



SMART JUSTICE

8x

Individuals with untreated mental health and substance use disorders are *8 times* more likely to be incarcerated, often due to lack of access to appropriate crisis services and ongoing care.



Of adults entering jails and state prisons have a serious mental health illness.*

50%



Of prison and jail inmates in the United States have been diagnosed with a behavioral disorder.**



Of Texas inmates have a mental health need and most have substance use disorders***

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** U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs
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