

## WHY INVEST IN JAIL-BASED SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES?

### NEW YORK STATE HAS MADE GREAT STRIDES IN COMBATTING ADDICTION

State and local leaders have allocated billions of dollars for prevention, treatment and recovery services, launched Gubernatorial and Senatorial Task Forces, revamped the state's prescribing and prescription monitoring practices, and enacted comprehensive laws to combat the heroin and opioid epidemic, including requiring insurance companies to cover and increase SUD treatments.

YET, THERE IS A CRITICAL GAP IN THE FUNDED TREATMENT CONTINUUM: LITTLE TO NO DEDICATED STATE SUPPORT FOR JAIL-BASED SUD SERVICES

Fifty-one (51) percent of jails have no funding for substance use treatment services despite strong evidence that these services reduce crime, save money, and save lives.

**Individuals who suffer from SUDs frequently come into contact with the criminal justice system. In fact, New York State's jails report that approximately 68% of inmates with a SUD have been in their jails previously.**

In New York State's jails, 68% of inmates with a substance use disorder have been in jail previously.

### JAIL-BASED SUD SERVICES MOVE PEOPLE TO RECOVERY, REDUCE CRIME, AND SAVE MONEY

Model jail-based programs have reported significant reductions in recidivism:

- Albany County SHARP – 28% reduction
- Monroe County Chemical Dependency/Re-Entry Program – 50% reduction
- A Road Not Taken, Rikers Island, NYC – 14% reduction

### NEW YORK STATE'S JAILS ARE HOUSING THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SUDs AND HAVE LITTLE TO NO SERVICES AVAILABLE TO EFFECTIVELY MOVE THEM TO A PLACE OF RECOVERY UPON RE-ENTRY

There is an untapped potential benefit to creating and sustaining SUD treatment services in jails. These programs have shown that jail-based treatment works, and ultimately reduces crime. There are also significant cost savings associated with jail-based treatment and transition services.

CLMHD requests **\$12.8 million** annually in a state allocation to counties with \$156,000 going to each of the 41 counties with small jails (totaling \$6.4 million), and an additional \$400,000 going to each of the 16 counties with larger jails outside of New York City. The NYS DCJS cost-benefit analysis indicates that an investment in SUD treatment and transition services provided in a jail setting will result in a projected taxpayer savings of \$2,846 for each person served.

**DCJS found SUD treatment services in NYS jails ultimately saves taxpayers \$2,170 and victims \$676, for a total impact of \$2,846 saved for each person served (DCJS, Results First Initiative)**

See the CLMHD report *"Completing the Recovery Treatment Continuum: Jail-Based Substance Use Disorder Services"* for more detail on the need for and potential benefit of jail-based SUD services in New York State.