

The background of the slide is a photograph of a prison corridor. It shows a long, narrow hallway with a concrete floor and walls. On the right side, there is a series of cell doors, each with a metal grate. On the left side, there are more cell doors, also with metal grates. The lighting is somewhat dim, and the overall tone is somber and institutional.

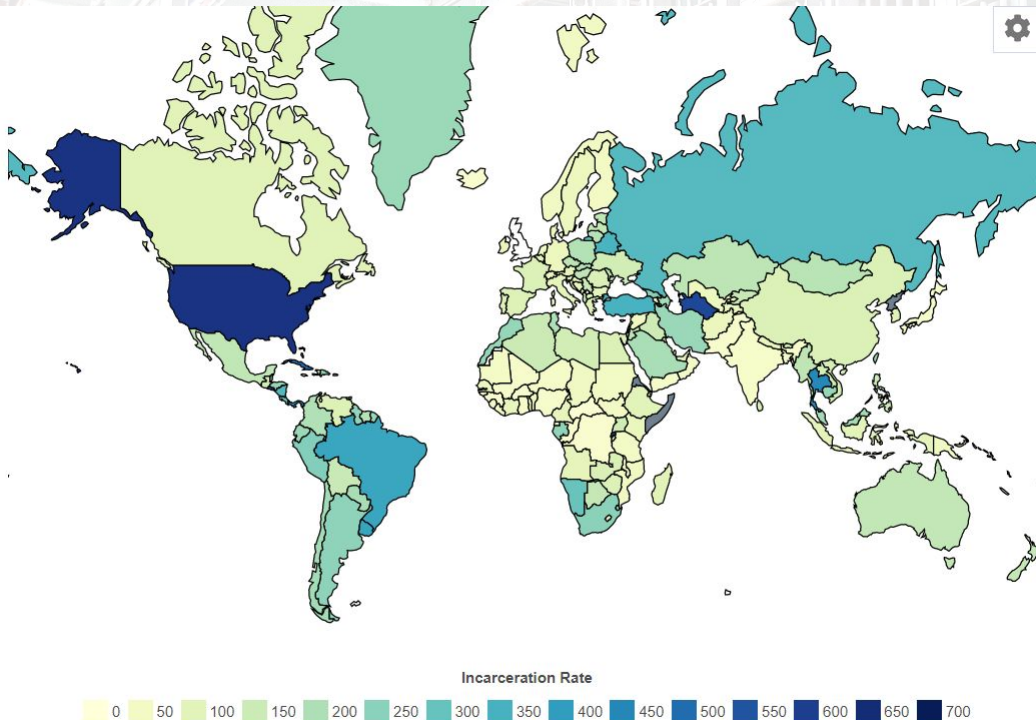
Hope in the Margins: Moral Leadership within the Prison System

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What are the margins?

- **Have you ever written a paper?**
- **Definitions can be confusing and unclear**
 - **On the Margin**
 - **Outside the Margin**
 - **In the Margin**
- **So What?**
- **What is the existential crisis?**
- **Why is this relevant in the prison system?**

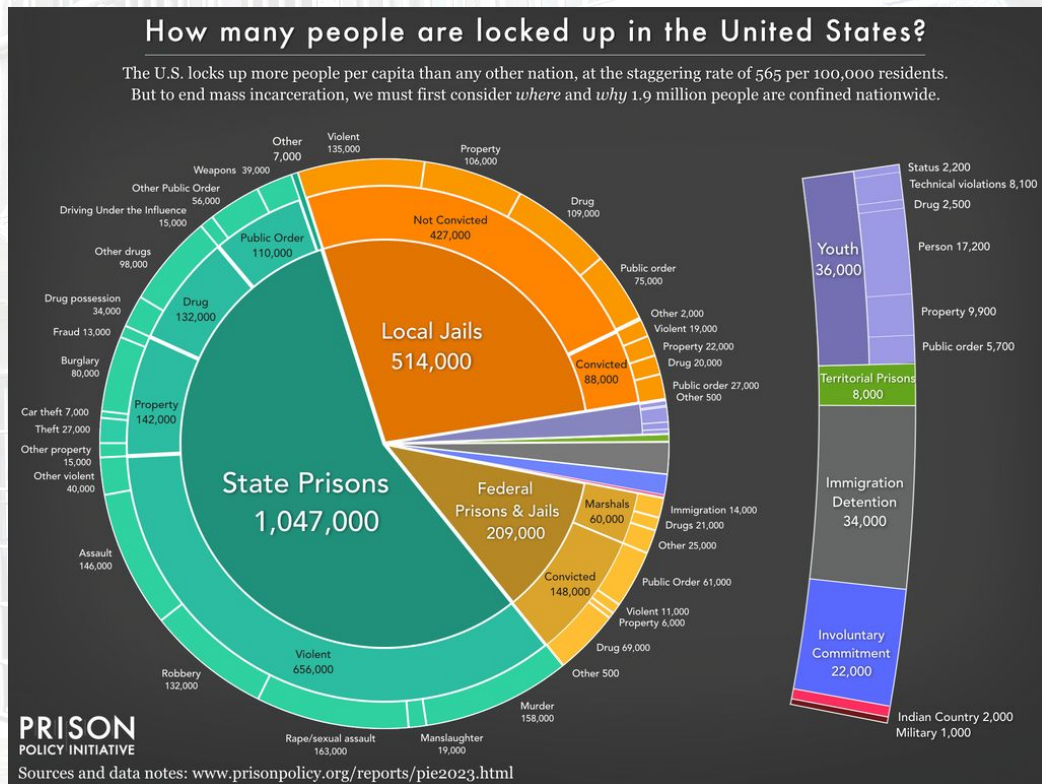
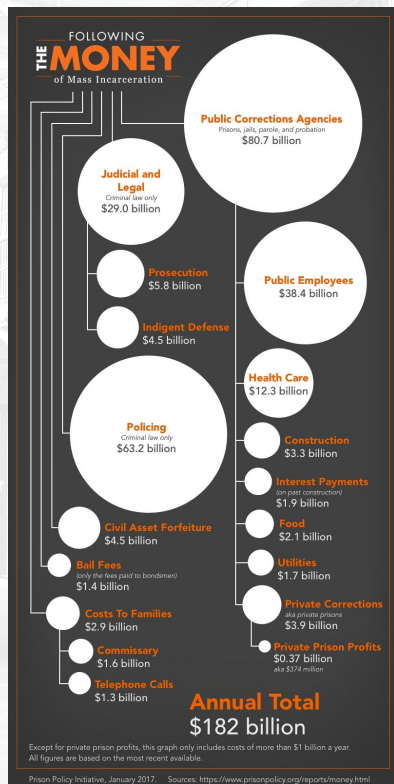
Incarceration Rates



In 2021, the US had an incarceration rate of 664 individuals per 100,000.

The incarceration rate of the state of TN specifically was 838, ranking the 11th highest state.

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Mass incarceration directly impacts millions of people
But just how many, and in what ways?



Compiled by the Prison Policy Initiative from 2020 Bureau of Justice Statistics data; Shannon, et al. (2017) *The Growth, Scope, and Spatial Distribution of People With Felony Records in the United States, 1948-2010*; SEARCH's *Survey of State Criminal History Information Systems, 2018* (estimate of criminal records created according to the methodology of NELP's 65 Million 'Need Not Apply'; and FWD.us (2018) *Every Second: The Impact of the Incarceration Crisis on America's Families*

Law

How do lawyers provide hope in the margins of the prison system?

- **Be there**
- **Come back**
- **Listen**



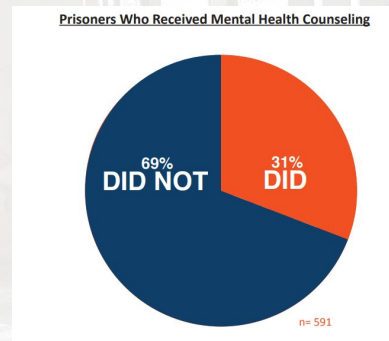
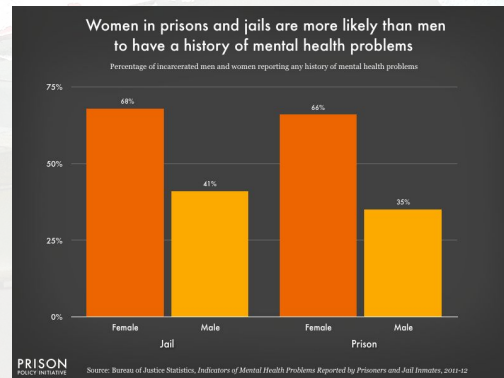
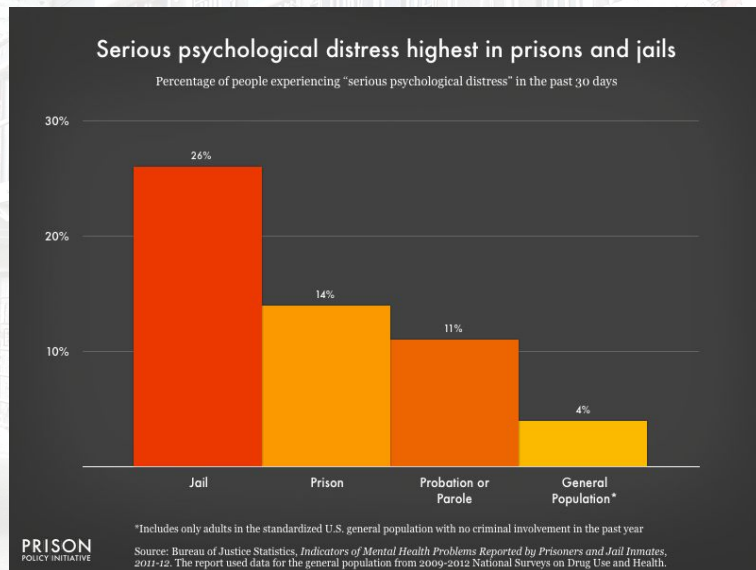
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Counseling

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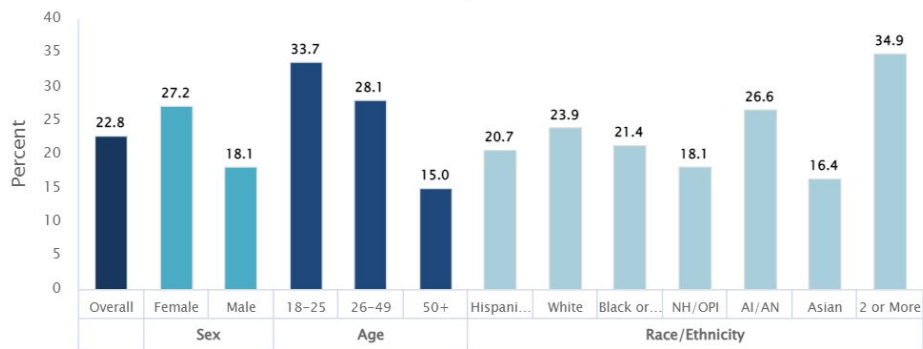


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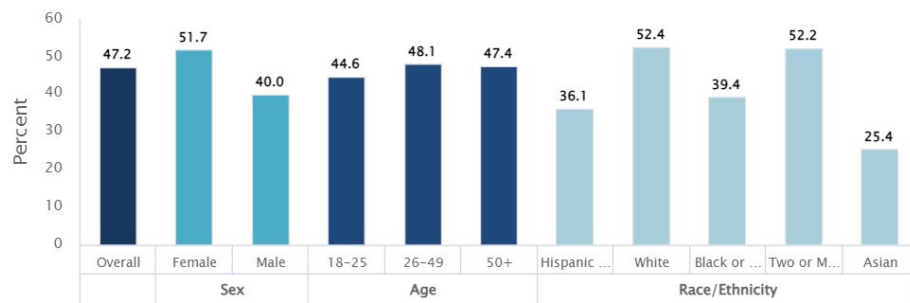
Past Year Prevalence of Any Mental Illness Among U.S. Adults (2021)

Data Courtesy of SAMHSA



Mental Health Services Received in Past Year Among U.S. Adults with Any Mental Illness (2021)

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Who is doing this groundwork?

Community-Based Non-Profits



Founded in '84, they were the first agency in TN to implement the Individual Placement and Support Model.

They offer emerging adult, homeless outreach, and several therapy services.



Founded in '93, they offer emergency psychiatric services, substance abuse treatment, pharmacy & clinic access to children, teens, and adults, which includes individual and group therapy.

Counseling

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Founded in *2020*, The Behavioral Care Center is a state-licensed adult supportive treatment facility in the Davidson County Sheriff's Office.

Medicine

How do doctors provide hope in the margins of the prison system?

- About **50%** of incarcerated persons have some form of substance use disorder
- **5%** of people with opioid use disorder in jail or prison receive medication-assisted treatment (MAT)
- **12x** more likely to die of opioid overdose upon release (vs. average population)
- **Overdose** is **leading cause of death** in this population

**Doctors can provide MAT for Incarcerated Individuals with opioid use disorder
→ reduce rates of overdose-related deaths upon release**

Medicine

Who is doing this groundwork?



Stephen Loyd, MD



Legal Action Center



Rutherford County Recovery Court

Divinity



“Before you call yourself a Christian, Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu or any other theology, learn to be human first.” - Shannon L. Alder

Divinity

19 Potiphar was furious when he heard his wife's story about how Joseph had treated her. 20 So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king's prisoners were held, and there he remained. 21 But the LORD was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the LORD made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden.

- Genesis 39:19-21

Divinity

Genesis 39: What is the text demonstrating?

- **Injustice is pervasive**
- **Faith & Hope reside in the dark**
- **Circumstances do not erase gifting / talents / skills**
- **Champions are a prerequisite for overcoming marginalization**

Divinity

14 Pharaoh sent for Joseph at once, and he was quickly brought from the prison. After he shaved and changed his clothes, he went in and stood before Pharaoh. 15 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream last night, and no one here can tell me what it means. But I have heard that when you hear about a dream you can interpret it."

- Genesis 41:14-15



Divinity

WHO AMONG YOU IS A CHAMPION?

Summary of resources for providing hope in the margins of the prison system

