

# Transformation Transfer Initiative

A SAMHSA Award through NASMHPD since 2007 that has provided flexible funding opportunities for States and Territories to support their behavioral health communities and beyond

# Utah's TTI Award 2021

- **2021 TTI: Forensic Peer Support Specialist**
- DSAMH, through Forensic Peer Support Specialists (FPSS), created a new initiative to expand diversion from incarceration into the existing crisis system. They established a specialized FPSS enhancement and practicum program and worked on creating a peer workforce to focus on individuals being diverted from incarceration due to behavioral health issues.

# Utah's TTI Award 2021 Outcomes

- DBH's strong relationship with law enforcement and corrections played a significant role in the success of the project. Their established trust allowed organizations to engage in innovative thinking and combine resources. When administrative barriers impeded DSAMH from hiring of a peer with an arrest record for example, a local corrections agency was able to waive restrictions and hire FPSS directly to provide peer services at the jail.
- Establishing effective forensic peer services in jail demonstrated the value of FPSS to law enforcement, the courts, and other correctional officers, and paved the way to expanding the project. Extensive partnerships with supported employment and supported housing agencies also played a role in demonstrating the interconnection of the people and resources with which each agency is engaged.

# Utah's TTI Award 2025

- **2025 TTI: Forensic Peer Specialist and Supported Employment Pilots**
- Utah plans to develop a partnership between forensic peer support and employment support services for individuals with serious mental illness (SMI) leaving carceral settings. This pilot will place forensic peer support specialists (F-CPSS) with Individual Placement and Support (IPS) supported employment (SE) teams to serve as liaisons and engage justice-involved individuals with SMI in employment services.
- F-CPSS/IPS liaisons will develop relationships with reentry staff at their local county jail/Utah State Detention Centers and will meet with incarcerated individuals with SMI who are within 90 days of expected release date and have expressed interest in employment.

# Men's and Women's General Population Peer Specialists



# Life and Death Row Inmates



# Successful Reintegration

