

Preentry

Building stability before judgment,
reducing recidivism through
education, work, housing, and recovery.



From Supervision to Support: The Preentry Revolution

TRANSFORMING PRETRIAL JUSTICE IN EL PASO
COUNTY

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION

The Challenge in Traditional Pretrial Systems



Pretrial systems historically focus on supervision and compliance



Limited services available before adjudication



Underlying drivers of justice involvement often unaddressed



Communities seek more effective approaches to reduce recidivism

The Shift Toward Support-Based Pretrial Models

Research shows
stability reduces
justice
involvement

Support services
increase court
compliance and
community safety

Early intervention
can change life
trajectories

Jurisdictions are
reimagining the
purpose of
pretrial systems

Introducing the Preentry Model

A proactive, service-centered approach during the pretrial stage

Focuses on addressing barriers before adjudication

Connects individuals to life-changing services

Supports stability, accountability, and opportunity

Core Preentry Service Areas



Life Skills Development



Financial Literacy and Economic Stability



Education and Workforce Development



Behavioral Health and Mental Health
Services



Substance Use Treatment and Recovery



Restorative Practices



Wraparound Case Management

Why Preentry Matters

Addresses root causes of justice involvement

Improves stability for individuals awaiting adjudication

Strengthens community safety

Supports long-term reductions in recidivism

El Paso County's Innovation



Collaboration between
criminal justice and
community partners



Integration of service
providers into justice
programming



Targeted support for young
adults



Leveraging federal grants to
expand resources

El Paso Promise Program

- ▶ Phase one-focus population: individuals ages 17–28
- ▶ Education and workforce pathways
- ▶ Career readiness and job placement
- ▶ Building long-term economic mobility
- ▶ Remove barriers
 - ▶ Transportation
 - ▶ Housing
 - ▶ Mental health

El Paso Promise



Grant-Funded Initiatives

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHC)

- Connecting justice-involved individuals with behavioral health services

Comprehensive Opioid and Substance Use Program (COSSUP)

- Expanding treatment, recovery, and prevention services

Preentry Program Flow

Arrest / Pretrial
Intake

Screening &
Needs
Assessment

Preentry
Referral

Service
Connection

Skill Building &
Support

Stability
Outcomes

Preentry Support Model



Expected Outcomes

Increased service engagement

Improved employment and education readiness

Stronger community support networks

Potential reductions in recidivism

Implementing Preentry in Other Jurisdictions



Build partnerships
with community
organizations



Develop screening
and referral
pathways



Integrate workforce
and education
programming



Seek federal and
state funding
opportunities



Center services
alongside
supervision



Move beyond monitoring
toward meaningful support

Invest in people before
adjudication

Strengthen individuals,
families, and communities

Preentry represents the
future of pretrial justice

A New
Vision for
Pretrial
Justice