



**Legislative Breakfast 2017**  
**Monday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
**9:30 AM to 11:30 AM**  
**Jewish Community Center**  
**1035 Newfield Ave**  
**Stamford, CT 06905**

## **TOPIC: EARLY DIVERSION PROGRAMS**

### **PROBLEM:**

Addiction is a public health crisis, yet we are still trying to “lock our way out of the problem” by incarcerating individuals who need treatment. We have approximately 15,000 individuals presently in our jails and prisons in Connecticut and are not providing these individuals adequate evidence based care for their addiction.

### **QUESTIONS to CONSIDER:**

Can we provide earlier diversion programs for nonviolent offenders who have substance use disorders to keep them out of the criminal justice system and give them access to treatment and recovery supports?

Can we look at adopting innovative programs to keep individuals out of the criminal justice system such as prearrest, precharge and post arrangement programs. (as well as offer medication assisted treatment as the standard of care for those incarcerated and upon reentry to the community?)

### **RESOURCES/ REFERENCES:**

**LEAD Program – Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion**

**[http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/bfe1ed\\_561f2ede90fe4c8f8250972ac015550a.pdf](http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/bfe1ed_561f2ede90fe4c8f8250972ac015550a.pdf)**

**Treatment to Pathway- <http://www.recovery-programs.org/services/addiction-treatment/outpatient-treatment/treatment-pathway-program/>**

**Prosecutor Diversion Program - <https://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/12/us/crime-criminal-justice-reform-diversion.html>**