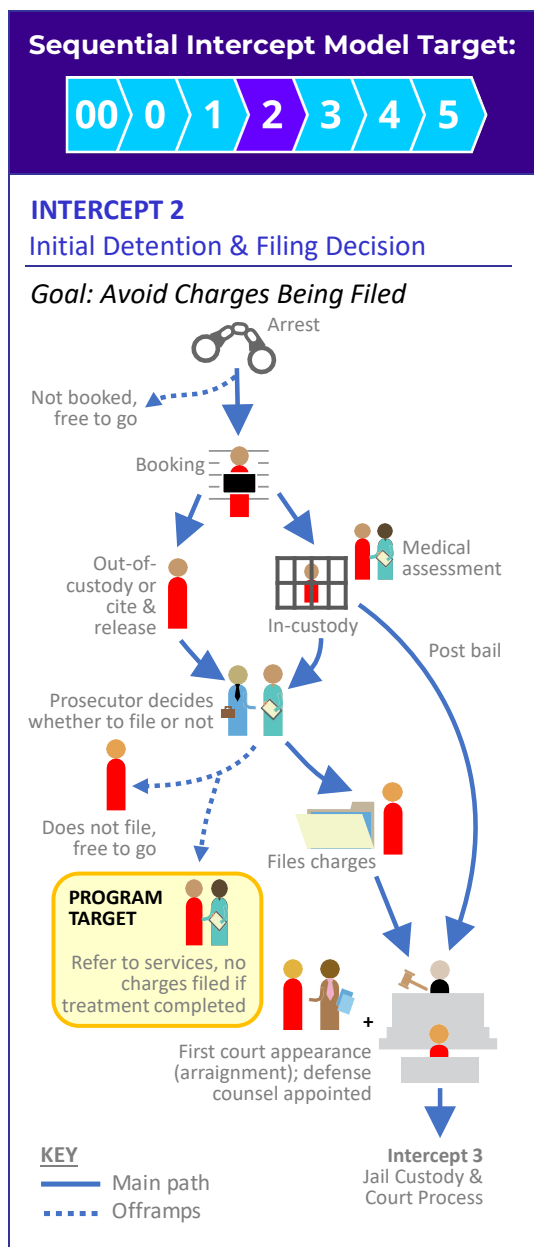


ATI PREFILING DIVERSION PROGRAM

Fact Sheet

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

First launched by the ATI Office in June 2021, the **ATI Prefiling Diversion Program** diverts individuals detained for non-serious/non-violent misdemeanors and felonies to community supports, in lieu of criminal charges being filed (which could entail prosecution and jail time). Now a part of the Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD), this program addresses **Intercept 2** of the **Sequential Intercept Model** – the strategic framework for LA County’s re-defining of the justice system and push towards more community-based upstream prevention.



PROGRAM METRICS & DESIRED OUTCOMES

- ✓ Fewer arrests among populations most disproportionately represented
 - Black men and women
 - Latinx men and women
 - Individuals with substance use and mental health needs
 - Transgender individuals
- ✓ Decrease in costs related to incarceration
- ✓ Reduction in court costs associated with the prosecution
- ✓ Reductions in recidivism rates for participants
- ✓ Increase service linkage rates for justice involved individuals
- ✓ Program completion rates

JCOD will be collecting data and tracking these results ongoing, to ensure these outcomes are achieved.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

- At the police station and prior to transport to County jail, law enforcement utilizes a screening tool to identify potential candidates for the diversion program. Based on past criminal history and whether the type of offense meets eligibility requirements, prospective candidates are referred to the onsite service provider for needs assessment and service linkage.
- The onsite service provider then: (1) assesses the individual, (2) identifies the appropriate treatment and services needed, (3) arranges for the provision of the treatment and services, and, if needed, (4) transports the participant to treatment facility, housing, etc. as needed.

- The service provider develops an individualized care plan and provides case management, plus housing and service linkage for each participant.
- Program components will include a plan to restore harm caused to any identified victim(s), including restitution, where feasible.
- Culturally competent programming will consider the participant’s racial, ethnic and religious background as well as the participant's sexual orientation and gender identity.
- Upon successful completion of treatment, the prosecuting agency provides a Certificate of Release confirming the individual completed the requirements for diversion.

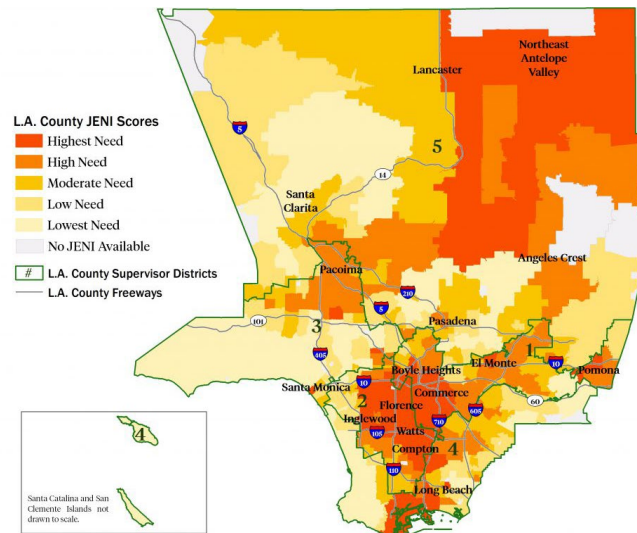
PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

- Diversion is available to those arrested for non-serious, non-violent misdemeanor and felony offenses.
- Target populations:
 - Individuals with Mental Health Disorders (MH) and/or Substance Use Disorders (SUD)
 - Persons Experiencing Houselessness (PEH)
- **Excluded from consideration** are people arrested for the following arresting offense:
 - Serious and violent offenses
 - Sex offense/offender
 - Arson
 - Violent crime/history of violence
 - Domestic violence/stalking
 - Vehicle-related misdemeanors, or DUI
 - Outstanding warrants

PILOT DETAILS

- Program currently at:
 - LAPD-77th Street Jail (launched June 14, 2021)
 - Santa Monica Jail (launched September 13, 2021)
 - LASD-Lancaster Jail (launched November 12, 2021)
- Data-driven approach to selecting the pilot sites: arrest volume from 2019 (pre-COVID) revealed that more than 50% of arrests came from just 8 booking stations in LA County (including 77th and Lancaster sites above)
- Additional data from the Advancement Project’s Justice Equity Needs Index, aka JENI (see map below) and Million Dollar Hoods, further pinpointed zip codes most negatively impacted by detention-first policies

2019 Justice Equity Needs Index (JENI)



Credit: Advancement Project California; Justice Equity Needs Index; advancementprojectca.org, 2019 (link [here](#) to actual JENI)