**DALLAS DEFLECTS** is an alternative to arresting individuals suffering from mental illness who have committed certain low-level, non-violent misdemeanor offenses.

**WHY DALLAS DEFLECTS**: The Dallas County Jail is the 2nd largest mental health facility in the State of Texas.

* The vast majority of these individuals are homeless.
* This incarceration is inhumane and it is not cost effective
* Dallas Deflects offers a pre-arrest option to not incarcerate individuals who suffer from mental illness.
* It creates an opportunity for our law enforcement agencies (LEA’s) to interact with these individuals and take them directly to Dallas Deflects instead of arresting them.

**GOALS**

* Keep persons charged with certain low-level, non-violent misdemeanor offenses from entering the criminal justice system.
	+ Initially, only those charged with criminal trespass.
* Reduce costs associated with repeatedly jailing individuals suffering from mental illness.
* Reduce the number of psychiatric emergency visits.

**SERVICES**

* 24-48 hour observation and short-term crisis respite beds.
* Integrated care and individual treatment plans to assist with stabilization.
* Comprehensive discharge plan with stabilization.
* A warm handoff to the appropriate level of care, i.e., detox, transitional housing.
* Peer support workers greet upon arrival.
* Individuals with a shared experience of mental health and recovery are there to advocate and assist.

**STATUS**

* We are in Phase II of the renovation of the existing wing at Homeward Bound.
* Construction has been somewhat delayed due to supply chain backup (Covid related).
* January 1, 2022, is the hopeful opening and operation date.

**DONORS AND COLLABORATORS**

* **Law enforcement agencies**
	+ Providing training and developing standard operating procedures
		- Dallas Police Department - South Central Division
		- Dallas Area Rapid Transit Police Department
		- Hospital District Police Department
* **Downtown Dallas Inc.**
	+ Providing collaboration and planning
* **Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute**
	+ Planning and research
* **Parkland Hospital**
	+ $990,000.00 a year for medical services
* **Parkland Foundation**
	+ $350,000.00 for renovation
* **North Texas Behavioral Health Association**
	+ $1,400,000.00 per year for mental health services
* **Homeward Bound**
	+ Donated the wing for the facility
* **Dallas County Commissioners**
	+ $1,200,000.00
* **Mark Cuban**
	+ $277,000.00 Security
* **AT&T**
	+ $50,000.00 Renovation
* **Texas Bar Foundation**
	+ $11,525.00 Room renovation
* **Dallas County Diocese – Bishop Burns**
	+ $15,000.00
* **Department of Justice grant**
	+ $968,900.00
* **Dallas County Commissioner Theresa Daniel**
	+ $2500.00 Outdoor Space
* **Dallas County District Attorney John Creuzot**
	+ $15,000.00 Room renovation

If you would like to donate, please email me at John.creuzot@dallascounty.org.