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**Collier County
Criminal Justice, Mental Health & Substance Abuse**

**Strategic Plan
2010-2014**

Mission: To implement coordinated and effective services for people with mental health and substance abuse problems who have contact with the criminal justice system.

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Background

Criminal justice diversion programs have emerged as a viable and humane alternative to the criminalization and inappropriate criminal detention of individuals with mental and substance use conditions. Diversion programs have been heralded for their potential benefits to the diverted persons, the criminal justice system and public safety.

In 2007, the Florida Legislature created the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Act and Grant Program within the Department of Children and Families (s. 394-658, F.S.). The purpose of the program is to provide

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