

# Treatment



# Not Jail

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The safest communities are the healthiest communities.

For decades, New Yorkers dealing with mental health and substance use concerns have been funneled into our jails and prisons and denied the treatment they need to get better.

And what do we get for our investment? More sickness, death, and a cycle of recidivism that does not stop because we fail to invest in treatment and over-invest in jails and prisons.

**WE CANNOT RELY ON OUR JAILS AND PRISONS TO ADDRESS NEW YORK'S MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS— WE NEED COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT, NOT JAIL!**

## \$556k

IT COSTS OVER HALF A MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR TO JAIL ONE PERSON IN NYC JAILS. THAT'S \$1,525/DAY.

## 1/2

HALF OF THE CURRENT POPULATION AT RIKERS ISLAND IS FLAGGED FOR MENTAL HEALTH ATTENTION.

## 2x

IN 2019, THE AVERAGE NY COUNTY SPENT TWICE AS MUCH ON ITS JAILS AS IT DID ON PUBLIC HEALTH.

## \$2.21

THE STATE SAVES \$2.21 FOR EVERY \$1 INVESTED IN TREATMENT COURTS.

## 50%

MENTAL HEALTH AND DRUG TREATMENT COURTS ARE PROVEN TO LOWER REARREST RATES BY 50%.

# WHAT WILL THE TREATMENT NOT JAIL ACT DO?

Create statutory mental health treatment courts in every county in New York State based on existing models in NY and California

- Expand and improve New York's statutory drug courts
- Modeled after the nationally-recognized Brooklyn Mental Health Court
- Adopt a pre-plea model like California's mental health courts and NY's opioid courts

Expand access to the courts for:

- People with DSM diagnoses including mental illness, substance use disorders, intellectual disabilities, and traumatic brain injuries
- Non-citizens
- People who have criminal histories or face serious charges due to unaddressed mental health and substance use issues

Save lives

- Limit the number of people experiencing substance abuse and mental health crises in our jails and prisons
- Stop the revolving door of incarceration by finally addressing and treating root causes

## SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS



# Get Involved

Tell your New York State Legislators to support Treatment Not Jail!

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