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Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER STRATEGY

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Ann-Marie Louison joined CASES in 1999 to launch the award-winning Nathaniel Project. The project was CASES' first alternative-to-incarceration program for adults with serious mental illness who have been convicted of felony crimes. Ann-Marie has spent 16 years of her career overseeing the development of justice programs and treatment services for justice-involved individuals with serious mental illness and behavioral health needs. She developed arraignment diversion programs and implemented evidence-based Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) as an alternative-to-incarceration program. Ann-Marie has been a technical assistance consultant and a presenter on expert panels throughout the country, sharing the innovative approaches and programs CASES developed at the intersection of mental illness and the criminal legal system. In 2017, she became the CASES Chief Strategic Initiatives Officer with responsibility for coordinating the agency's response to criminal justice and healthcare reforms. She holds a master's degree in social work and applied social research from Brunel University (UK) and is the proud winner of the 5th annual Joan H. Tisch Community Health Prize for Excellence in Urban Public Health.

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