

Chatham 360

HELPING PEOPLE TURN
THEIR LIVES AROUND

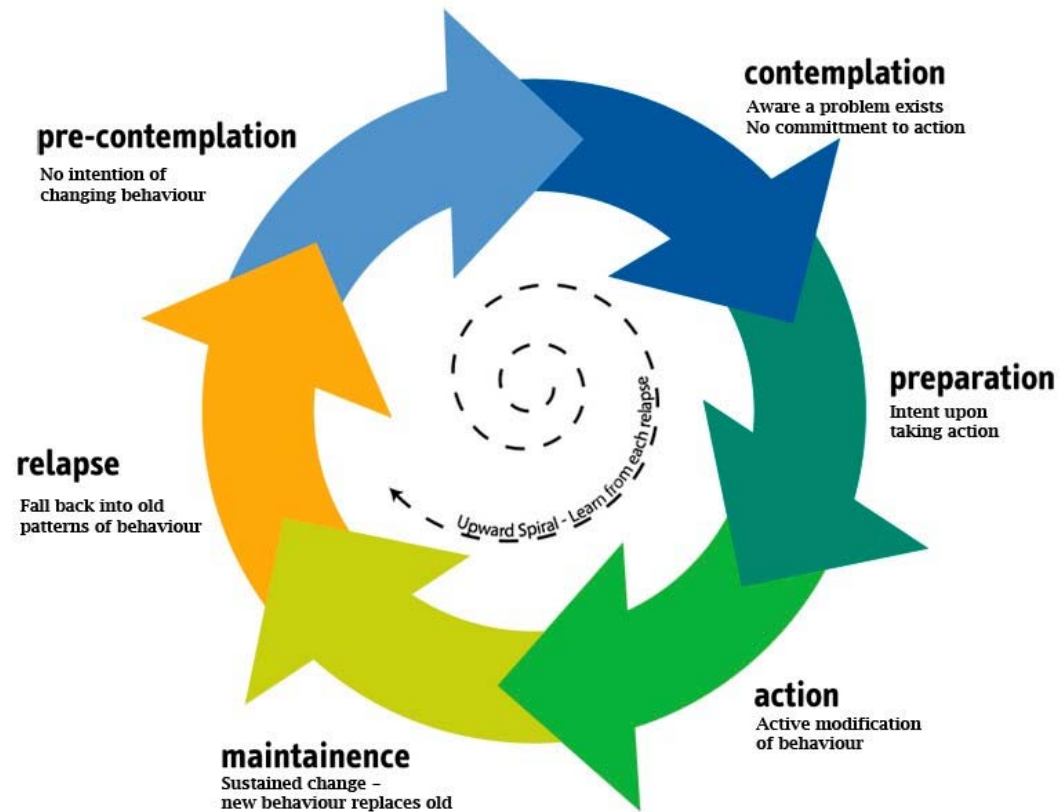


Our transition to Chatham 360

- ▶ On July 1, 2011, we transitioned from Project Turnaround to **Chatham 360**
- ▶ The name shows our commitment to a full circle of treatment for clients.
- ▶ We believe that individuals, if given the proper resources and treatment would make more informed decisions when faced with difficult circumstances



Why Chatham 360, rather than 180?



Transtheoretical Model of Change
Prochaska & DiClemente

Who do we primarily serve?

- ▶ **First Offenders:** We serve first offenders age 16 and up with a non-violent, drug-related offense
- ▶ **Pretrial Release:** Respectful supervision & monitoring defendants at savings to taxpayers
- ▶ **Monitoring Cases:** For clients needing treatment outside scope of Chatham 360, such as residential treatment
- ▶ **NEW! Misdemeanor Diversion:** A program targeting 16 & 17 year olds with misdemeanor charges.
- ▶ **Social Services Consultations:** For parents identified as having substance abuse issues



First Offenders Program

- ▶ Those age 16 and up with a non-violent, drug-related offense must successfully complete a program that varies depending on whether the charges are felonies or misdemeanors. The program involves:
 - ▶ Substance abuse assessment
 - ▶ Individual counseling with homework assignments
 - ▶ Group therapy (age appropriate)
 - ▶ Random drug screening
- ▶ Currently serving **46 clients** in this program



First Offenders Completion Rate

- ▶ Since 2013-14, the number of people served has stayed about the same
- ▶ However, the percentage of those completing the program has increased from 63.6% (FY14) to 72.3% (FY17)



Monitoring Cases

- ▶ Defendants with legal charges who need treatment outside our scope of services are referred to appropriate treatment facilities
- ▶ We continue to report back to the State of NC on compliance
- ▶ We current have **43 clients** in this program



Pretrial Release

- ▶ Provide timely, accurate information to the courts so they can make informed decisions regarding bond, competency and treatment.
- ▶ We also supervise and monitor defendants in a respectful manner, using measures that:
 - ▶ save money for taxpayers
 - ▶ promote compliance with court orders & appearances
 - ▶ support public safety
- ▶ Currently serving **46 clients** (5 electronic monitoring)



Key Components of Pretrial Release

- ▶ Defendants call in daily to report compliance
- ▶ Electronic monitoring may be used, as directed by the court
- ▶ Development of appropriate treatment plan, including mental health and substance abuse treatments
- ▶ Treatments may include residential treatment, ranging from 6 months to a year
- ▶ Failure to comply results in immediate order of arrest



Pretrial Release Results

- ▶ The number of clients accepted for the program after screening has varied some each year.
- ▶ The percentage of accepted clients who end up referred for residential treatment has varied from 16.6% (FY14) to a high of 30.6% (FY15)
- ▶ The percentage of those avoiding re-arrest has been consistently around 66%-68% except for FY 15, which was 87.8%
The percentage of those with charges dismissed or who get probation varied from a high of 57.1% in FY14 to a low of 37.2% last year



Caveat about Pretrial Release

- ▶ Our recommendations for treatment have the potential to help the offender receive a better court outcome
- ▶ HOWEVER, we never guarantee this



New Misdemeanor Diversion Program

- ▶ In December 2019, a new state law takes effect that raises the age of criminal adults to age 18 years old
- ▶ This new program targets 16 and 17 year olds who have misdemeanor charges. **Not necessarily related to drug offenses.**
- ▶ Charges are not formally filed if the young person participates in a 90-day diversion program



Components of Misdemeanor Diversion Program

- ▶ Provide psychoeducational group sessions on such topics as healthy decision making to drug education.
- ▶ Host PowWow Sessions with law enforcement to help humanize officers and help officers develop a different perspective on young people (but does not get into legal issues). Sheriff's Office sponsors light refreshments
- ▶ Coordinate Mock Trial with District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office and Judges to help young people understand consequences of their actions



Social Services Consultations

- ▶ Upon request, Chatham 360 also helps the Department of Social Services in assessing parents identified as having substance abuse issues
- ▶ We will develop recommendations for treatment, which could include:
 - ▶ inpatient treatment with or without their children
 - ▶ outpatient treatment
- ▶ We provide drug screenings for these clients
- ▶ Currently have **26 clients** in this program



Staff qualifications

- ▶ Since 2007, I have earned:
 - ❑ Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist and Licensed Professional Counselor
 - ❑ Certified Clinical Supervisor
 - ❑ National Certified Counselor.
 - ❑ County Employee of the Year 2012
- ▶ Thea Palmer has a B.S. in Criminal Justice and also has:
 - ❑ Registered with to take exam within 3 months to be Certified Substance Abuse Counselor
 - ❑ Working toward becoming Guardian Ad Litem by Oct. 2017



In Closing

- ▶ Chatham 360 believes in looking at ways to help residents within Chatham County feel empowered to make better decisions that will lead to better results.

