

SITUATION TABLE: A COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

What is the Situation Table?

The Situation Table is a collaborative group of partners in and around **[COMMUNITY]** that meets weekly to address individual, family, or neighborhood issues that rise to acutely elevated risk. This initiative brings together community service providers to solve problems and help where needed.

How Can the Table Benefit You? Are you responding to the same addresses and locations for repeat issues? Do you feel like you have limited tools to reduce these service calls?

If you continually respond to calls for service in specific areas, neighborhoods, or homes involving:

- Mental health crises
- Substance use concerns
- Alcohol-related incidents
- Family disturbances
- Ongoing challenges affecting individuals or families, or neighborhoods

Crime Reduction through Situation Tables:

- **Targeted Interventions:** Situation Tables focus on high-risk cases, enabling agencies to intervene before crises occur. This proactive approach has led to reductions in crime rates in several communities using this model.
- **Decreased Police Calls:** Communities using Situation Tables have reported significant reductions in police service calls, as many issues are resolved through social service interventions instead of criminal justice responses.
- **Reduced Repeat Offending:** By addressing underlying issues such as substance use, mental health, and housing instability, Situation Tables have been shown to reduce recidivism, as individuals receive appropriate support before resorting to criminal behavior.

The Situation Table can help you by coordinating community resources to assist those in need, aiming to reduce the strain on police, fire, EMS services, and emergency departments while bringing more efficiency to coordinating resources and services for those in need.

[Listen to Springfield, Vermont's Chief of Police Jeffrey Burnham and Table Chair, Michael Arace \(Probation & Parole\) discuss their Vermont Situation Table.](#)

[Listen to Corvallis, Oregon Police Captain Joel Goodwin talk about how the Table has helped their city and police department.](#)

How to Make a Referral: (Include internal process who notify)

To refer an individual or family to the Situation Table, follow your internal process or contact your designated Situation Table representative. Be prepared to provide the following information:

- **(If authorized and/or with signed consent):** Names of individuals or families (including children, if applicable)
- Address or last known location
- **Brief Description of the Situation:** Explanation of why the individual or family is at acutely elevated risk (AER)
- Indication of how the situation spans multiple service sectors
- **Relevant Services:** Any known services that could assist in addressing the issue

Referrals will be reviewed collectively, and the Situation Table will work to connect individuals and families with appropriate support services. **Anyone can make a referral!! Patrol, Detectives, Specialty Units, School Resource Officers...**

For more information or to make a referral, contact **[COMMUNITY] Table Chair, [NAME], TableChair@email.com and Scott Allen, scott.allen@cordatahealth.com**