How the Cook County Jail Improves Reentry

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Jails: The Last Resort

- 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 (4th 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

- 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
## Jails vs. Prisons

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<td>• Mainly pre-trial inmates (94-95%)</td>
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<td>• Transient Population</td>
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<td>• 40,139 people released to community in 2018</td>
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Length of Stay

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
The Future of Criminal Justice

- Programming available for everyone who comes into the jail.
  - Mental Health Treatment
  - Substance Use Disorder Treatment
  - Job Training
  - Education
  - Anger Management
  - Parenting
  - Anti-Violence
Sheriff’s Anti-Violence Effort (SAVE)

• 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
Sheriff’s Opioid Addiction Response Program (SOAR)

- 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
Reaching into the Community

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