



Smart Justice Services

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Judge Sarah Capp

District 7 State District Court Judge

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Joint Judiciary Committee

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District Court Numbers

DISTRICT COURT FILINGS

906,000+

filings in 2025, all district courts

CIRCUIT COURT FILINGS

194,500

filings in 2025, all divisions combined

District Courts · 82%

Circuit · 18%

Approximately 80% of Arkansans who appear in court first encounter the judicial system through a district court.

Four charges account for approximately 76% of common offenses that carry potential jail time .

Driving On A
Suspended License

Failure to Appear

Driving While
Intoxicated

Public Intoxication

NOTABLE STATEWIDE OUTCOMES

What We Are Seeing Across Arkansas

556

participants served to date, 370
this year

2.1×

full-time employment, from 102
to 214 people

+55%

household income, \$1,110 to
\$1,715 a month

203

moved from crisis to career

90%

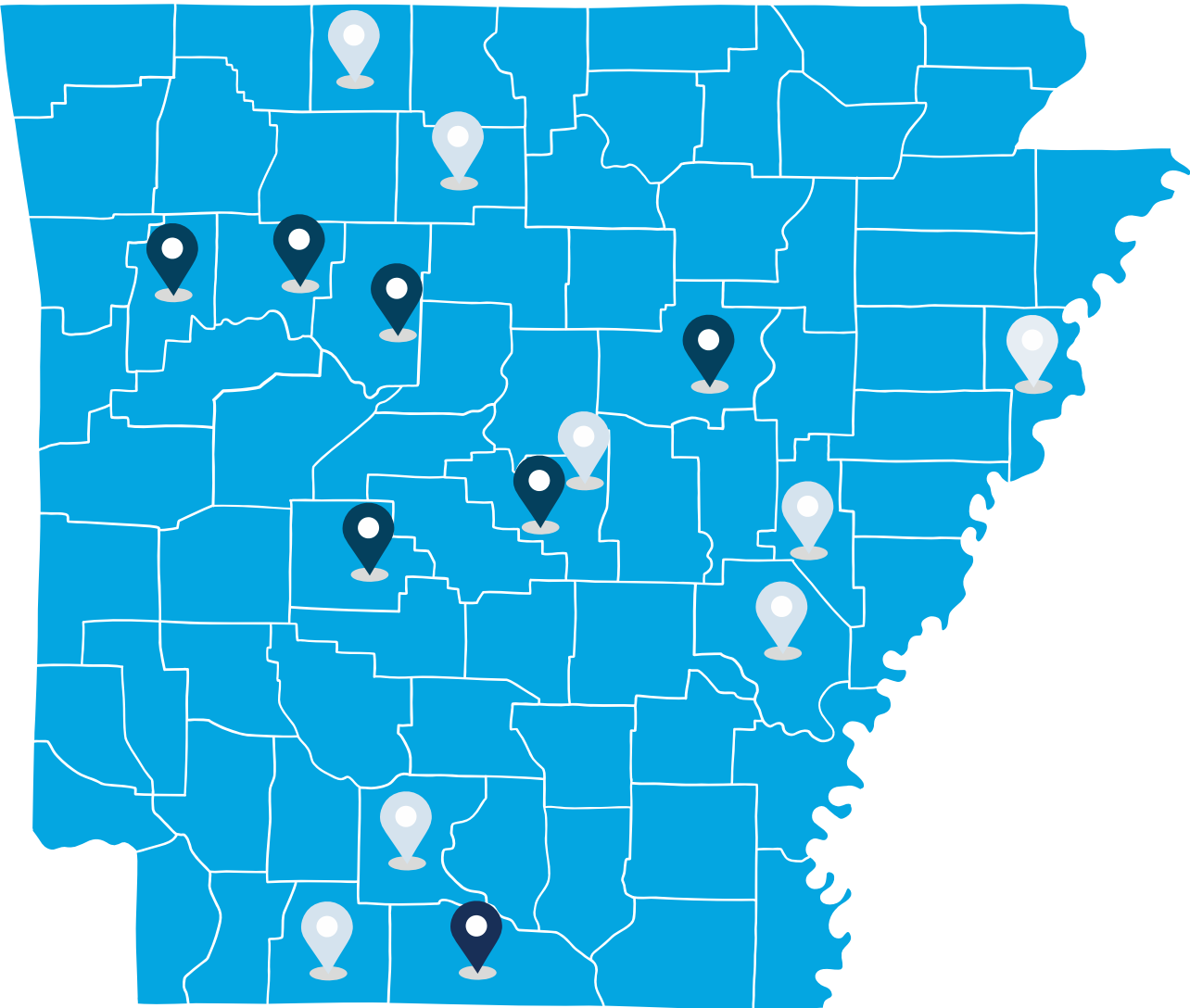
of participants who found work
kept their jobs

71

participant drivers licenses went
from suspended to valid

LOCATIONS

Smart Justice Services is currently established in 7 counties. Judges in 8 more counties have submitted letters of interest.



Smart Justice Servives

Franklin
Garland
Johnson
Pope
Pulaski – North Little Rock
Union
White



Interested Courts

Arkansas
Boone
Columbia
Crittenden
Ouachita
Monroe
Pulaski (Sherwood)
White (Searcy)

What We've Seen in Johnson and Franklin Counties

54

participants served
last year

95.45%

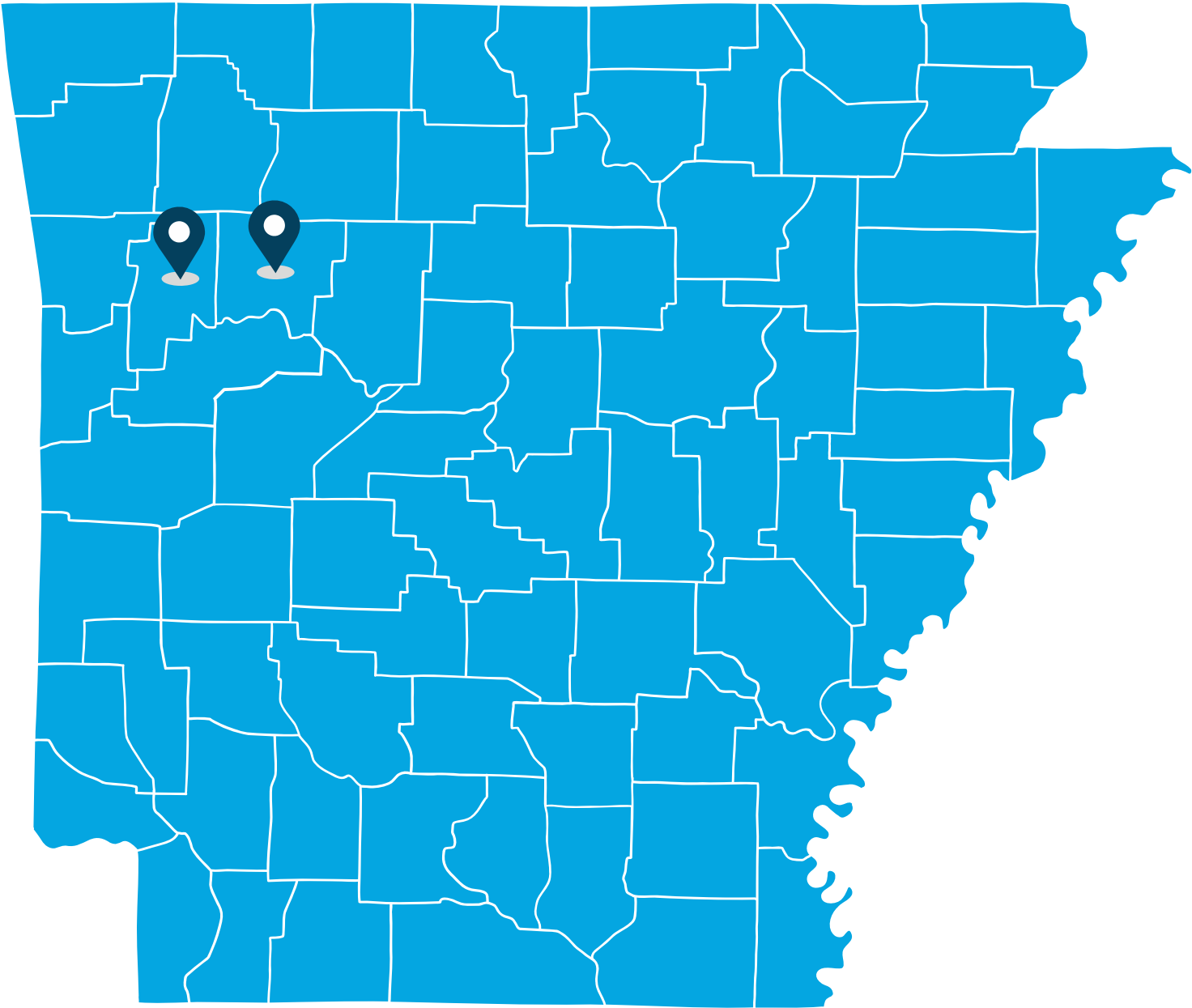
employment
retention

114%

increase in
financial stability

178%

increase in
transportation stability



*Percent increase calculated by number of participants categorized as stable and thriving on most recent assessment compared to their initial intake assessment

RH The Restore Hope Model

Restore Hope is a nonprofit founded in Arkansas with a mission to **reduce incarceration and the need for foster care** through a community-driven approach. It brings together courts, state agencies, nonprofits, churches, and community partners to make better use of existing resources, strengthen collaboration, and coordinate services.

Restore Hope uses real-time data to measure outcomes and guide improvements across systems.



Collective Impact

Collective Impact recognizes that lasting change is made possible when systems evolve together. Population -level outcomes emerge when government, nonprofits, and local partners act in coordinated response, not in operational silos.

Engage the Alliance

A county -level coalition of courts, churches, nonprofits, state agencies, and community partners working together to strengthen families and communities.

Alliances are local by design. The people at the table know their county, its resources, and the individuals they serve.

RH The Restore Hope Model

HopeHub

A collaborative case -management platform that connects all partners through one shared record, assessment, action plan, and communication platform. HopeHub provides real -time visibility into participant progress, providing measurable outcome data in real -time to drive data -informed decision making.

A Navigator Embedded in the District Court

The court refers an eligible defendant to a Navigator, who works in the courthouse. The Navigator assesses barriers across thirteen social determinants of health, creates an action plan, coordinates local services, and regularly reports on progress.

Participation is voluntary. Defendants have to express a willingness to engage in supportive services.

HopeHub provides real -time data and progress across participants, programs, communities, and the state.

RH HopeHub

Participants are assessed monthly across thirteen social determinants of health. Each area is rated on a five-point scale: in crisis, at risk, situation stabilizing, stable, or thriving. The first assessment sets a baseline and shapes the participant’s action plan, and each one after it shows whether they are moving toward stability. Around each participant, the Navigator builds a care team of local providers matched to the areas where they need help. Statewide, a typical team has nine total care team members.

Participant Progress + Care Teams & Referrals

Manage Filter

Last Update: 10/19/2026 2:09:34 AM (Central Time)

5

Average Active Care Team Members

5

Organizations Represented on Each Participant Care Team (avg)

9

Average Total Care Team Members (All-Inclusive)

Care Teams

Referral Sources

See Details

12

Court

Self-Referral

Other Family/Community Supports

Community Member/Friend

Recovery

ACC

Health

Transportation

What is the status of your driver's license?

Suspended

What is your Driver's License Number (if known)?

8675309

Drivers License State

Arkansas

Do you have a State issued ID?

Yes

What is your State ID Number?

8675309

What state issued the ID?

Arkansas

What is your regular form of transportation?

Personal Vehicle Select all that apply

Explain your transportation situation:

Please rank the participant in the following area (please select the one that applies)

Transportation

1 (in crisis)

2 (at risk)

3 (situation stabilizing)

4 (stable)

5 (thriving)

No transportation AND the lack of transportation threatens job, meetings, or other connections

Access to public transportation, BUT does not have the means to pay for it consistently OR it is limited, inconvenient or inefficient; participant does not have or has lost a valid driver's license

Access to public transportation and has means to pay for it consistently OR participant has a support system such that they can catch rides with others if needed

Transportation is available and affordable for participant OR Participant has a valid driver's license and transportation that is adequately insured

Transportation is available, affordable, and convenient for participant AND participant has a valid driver's license and private transportation that is adequately insured

EARLY INTERVENTION

Smart Justice Services focuses on early intervention to address the root causes of criminal behavior before leading to long -term incarceration or repeat offenses. The initiative offers eligible individuals charged with misdemeanor offenses access to community-based support services.

Early intervention within the initiative aims to stabilize key aspects of an individual’s life contributing to justice system involvement. Participants receive targeted support in the following areas:

Financial Stability



Assisting with financial planning and access to economic resources.

Dental Health



Providing preventive and restorative dental care.

Employment



Providing job training, employment assistance, and career development opportunities.

Food Security



Ensuring access to nutritious food and meal assistance programs.

Legal



Helping individuals navigate the justice system and resolve legal matters.

Childcare



Providing resources to support parents and guardians.

Housing



Connecting individuals with safe, stable, and affordable housing options.

Recovery



Offering substance use treatment and support for sustained sobriety.

Physical Health



Ensuring access to medical care for overall well-being.

Transportation



Removing barriers to reliable transportation for access to essential services.

Education



Supporting access to GED programs, vocational training, and higher education resources.

Safety



Promoting personal and community safety through intervention and resources.

Mental Health



Connecting individuals with counseling, therapy, and mental health resources.

Mission

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Goals and Objectives

01

Promote
Collaboration
and
Coordinated
Responses

02

Strengthen
Policy and
System
Alignment

03

Build
Sustainable
Infrastructure
and Capacity

04

Advance Data -
Driven Decision
Making

05

Enhance Legal
and Structural
Resolution
Pathways

WHO IT'S FOR

Target Population

Smart Justice Services serves justice-involved individuals facing barriers to stability and long-term success, such as substance use, mental health needs, unemployment, and housing instability. Through partnerships with courts, community providers, and state agencies, it delivers structured case management and service coordination to address these needs. By focusing on stabilization, accountability, and service connection, the initiative improves outcomes, enhances community safety, and reduces ongoing justice system involvement.

93%

screen high criminogenic risk on the Risk and Needs Triage, RANT

41%

of participants were employed at intake

49%

arrive with a suspended driver's license

32%

had no high school diploma or GED at intake

One in three was homeless in the past year.

These are not all first-time, low-risk defendants. They are often the repeat cases that cost the court the most time.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, individuals must meet the following criteria:

- **Age Requirement:** Individuals must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- **Service Need:** Individuals must have an identified need in at least one social determinant of health area.
- **Voluntary Participation:** Individuals must voluntarily agree to participate in case management services.

3-TIER APPROACH



TIER 1: CRISIS

Focus: Meeting Basic and Safety Needs, and Building Self-Esteem Through Responsibility

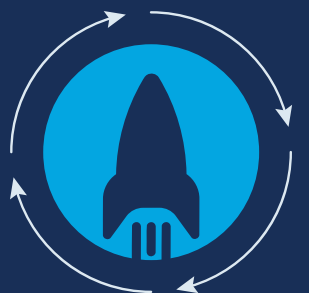
Emphasis: Address immediate basic needs, reduce crisis-driven behavior, and build accountability and structure



TIER 2: STABILITY

Focus: Strengthen Connection and Community Needs, and Continue Addressing Safety and Stability Needs

Emphasis: Build prosocial connections and community engagement; Strengthen family relationships or develop healthy support networks; and Increase commitment to care plans

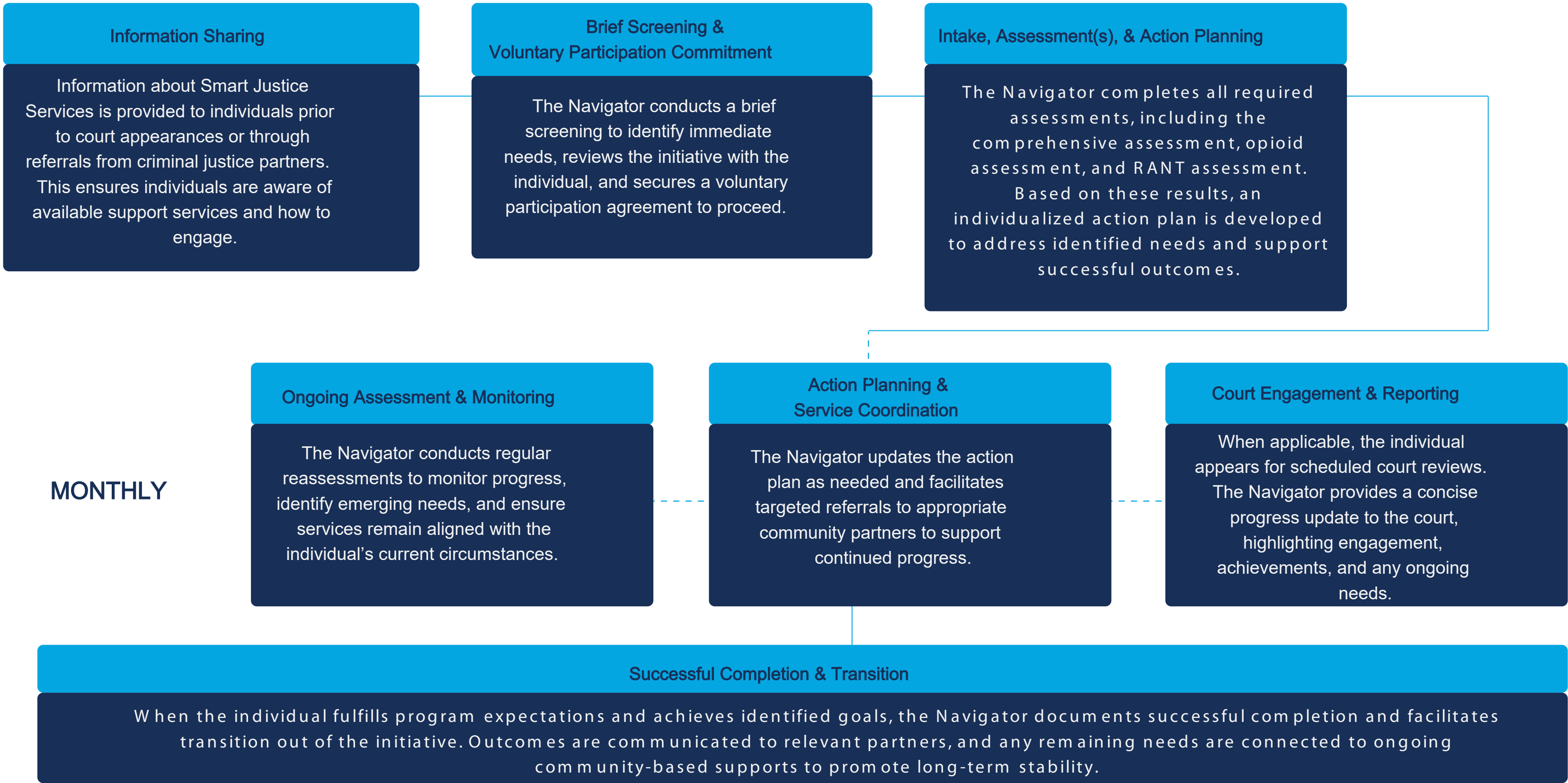


TIER 3: THRIVING

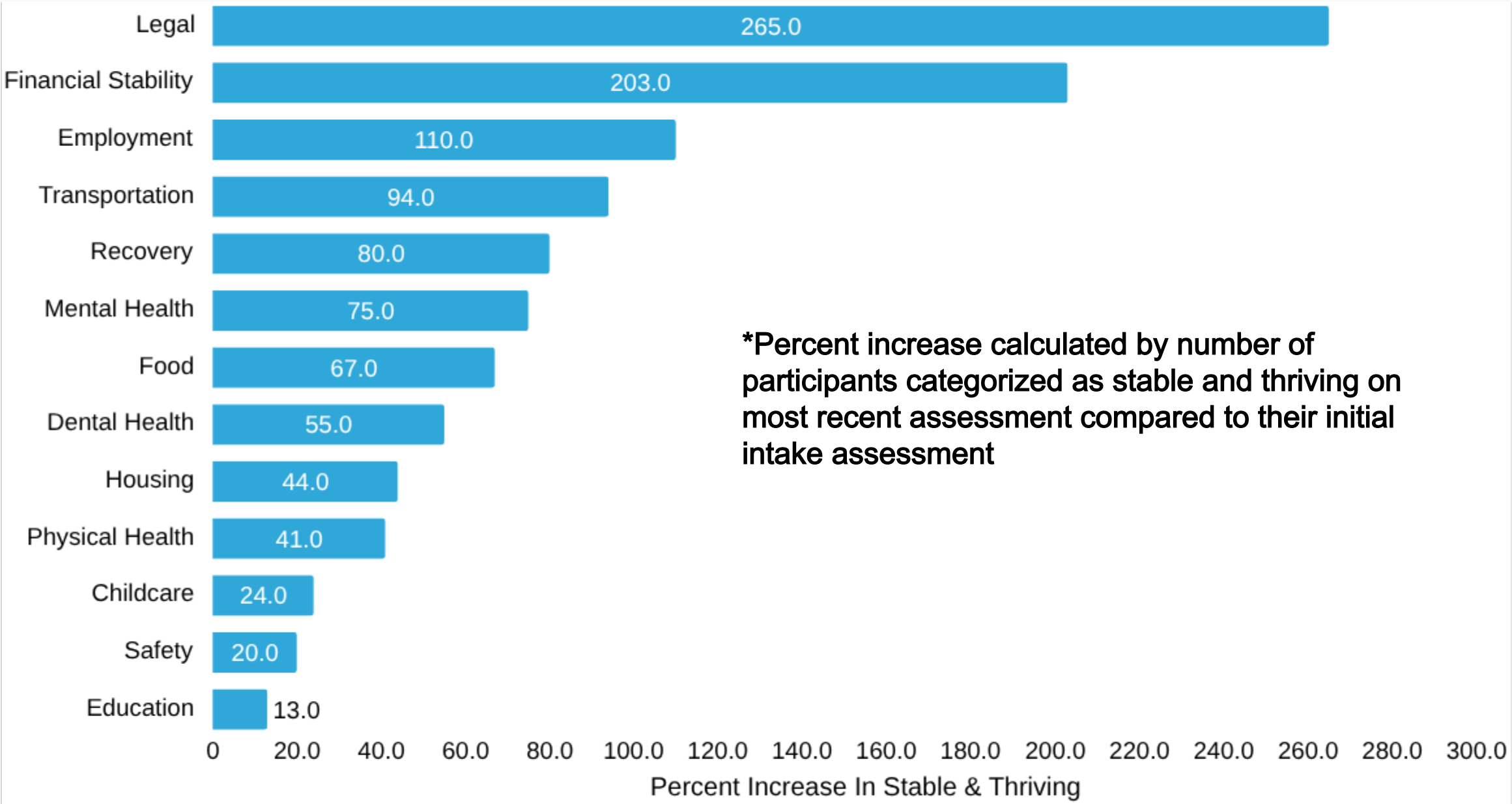
Focus: Self-Actualization and Long-Term Self-Esteem Needs

Emphasis: Foster independence, self-worth, and personal vision; Transition from external accountability to internal motivation; and Prepare for life post-initiative with tools for long-term success.

ENTRY PROCESS



Stability grows in every social determinant of health measured



WHAT THIS MEASURES
Growth in the number of participants scored stable or thriving in each social determinant of health, from intake to the most recent assessment.

The biggest gains are in legal, financial, employment and transportation.

Stonger Results. Year After Year

	2025 report	2026 report
Household income gain	+23%	+56%
Legal stability growth	+206%	+355%
Employment stability growth	+44%	+117%
Participants served	500 projected	556 today

WHY DISTRICT COURT?

Reducing the Need for Prison Beds Starts Upstream.

Smart Justice Services meets people in district court, before a charge becomes a sentence. Nearly all of our participants screen high -risk, and two-thirds have a bench warrant. They are the people most likely to keep moving toward a cell, and we are meeting them while the path can still change.



Judicially Driven

Voluntary participation; the court keeps its authority.



“Root -Cause” Focused

Thirteen social determinants of health. One plan. One care team.



Data Accountable

Every number in this deck is in HopeHub today.