

DEFENDANTS WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM:

How Do We Stop the Revolving Door?

A 2014 REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION AND TREATMENT ADVOCACY CENTER FOUND 10 TIMES AS MANY MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE IN PRISON AND JAIL IN AMERICA TODAY THAN ARE IN MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FACILITIES

- Late 1950s: nearly 559,000 mentally ill patients were housed in state mental hospitals
- Late 1990s: the number of persons housed in public psychiatric hospitals had dropped to approximately 70,000
- 2006 the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) estimated that 705,600 mentally ill adults were incarcerated in state prisons, 78,800 in federal prisons and 479,900 in local jails.

Estimated proportion of adults with mental health, substance use, and co-occurring disorders in the U.S. population and under correctional control and supervision

	General Public	State Prisons	Jails	Probation and Parole
Serious Mental Illness	5.4%	16%	17%	7-9%
Substance Use Disorders (Alcohol and Drugs) — Abuse and/or Dependence	16%	53%	68%	35-40%
Drug Abuse Only	1.4%	17%	18%	N/A
Drug Dependence Only	0.6%	36%	36%	N/A
Co-occurring Substance Use Disorder When Serious Mental Illness Is Diagnosed	25%	59%	72%	49%

IN 2006, BJS AGAIN SURVEYED PEOPLE IN JAILS AND ASKED IF THEY HAD A "MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM," DEFINED AS ANY SYMPTOM OF ANY MENTAL ILLNESS (SUCH AS PERSISTENT ANGER OR INSOMNIA)— TO WHICH 64 PERCENT REPORTED THAT THEY MET THIS CRITERIA.

Adults with Behavioral Health Needs under Correctional Supervision: A Shared Framework for Reducing Recidivism and Promoting Recovery Fred Osler, MD; David A. D'Amora, MS; Martha Plotkin, JD; Nicole Jarrett, PhD; Alexa Eggleston, JD Council of State Governments Justice Center Criminal Justice/Mental Health Consensus Project 2012

Distribution of the TDCJ Inmates who were current or former consumers of DSHS Mental Health

Prison (N = 138,505)	41,008	30%
Parole (N = 95,355)	28,475	30%
Probation (N = 378,825)	71,476	19%
Total (N = 620,250)	140,959	23%

Cost per Client in the Criminal Justice System vs. Community Mental Health Services

Population or Program	Cost per Day per Client	Estimated Cost per Month per Client	Estimated Cost per Year per Client
Prison (system-wide)	\$54.89	\$1,674	\$20,035
Jails (county)	\$60.01	\$1,830	\$21,904
LBB Costs for LMHAs	\$13.52	\$412	\$4,946

MOVING THE SYSTEM FORWARD: MAJOR INITIATIVES RELATED TO JAIL DIVERSION

- Crisis and Inpatient Beds
- Increased Access to Mental Health Services
- Home and Community-Based Services
- Mental Health Peer Supported Re-Entry
 - Judicial Education
- Outpatient Competency Restoration
- Jail Based Competency Restoration
 - Local Initiatives



Says that under a new program jail "time for non-violent, mentally ill offenders has been reduced by 50 percent."

— Karen Sage on Saturday, April 3rd, 2010 in a mailer

Karen Sage says jail time has been cut 50 percent for offenders in program focused on mental health

By W. Gardner Selby on Saturday, April 10th, 2010 at 5:44 p.m.

Karen Sage of Austin, facing a Tuesday runoff with Mindy Montford

Mental Health Docket

Pre-Adjudicative Drug Court

SAFPF Re-entry Court