

# The Hamilton County Justice Center

A Virtual Tour and Jail Orientation for Case Managers

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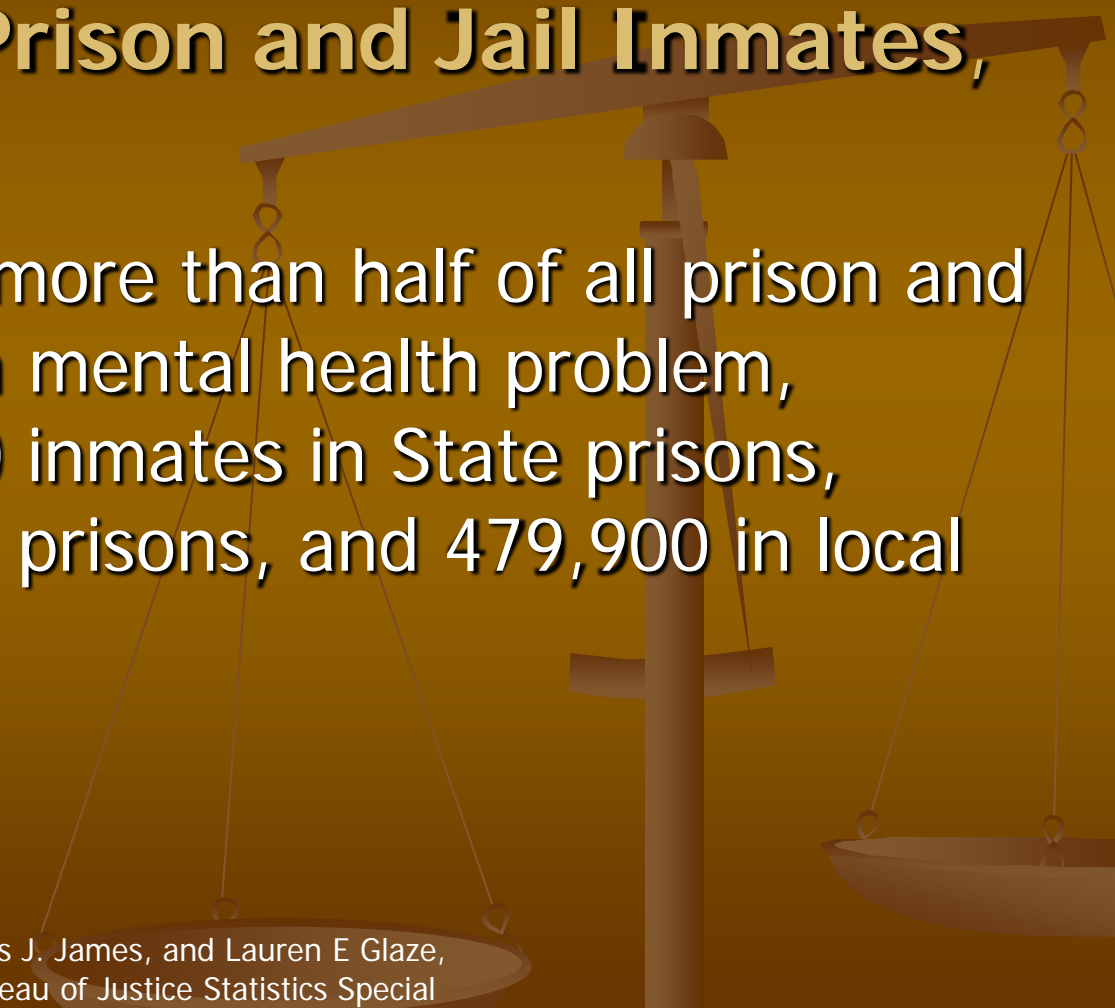
# Task Force to Develop Jail Orientation

- Central Community Health Board
- Central Clinic
- Court Clinic
- Talbert House
- Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health
- Mental Health Access Point

# Did You Know??

- That there are often more mentally ill individuals in jail than there are receiving treatment in hospitals.

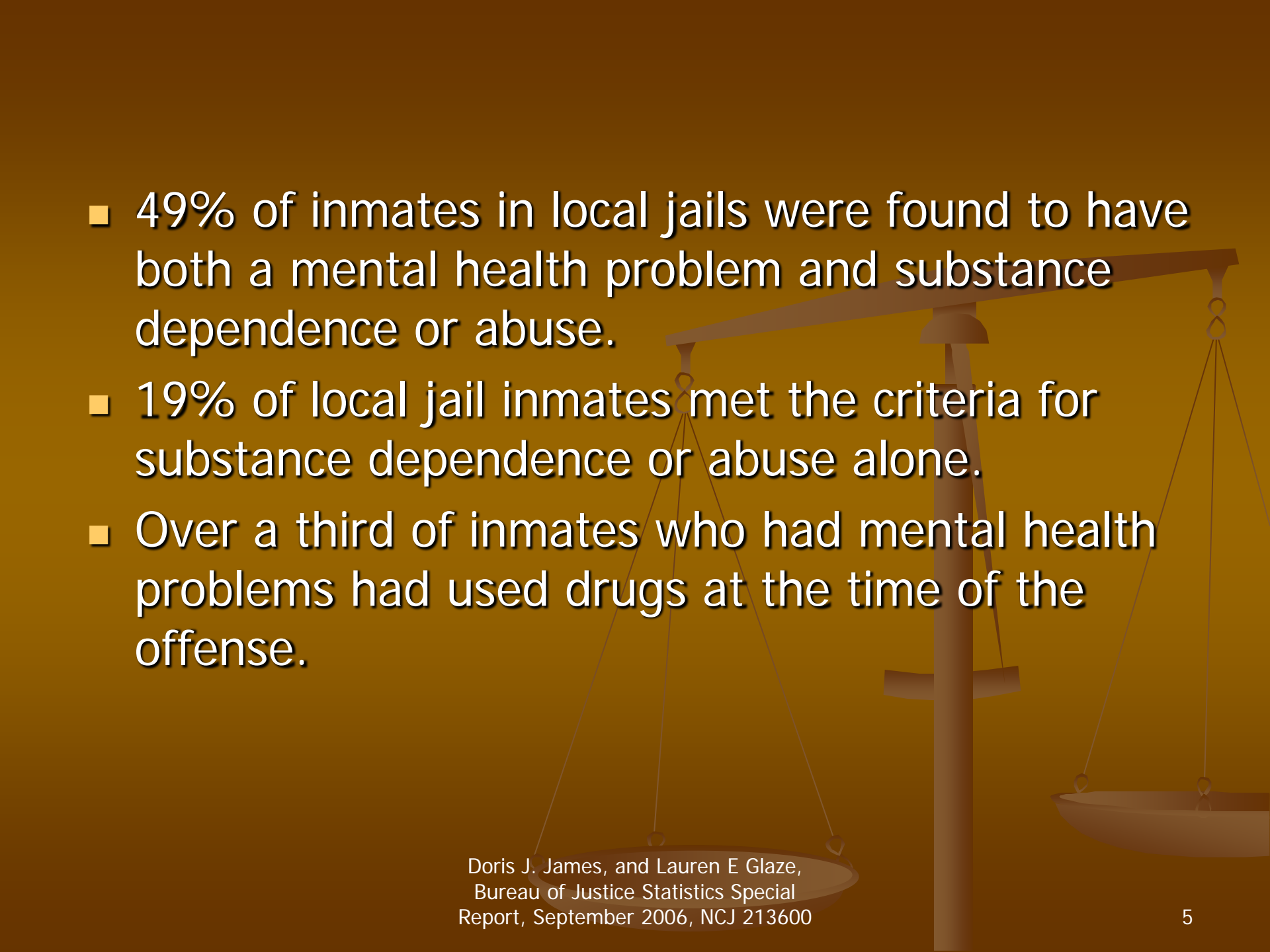
# According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report: **Mental Health Problems of Prison and Jail Inmates,**



- At midyear 2005 more than half of all prison and jail inmates had a mental health problem, including 705,600 inmates in State prisons, 70,200 in Federal prisons, and 479,900 in local jails.

Doris J. James, and Lauren E Glaze,  
Bureau of Justice Statistics Special  
Report, September 2006, NCJ 213600



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- 49% of inmates in local jails were found to have both a mental health problem and substance dependence or abuse.
  - 19% of local jail inmates met the criteria for substance dependence or abuse alone.
  - Over a third of inmates who had mental health problems had used drugs at the time of the offense.

# Point of Intervention

- The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is one of the largest residential providers of Medical, Mental Health and Dental services in the Southwest Ohio.
- The Mental Health Department at the Justice Center has a housing capacity of 62 beds.
  - 46 acute male beds (single cell)
  - 16 female beds (single cell)

# Jail Administrative Changes

- Individuals are not being processed out of jail as frequently
- This likely will increase chances for Care Managers to make face to face contact with their clients while they are in our facility

# Jail vs. Prison

- Jail setting is not for long term incarceration
- Individuals incarcerated in jail due to ongoing legal case
- Sentences in jail usually no more than 1yr
- Ongoing cases may take longer than 1yr
- Prison is for longer term sentences



# Hamilton County Justice Center Housing Breakdown

- Average daily census as of 3/31/14: 1,519 Inmates
- The Justice Center Complex houses approximately 1200 inmates.
- Queensgate facility has been closed.
- Reading Road facility houses 150 inmates (Treatment: 50 male beds, 50 female beds) 50 additional beds are for overflow females.
- Turning Point facility on Woodburn Avenue houses 60 treatment eligible males.
- Female population total is approximately 90.

# Mental Health Staff at HCJC

- There are 5 full time Mental Health Counselors on staff at HCJC
- We are staffed with a full time Psychiatrist
- PRN Mental Health Counselors are staffed
- All Mental Health Staff and Psychiatrist report to the Director of Mental Health
- Care Managers are encouraged to contact our department regarding any concerns related to their client who is incarcerated

# Typical Day for HCJC Mental Health Counselor

- Perform daily mental health rounds for all inmates housed on mental health units
- Conduct Mental Health Evaluations on new inmates returning from court
- Frequent crisis intervention
- Collaborate with community MH agencies regarding current MH medications and services inmates receive at community level

# How Many Inmates do we see?

- In 2013 Mental Health Staff saw 32,612 incarcerated individuals for various issues requiring the attention of mental health staff.
- Our Average daily census was 1,512 at end of July, 2014

Currently there are 509 incarcerated individuals who are prescribed psychotropic medication. This is nearly 1/3rd of our inmate population.



# Averages Cont...

- In July, 2014 our Mental Health Staff provided services for a total of 2,689 incarcerated individuals.
- By the end of July, 2014 our average daily census at the jail was 1,512. This number fluctuates monthly, but not by much.
- On average the jail releases about 100 inmates per day for various reasons.

# Our Main Functions as MH Staff

- Keeping all Inmates safe
- Assess for serious issues with substance withdrawal
- Stabilize individuals with Severe Mental Illness and move them to General Population housing when appropriate
- Collaborate with Community MH Agencies and families ongoing which allows us to provide the highest level of care for individuals while they are incarcerated

# How Suicide Watch Works

- Suicide watch is broken down into three levels
- Level I: Inmate is housed in single cell with Velcro Smock, and is checked by an officer every 10 minutes
- Level II: Same as Level I SW, though inmates may receive visits on this level at MH staff discretion
- Level III: Inmates are housed in same area, checked by officer every 10 minutes, but are allowed to wear a yellow inmate outfit

# Suicide Watch Continued...

- All inmates released from Suicide Watch must receive face to face follow up from MH Counselor 24 hours after watch is discontinued
- Inmates are placed on Suicide Watch for a variety of reasons...



# Why Suicide Watch????

- Individual endorses thoughts of killing themselves
- Individual has attempted to kill themselves at HCJC or recently in the community prior to incarceration
- Individual engages in self injurious behavior while incarcerated

# Behavioral Issues

- Malingering is quite common
- Hoarding Medications
- Head banging, kicking cell doors
- Smearing/Throwing urine and/or feces
- Illegal drugs do make it into HCJC
- Inmates do make weapons in jail
- Assaultive behavior toward other inmates and staff

# Psychotropic Medications in HCJC

- We have full pharmacy on site.
- Medications from community may be brought into HCJC for inmates.  
Considerations for this are made on a case by case basis.
- Formulary vs. Non-Formulary medications.
- Verification of medications inmate is prescribed at community level.

# Discharge Medications

- Upon release an inmate can receive a prescription for a 30 day supply of psychotropic medications they are prescribed at HCJC.
- Inmate must verbally request a written prescription from HCJC Psychiatrist prior to release.
- No prescriptions for Benzodiazepines will be written for inmates being released.



# Collaboration with Community Mental Health and Families

- Ongoing communication is key
- We encourage Care Managers to visit their clients while they are incarcerated
- Let us know if you have concerns about your client
- Plans for community re-entry
- Reducing recidivism

# It's Working !

- Within the past couple of years we have noticed a stronger presence of Care Manager's in the jail
- We truly appreciate the ongoing collaboration with Community Mental Health Staff/Agencies. It really makes a world of positive difference for the population we serve

# Conflict of Interest

- We discourage any Care Manager from using professional visits to an inmate if the inmate is a family member
- This typically isn't an issue but we have had issues with this in the past

# How to contact HCJC MH

- The Mental Health Unit phone number is (513) 946-6515
- Please don't hesitate to call with questions or concerns
- We want our relationship with Community Mental Health to continue to grow for years to come
- We have tremendous respect for the work you do on behalf of your clients



# Parking for HCJC

- There is a parking garage behind the JFS building about one block from HCJC
- There are paid parking areas directly across the street from the parking garage noted above
- These lots are usually charge by the  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour

# Bridge over Sycamore Street to Court House





# Dress Code for Inmate Visitors

- Shirt and shoes must be worn at all times.
- Pants/shirts must be free of holes and in clean condition.
- No pants hanging or fitting below the waistline.
- No "Spandex" shirts or pants.
- No clothes of sheer or see-through (mesh) material.
- No muscle shirts, halter tops, crop tops, tank tops or strap t-shirts.
- No midriff baring shirt/blouses.
- The neckline of the shirts/blouses must be appropriately modest (No plunging neck or backs).
- Skirts and Dresses may be no shorter than 2" above the knee when standing.
- Shorts are permitted only if they are modestly cut (No upper thigh or buttocks visible).
- Undergarments are required as a condition of any visit.
- No coats, sweaters, or other attire permitted to be worn to cover inappropriate dress.
- Any other clothing that is deemed inappropriate by security staff.

# Expectations

- Security Staff at the Visiting desk will expect you to present positive identification upon jail entry.
- Security will issue you a white identification decal with your drivers license picture on it. This decal must be worn at all times in the facility. You will be expected to return the decal to the same Security window when exiting the jail.
- Ask Security to confirm your client's housing location in the jail. You can also obtain this information anytime using the internet by visiting [www.hcso.org](http://www.hcso.org). Click on General Information tab and select "Jail Information" in the drop-down list.
- Your property may be subject to inspection prior to jail entry.
- You should expect the jail to be a clean and safe environment that employs courteous staff.



SHERIFF'S RECORDS  
POLICE CHECKS  
FINGERPRINTS



INMATE VISITING,  
RELEASE &  
PROPERTY





# Courtroom A





ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES  
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Clear

NO RECORDING  
OR VIDEO EQUIPMENT  
BEYOND THIS  
POINT

**VISITING SCHEDULE**

VISITATION IS DETERMINED BY THE  
FIRST LETTER OF THE LAST NAME OF THE  
INMATE ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS:

- A - K TUESDAY THURSDAY AND  
SATURDAY
- L - Z WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AND  
SATURDAY

**VISITING HOURS**

TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY 12 NOON - 2:30 PM  
SATURDAY 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

**NO VISITING ON SUNDAY, MONDAY  
OR HOLIDAYS**

**VISITS ARE LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES**





# Entrance to North Building Visiting



CITY OF CINCINNATI DEPT. OF FIRE  
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS  
49  
1000 SYCAMORE ST. HAM. CO. JUSTICE CENTER  
2ND-3RD-4TH-5TH FLOORS SOUTH MEZZANINE LEVELS  
BY ORDER OF CINCINNATI FIRE DIVISION

**123** County of Hamilton

**INMATE VISITING**

**SECURITY ENTRANCE**

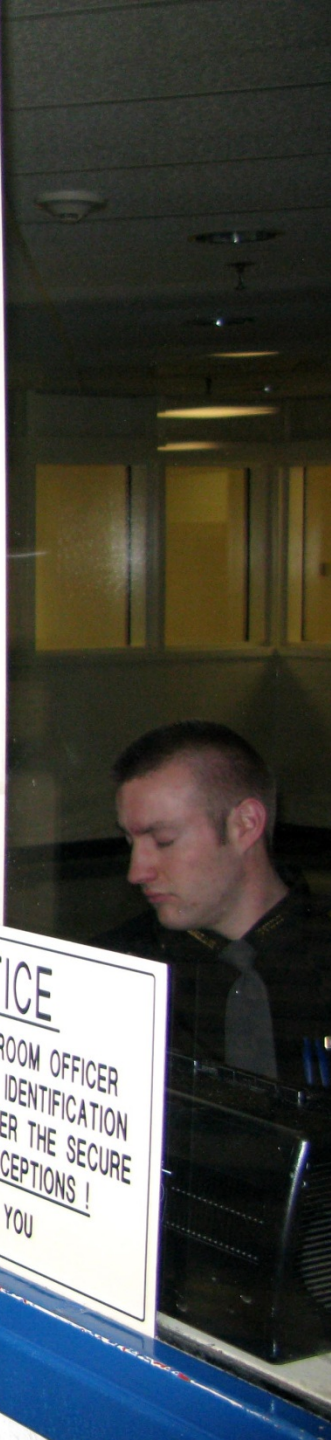




ATTENTION  
ALL BAGS SUBJECT  
TO SEARCH FOR DEVICES  
SUCH AS CELL PHONES,  
CAMERAS, COMPUTERS AND  
ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC  
EQUIPMENT  
  
THANK YOU  
SHERIFF'S DEPT

PLEASE VISIT  
SHERIFF'S DEPT  
FOR MORE INFORMATION

**NOTICE**  
THE CONTROL ROOM OFFICER  
MUST SEE YOUR IDENTIFICATION  
BEFORE YOU ENTER THE SECURE  
AREA. NO EXCEPTIONS!  
THANK YOU





# Elevators 3 and 4 to North Building Housing Units





**21**

**ABCD**

**22**

**MEDICAL**





ONE PAPER AT  
A TIME.  
OFFICIAL USE  
ONLY !



# Mental Health Department









# Inside the Cell





# The Criminal Justice Process for Detainees

- Intake
- **Process Only**
- Arraignment
- Commit or Release
- Inmate Classification
- Hearing or Trial
- Release



" ATENCION "   
 PUEDEN PREGUNTAR POR LOS   
 ARTICULOS AUTORIZADOS   
 AHORA MISMO.

" ATTENTION "   
 ANY AUTHORIZED PROPERTY   
 NEEDED MAY BE   
 REQUESTED AT THIS TIME.









# Intake Health Screening

