

# December Newsletter

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## Director's Corner

As 2018 comes to a close, I've been reflecting on our accomplishments this year, while contemplating goals for 2019. Our greatest accomplishment this year was the launch of our Co-Response TTAC and the opportunity to provide technical assistance and support to many Massachusetts police agencies wishing to replicate this model. We look forward to welcoming new partners and programs in 2019 and want to wish all of our newsletter readers a peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Sarah Abbott Ph.D.  
Jail Diversion Program Director

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## Franklin-Medway Jail Diversion Program Launches!

We are pleased to announce that in November, our third regional Jail Diversion Program was officially launched in the communities of Franklin

& Medway. Funding for this co-responder program was provided by the Department of Mental Health.

Kallie Montagano M.A. has begun serving in the role of clinician for this program and hit the ground running due to her extensive crisis experience. Kallie received her bachelor's in Psychology with a minor in Sociology and Certificate in Criminal Justice from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She went on to receive her master's degree in Forensic Psychology from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. Prior to her joining our Jail Diversion team, Kallie worked for Advocates Psychiatric Emergency Services as the Site Supervisor and on-site clinician in the Marlborough Hospital Emergency Department. Kallie comes from a police family and previously served with the State Police as a 911 and police dispatcher.



Pictured here with a Franklin Police Department cruiser is Kallie Montagano M.A. JDP Clinician, Franklin-Medway.

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## Hot off the Press!

Our new regional program caught media attention prior to its launch and was highlighted in the Milford Daily News. Medway Police Chief Allen Tingley shared his excitement for the new program, stating, "She'll be

available to all of our officers that are handling suicide threats, Section 12's, mentally ill patients, and alcoholic issues. I think it's going to be a fantastic job". Franklin Police Sergeant Brian Johnson echoed Chief Tingley's anticipation of the program stating, "These clinicians have a lot of training, so it's another tool in our toolbox for our department to have."

The goal of the regional program continues to be to divert low-level offenders away from the criminal justice system and provide the opportunity for them to receive appropriate mental health treatment that would otherwise not be available to them. Program Director, Dr. Sarah Abbott stated, "With a clinician at their side making assessments and determinations about the etiology for their behavior, the police are more confident and comfortable diverting some arrests that they understand to be unnecessary".

For more information on the article by the Milford Daily News, please see the link below.

[Full Article](#)

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## Public Engagements



Jail Diversion Program Director Dr. Sarah Abbott presented some research findings on the Co-Responder model at the American Society of a Criminology Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA in November 2018.

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## Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) for Public Safety Training- Upcoming Dates!

We are currently offering the following monthly training:

Hopkinton Police Department  
Tuesday January 8, 2019  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Hopkinton Police Department  
Wednesday February 13, 2019  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Hopkinton Police Department  
Wednesday March 13, 2019  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

*To learn more about the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Trainings,  
please visit: [www.jaildiversion.org](http://www.jaildiversion.org) or request more information below.*

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## Advocates Jail Diversion Statistics

Data from the current Jail Diversion Programs reveals that to date, since our inception in 2003, there have been...

**15,691 total JDP Interventions**

2,720 Arrest Diversions

**\$6,800,000 Estimated  
Cost Savings**

2,031 ER Diversions

**\$9,139,500 Estimated Cost  
Savings**



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