



Support Services for People Impacted by the Criminal Legal System

June 13, 2023



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The criminal legal system impacts many of us.

2 million
people

living in prison
or jail in the
U.S.

6 million
people

living under
correctional
control

5 million
people

who are
formerly
incarcerated

100 million
people

with a
criminal
record

1 in 2 adults in the U.S. have an immediate family member that has been incarcerated.

1 in 4 adults have a criminal record in the U.S.

**Many
supportive
housing
tenants in
NY have been
impacted by
the carceral
system**

- In September 2022, **the average daily number** of individuals incarcerated in NYS was almost **16K**
- New York prisons **release about 20,790** people every year
- NYS has an incarceration rate of **376 per 100K** people

What city do you think has the highest people to prison per capita?

- **Upstate counties** send more people to prison per capita:
 - Rochester — **1,051 per 100K**
 - Albany — **917** per 100K
 - Syracuse — **864** per 100K
 - NYC — **185** per 100K

Disproportionate impacts: people with low-incomes

Low-income adults are more likely to be arrested and more likely to be charged with crimes that carry longer sentences than adults with higher incomes.

Adults in poverty are **3x** more likely to be arrested

People earning <150% federal poverty level are **15x** more likely to be charged with a felony

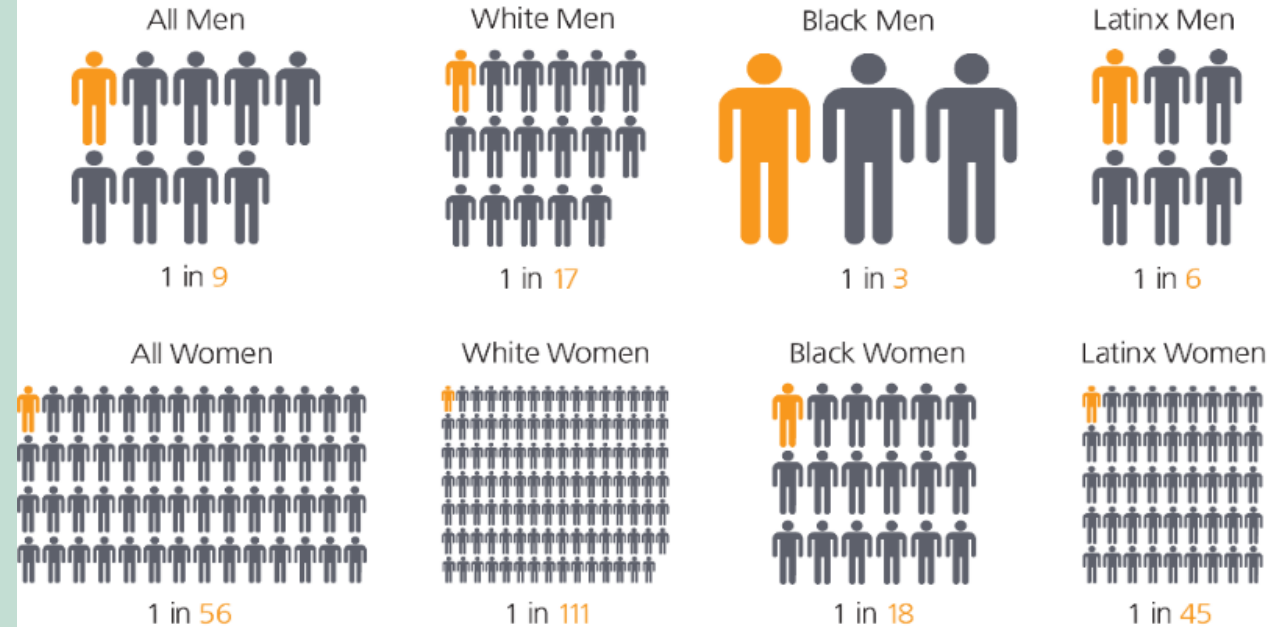
Disproportionate impacts: communities of color

BIPOC are overrepresented in our prisons and jails and are more likely to be policed and arrested, compared to a white person.

This is driven by discriminatory policies and discretionary processes.

- Who gets arrested
- How bail is set
- Who gets what sentence
- Who is granted parole

Lifetime Likelihood of Imprisonment of U.S. Residents Born in 2001



Note: Native people (who are not represented on this chart) are also overrepresented in the criminal legal system, facing an incarceration rate nearly double that of white Americans.

A Report for New York City Leaders:

Advancing Supportive Housing Solutions to Reduce Homelessness for People Impacted by the Criminal Legal System

Winter 2022

To learn more about the report, [please visit CSH's website.](#)

Jail admissions in 2020⁴

23,317

Unique admissions in 2020

13,624

Average daily population in 2020⁵

5,841

**222
days**

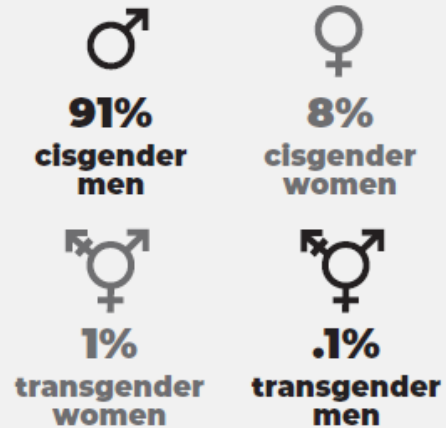
is the average length of stay
for the general population on
January 13, 2022⁶

**357
days**

is the average length
of stay for the
Brad H* population⁷

Gender Identity at “Rikers Island”

*based on a one-day snapshot on 6/1/2021⁸



Behavioral Health¹⁰

*Qualitative evidence tells us that behavioral health needs are often unreported

54% Jail population with a mental health diagnosis (January – April 2021)

17% Jail population with a serious mental illness (January – April 2021)

Additional reports state that people discharged from a NYC jail in 2018 reported the following:¹²



Homeless

2,930

people between 2015-2018 self-reported homelessness while incarcerated on Rikers Island⁹

An estimated
2,589 people
in one year
need
supportive
housing.

Jail vs. Supportive Housing

\$1.4 Billion



Total yearly cost of 2,589 people on Rikers Island who need supportive housing:

\$1.4 Billion

\$108 Million



Total yearly cost of 2,589 people in supportive housing:

\$108 Million

IMPACT:
Housing the estimated 2,589 people incarcerated on Rikers Island in a given year that need supportive housing would cost NYC **\$1.2B less** than incarcerating the same number of people in one year.

Today's Presenters



Rita Taddonio

CHIEF PROGRAM OFFICER
PROVIDENCE HOUSE

Rita designs and monitors therapeutic programming for all in-house client populations in transitional housing programs. She has been with Providence House for the past 10 years and has been a social worker in NYC for over 35 years working in a range of areas.



Christina Green

DIRECTOR OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
OSBORNE ASSOCIATION

Christina supervises the operations, staff, budgets and service delivery for a portfolio of housing programs. She is an avid advocate and speaker for the Justice Impacted.



Samantha Magistro

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
BRONXPRO GROUP

Samantha began at BronxPro in 2000. She is an active board member of the Supportive Housing Network of New York, the DreamYard Project, Citizen's Housing and Planning Council, and the Foundation for Bronx Community College. Samantha holds a BA from Barnard College and a MS in Urban Planning from Columbia University.



PROVIDENCE HOUSE

OVERVIEW OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES



RITA TADDONIO, LCSW
CHIEF PROGRAM OFFICER
PROVIDENCE HOUSE

Providence House Women's Justice Program

A Brief Overview

Over 30 years of providing transitional housing for single women and families who have current or recent justice involvement

Transitional Program:

1. Resident have own room but share kitchen, living room and dining room. Bathrooms are private but shared.
2. Two residents share an apartment unit, shared space and services on first floor.
3. Residents come directly from Rikers or Prison and can stay up to 18 months

Permanent Supportive Housing:

1. Studio apartments.
2. Mixed tenant building.
3. Four buildings. Largest 44 units.

In 2022 Providence House served 60 women whose lives were touched by the legal system

• Demographic

- 23% were mothers
- 98% had significant mental health issues
- 47% Had substance use history
- 10% over 50
- 40% under 30
- 14% Identified as LGBTQ
- 5% had significant health issues

• Service issue

- Family reunification/complicated grief/attachment
- Assessment/medication/ referral/ counseling/support
- Harm reduction
- Aging issues
- Adolescent issues
- Documents/ Harassment/Identity
- Medical Services

For Everyone

- Trauma informed practice-staff and environment
- Acclimate to current social environment if have been away a long time
- Safety plan
- Self- care plan
- Monitoring functionality
- Staff as mentors , role models, listening ears
- Building a community
- Creative Arts Therapy

Services- Light Touch

- Assist in getting Identity documents
- Assist in getting HRA activated
- Help make a connection to PCP
- Explore and encourage community connections
- Referral to recovery groups if desired for those in recovery
- Ensure court mandates are met
- Explore what to do in free time
- Assist developing cooking, independent living skills
- Work on financial literacy
- Employment – determine interests / training or work
- Psychoeducation – emotion management, relationships, communication, substitutions for risk taking behavior
- Provide Nutrition/wellness education
- Assist in reestablishing family supports/reunification

Services - Intensive

- Mental health assessment including depression/ suicidality
- Connection to mental health provider if indicated
- Onsite Licensed Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner onsite: Medication management, monitor functioning, differential diagnosis
- Coordination with Psychiatrist, therapist
- Referral to Substance use programming
- Referral to substance use treatment/rehab if needed
- Harm reduction
- Wellness checks
- Medical /psych support for gender transitioning

Key Services for Formerly Incarcerated

- Resolution of court case
- Establish positive community connections
- Acknowledgment of trauma, mindfulness of triggers , develop emotion management skill
- Establish financial stability
- Assist with housing search and process – independent or supportive

Training for Staff

- Trauma Informed Practice
- Crisis prevention & de-escalation
- Mental Health First Aid
- Cultural Competency and Cultural Humility
- Understanding the needs of the LGBTQ community (eg. intake- ask name preferences)
- Harm reduction/Narcan
- CPR
- Motivational Interviewing
- Crisis intervention- EMS/EDP
- Person centered practice
- DBT

Moving to Supportive or Independent Community Housing

Supportive Housing

- Living with significant mental illness that interferes with maintaining independent stability.

Independent Living in the Community

- Can maintain stable income
- Can manage medication & mental/medical health independently

Permanent Housing Barriers for this Population

- Transitional housing does not qualify for city vouchers
- Housing options for residents that have trauma histories & experiences that they are working to overcome don't always come through in a psychiatric evaluation
- Housing for residents who have substance use histories is limited unless there is also an SMI diagnosis
- Time in prison/jail does not count as homelessness for most supportive housing
- Misunderstanding on the part of the resident regarding the level of intrusiveness of supportive housing
- Charge can be a barrier to being accepted
- Affordable housing options not available or have long process

Marcus Garvey Supportive Housing



Marcus Garvey Supportive Housing

**Located at: 461 Chester Street,
Brooklyn, NY 11212**

**52 studio and one-bedroom units available for
people re-entering the community after
incarceration.**

**On site services provided by the Osborne
Association.**

Implementation Phase

Marcus Garvey provides permanent, supportive housing with on-site case management and group programming to persons over 50 returning from long term incarceration, unstably housed or homeless.

We are creating a safe, supportive community for returning people to call home.

- **Our first resident moved in on June 27,2022**
- **All 52 Residents have moved in.**
- **We have a waiting list of over 150 applicants**



Current Programming and Pro-Social Activities

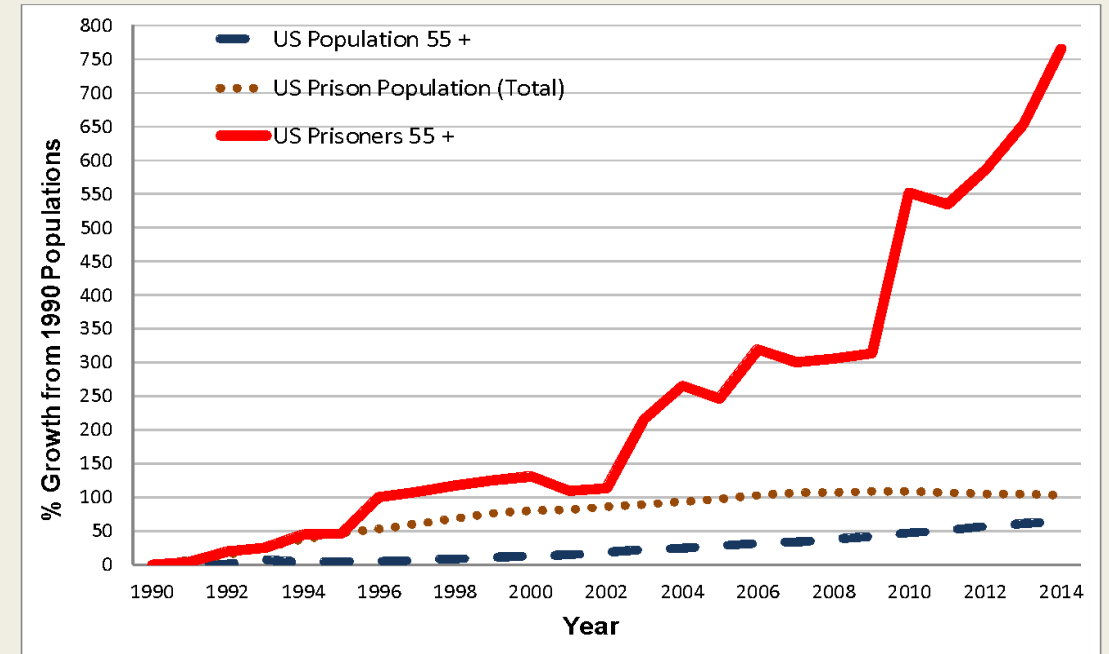
- **Wellness and Chronic Care**
- **Tech Classes**
- **Financial Literacy**
- **Family Values**
- **Narcan**
- **Narcotics Anonymous**
- **Puppy Therapy**
- **Literacy**
- **Current Events/Debate**
- **Cooking Class**
- **Repurposed Thinking**
- **Monthly resident social/dinner event**
- **Bingo/Paint and Sip, Karaoke**
- **Tech Talks with Claire**
- **Motivational Mondays**
- **Workforce Development**



The U.S. Prison Population is Aging

People 50+ are the **fastest** growing demographic in prison.

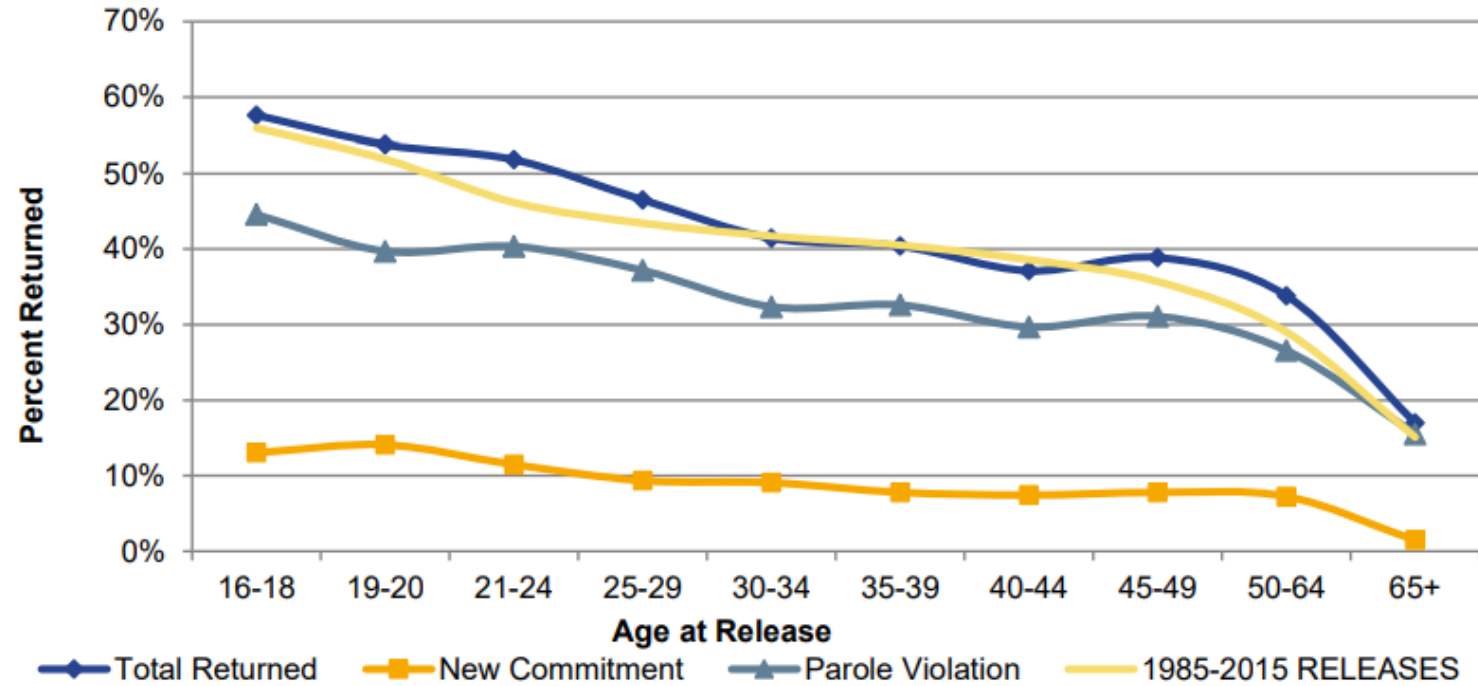
By 2030, 1/3 of all incarcerated people will be older, a **4400%** increase over 50 years.



US, State, and Federal Prisons
(1990 - 2014)

Recidivism for Older Adults

Figure 7
2015 Return Rates by Age at Release





BRONXPRO
G R O U P

- DEVELOPER
- GENERAL CONTRACTOR
- PROPERTY MANAGER



NEIGHBORHOOD BASED
DEVELOPER IN THE BRONX

OWNER OF OVER 3,000 UNITS
OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED AFFORDABLE HOUSING
1080 WASHINGTON AVENUE, BRONX NY



- 12 FLOORS, 112,765 SF, 154 UNITS OF SENIOR HOUSING
- 30% HOMELESS AND FORMALLY INCARCERATED (57 UNITS)
- FINANCING: 4% HFA BOND AND SUBSIDY FINANCING, LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT (LIHTC) EQUITY, HPD SUBSIDY, ESSHI
- TDC: \$82.7 MILLION
- CONSTRUCTION START MARCH 2019

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED AFFORDABLE HOUSING THE FORTUNE SOCIETY



ESSHI + NYC 15/15 SOCIAL SERVICES
CONTRACTS

ON SITE SOCIAL SERVICE STAFF

24 HOUR SECURITY

5,712 SF OF COMMUNITY FACILITY TO
PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE BROADER
COMMUNITY



NEWLY CONSTRUCTED AFFORDABLE HOUSING 1080 WASHINGTON AVENUE, BRONX NY



TCO October 15, 2021

LEASING

CHALLENGING TO COORDINATE DHS, PROVIDER AND LEASING STAFF

INCOME CERTS REQUIRE DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR THIS POPULATION TO PRODUCE

BUILDING START UP

CONNECTING ONSITE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICE STAFF DAY 1 AND ONGOING IN THE FUTURE.

DO THE STANDARD HOUSE RULES WORK FOR THIS POPULATION? EX. LOCK OUT OR WORK ORDER PROCEDURES

HOW IS BUILDING SECURITY BEING CONTRACTED AND PAID FOR? WHEN DO THEY CALL THE SOCIAL SERVICE TEAM, THE SUPER OR THE POLICE?

STABILIZED

HIGH TURN OVER

COORDINATING ONSITE CONCERNS AND INCIDENTS

EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESERVATION DEALS



*PRESERVATION AND YEAR 15 TRANSACTIONS
ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO CREATE FORMAL
COMMITMENTS TO JUSTICE INVOLVED
HOUSING*

EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING RE-RENTALS



OWNERS, PROPERTY MANAGERS AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS CAN PARTNER TO BROADEN THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUSTICE INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS.

- REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION PROCESS
- INVEST IN STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS FOR REFERRALS AND PROMOTE VOLUNTARY SET ASIDES FOR JUSTICE INVOLVED HOUSING
- SET UP FOR SUCCESS BY UNDERSTANDING INCOME REQUIREMENTS, RENT SUBSIDIES AND OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR CLIENTS
- ENSURE LONG TERM SUSTAINABILITY BY CREATING A NETWORK OF SUPPORT FOR YOU CLIENT TO STAY IN PLACE

Opportunities for Future Engagement

- Community of Practice – A network of stakeholders in this field (internal Enterprise departments and external stakeholders) to build cross-sector partnerships that actively address housing barriers for people impacted by the criminal legal system. –Bi-monthly
- National Toolkit – Enterprise is putting together a national resource aimed at housing providers highlighting best practices for better serving people with a history of involvement with the criminal legal system – End of year
- Annual Grant Opportunities at Enterprise
- Loan Opportunities at CSH (michael.telesford@csh.org) ([Lending & Community Investment - CSH](#))

Thank You

