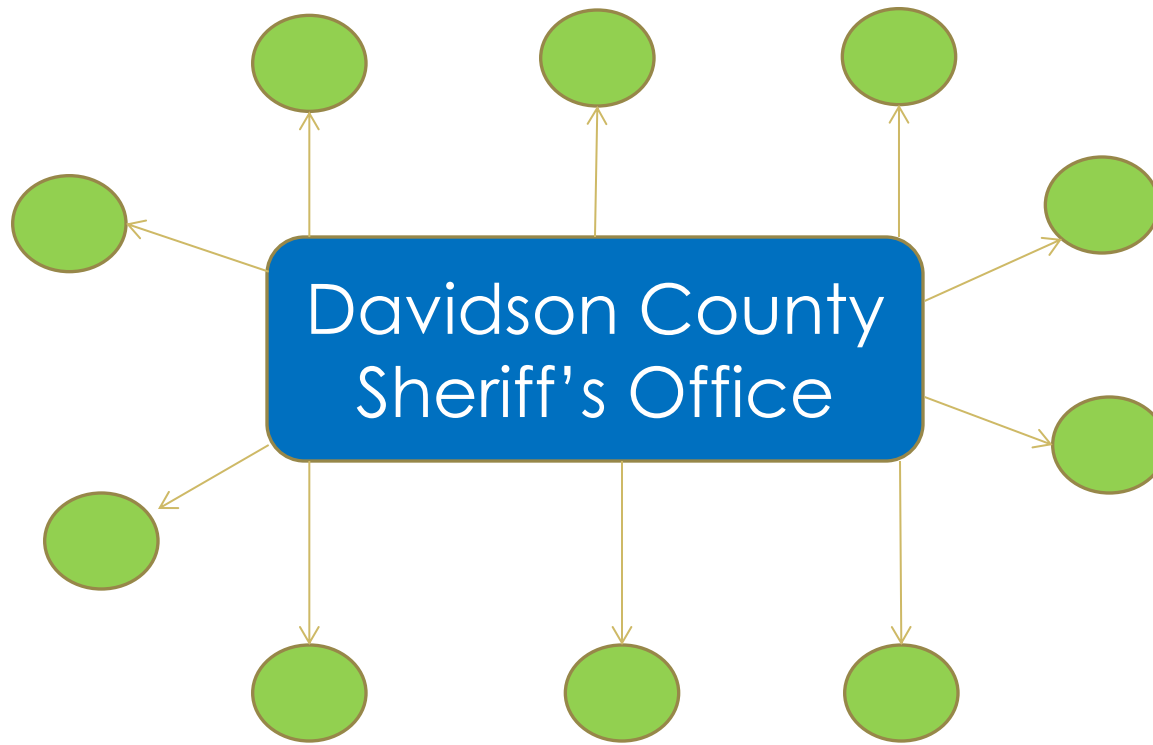
# Structuring Hand-Off

- Who are appropriate hand-off partners?
  - Consistency of approach
  - Quality of programming/services
    - Is the programming and services continuum appropriately different for women?
- Can that relationship start prior to release?
  - Will women have equal access to in-reach?
- Is there capacity to meet criminogenic and other needs?
  - Prioritizing and sequencing
- Are outcomes tracked?

# Hub and Spoke Model: Kent County

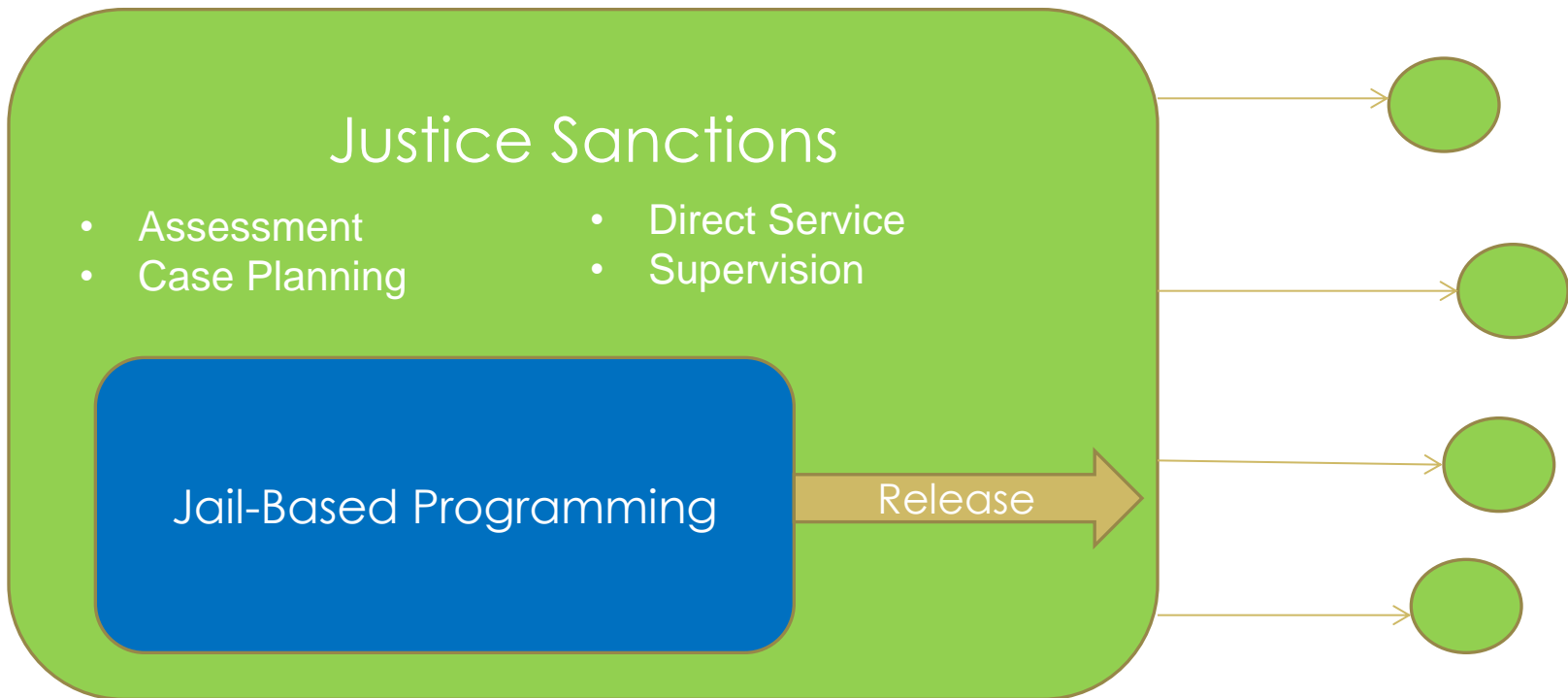


# Network Model: Davidson County





# Boundary-Spanning Partner Model: La Crosse County



# Gender Responsivity at the System Level

Leadership, vision, and organizational culture

- Attention from formal leadership
- Org cultures attuned to issues particular to women throughout the reentry continuum

Collaborative structure and joint ownership

- Community stakeholders advocate for attention to women
- Knowledge on gender responsive practices often with community partners

Data-driven understanding of local reentry

- Data analysis of needs and issues for women in the justice system
- Men will predominate in general pop analyses

Self-evaluation and sustainability

- Track outcomes by gender
- Building competency to work with women as part of long-term sustainability strategy

# Women and the Reentry Knowledge Base

## What Works in Reentry Clearinghouse Studies

Topic Area	# of Studies	# w/Women in Sample	%	# Women-Only Studies	%
Brand Name	18	12	67%	1	6%
Education	10	1	10%	0	0%
Employment	23	9	39%	1	4%
Family	3	3	100%	0	0%
Housing	3	3	100%	0	0%
Mental Health	11	7	64%	1	9%
Substance Abuse	25	15	60%	7	28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11%</b>

# System Challenges

- Developing continuum, where it's clear who the hand-off partner is and why
- Developing the knowledge and skill base
  - Working toward trauma-informed system
    - Knowledge of these issues throughout partner agencies
  - Investing in community partners
  - Spreading what individuals/organizations know to what the system knows
- Building consistency of approach
  - Cross-training
- Collaborative case management and program delivery