

# How the Cook County Jail Improves Reentry

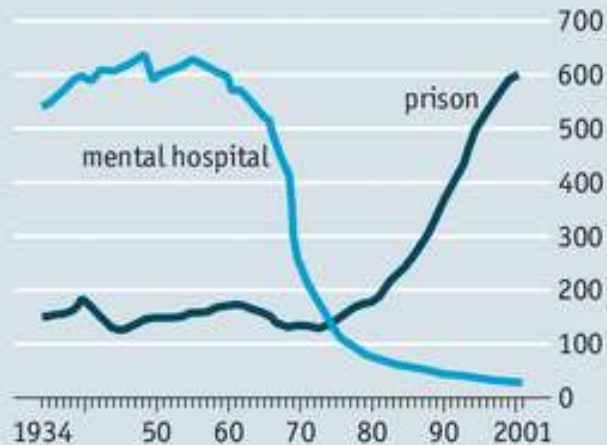


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# Jails: The Last Resort

## Out of sight...

America's mentally ill held in:  
Per 100,000 adults



Source: B.E. Harcourt, "An Institutionalisation Effect"

- American psychiatric beds
  - 1955: 560,000
  - 2016: 37,679
- 10x more mentally ill people in jails and prisons than in psychiatric centers
- In 44 states, jails or prisons are the largest mental health institution

# Illinois: A Leader

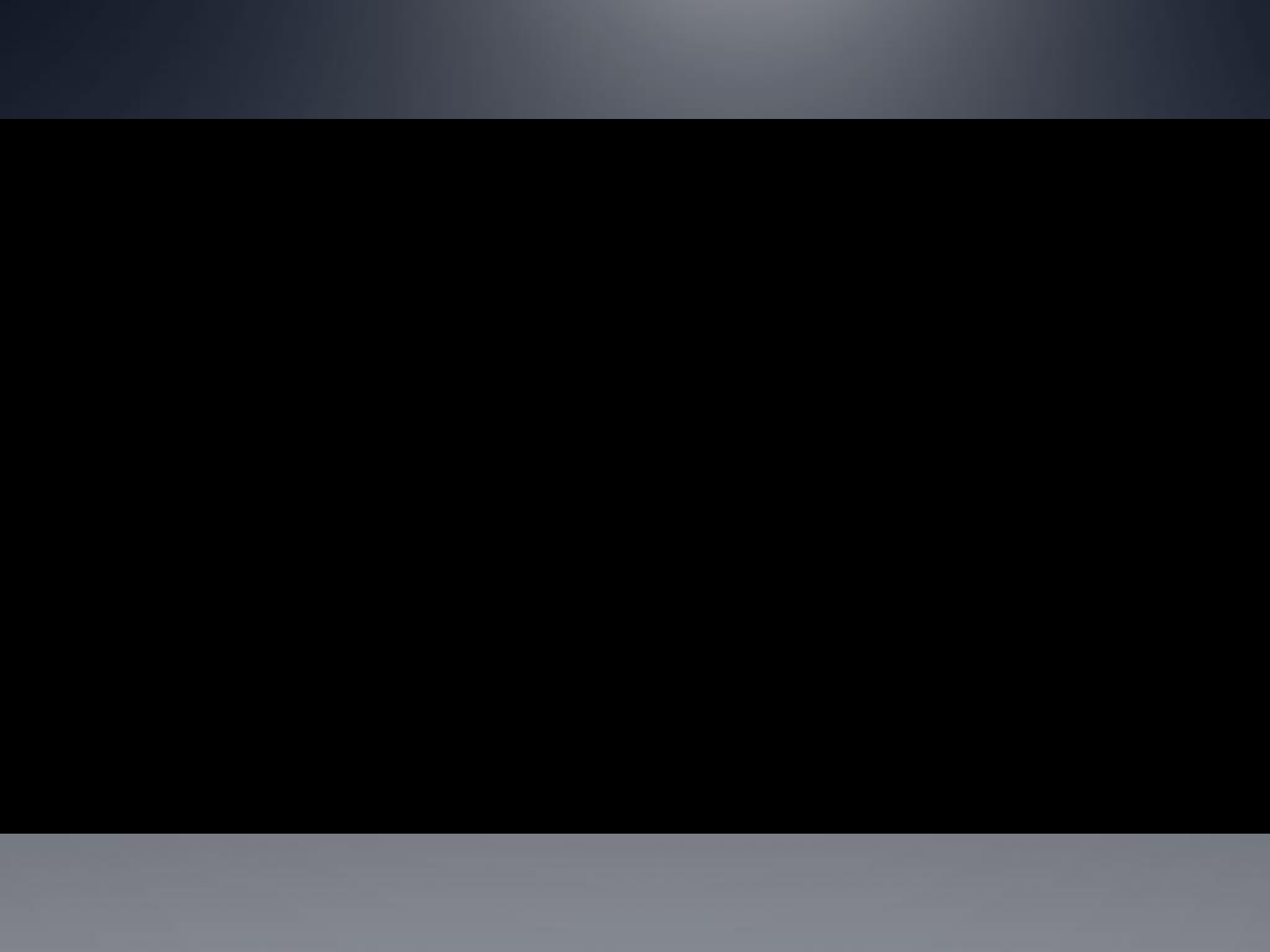
- IL cut 32% of mental health budget between 2009-2012 (4<sup>th</sup> in the country)
- Closed 3 state mental health hospitals
- Chicago closed 6 of 12 mental health clinics
- Budget impasse created lasting harm



# Disproportional Community Impact

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- Nearly half of those incarcerated at the Cook County Jail came from just 15 of Chicago's 77 community areas.
  - These communities:
    - Accounted for half of the city's violent crime in the last year
    - Accounted for 60% of homicides in the last year
    - Have an unemployment rate more than double the city average
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# Jails vs. Prisons

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## Cook County Jail:

- Mainly pre-trial inmates (94-95%)
- Transient Population
- 40,139 people released to community in 2018

## IDOC:

- Post-trial sentences
  - Release Date is Known
  - 25,903 people released to community in 2018
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# Length of Stay

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Most detainees leave quickly:

- 28% leave within 1 week
- 46% leave within 30 days

Many still stay for a long time -- of 5,887 detainees on Oct. 1 :

- 1,521 -- More than 1 year in jail
  - 737 -- More than 2 years
  - 114 -- More than 5 years
  - 7 -- More than 8 years
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# The Future of Criminal Justice

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- Programming available for everyone who comes into the jail.
    - Mental Health Treatment
    - Substance Use Disorder Treatment
    - Job Training
    - Education
    - Anger Management
    - Parenting
    - Anti-Violence
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# Mental Health Transition Center



# Sheriff's Anti-Violence Effort (SAVE)

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- 18-24 year olds from the city's most violent zip codes
  - Receive 5-6 hours a day of intensive cognitive behavioral therapy, job training, life skills and parenting classes
  - Work with community partners to continue help upon release to community
  - These partners:
    - Come into the jail weekly to meet with participants
    - Help establish trust and rapport before discharge
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# Sheriff's Opioid Addiction Response Program (SOAR)

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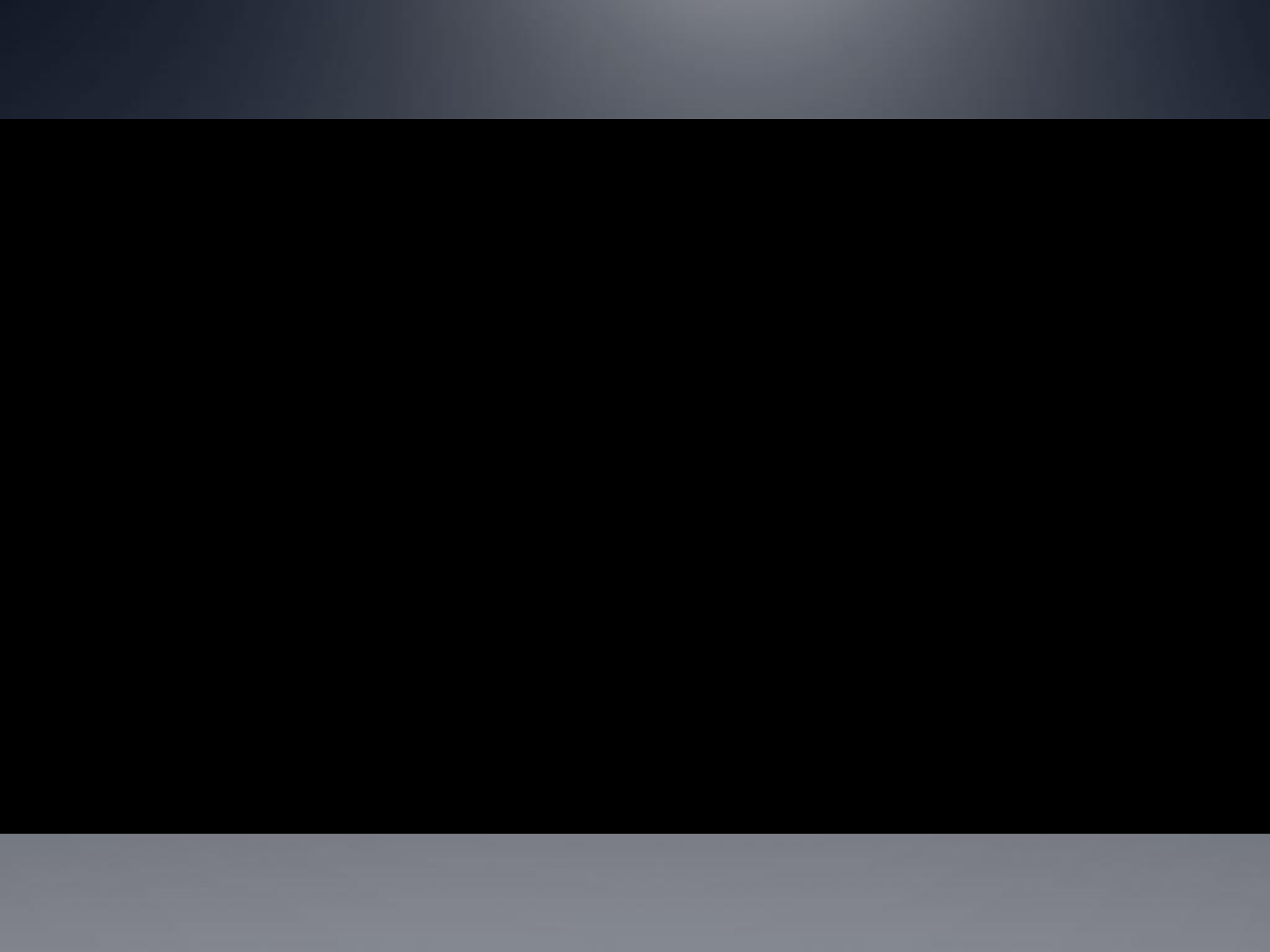
- Voluntary Program
  - Substance Use Disorder Focused
  - Case Management in the Community
  - Working with Community Partners to Help Provide:
    - Housing
    - Counseling
    - Ongoing Medical Care
    - Substance Use Disorder Treatment
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# Reaching into the Community

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- Discharge Planning
  - CCSO Strength and Wellness Center
  - Supportive Release Center
  - Courthouse Interventions and Connections
  - Medicaid Sign-Up
  - Naloxone Distribution
  - Community Support Van
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# Questions

