

FAMILIAR FACES

DISCHARGE PLANNING

LOUISVILLE METRO DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS



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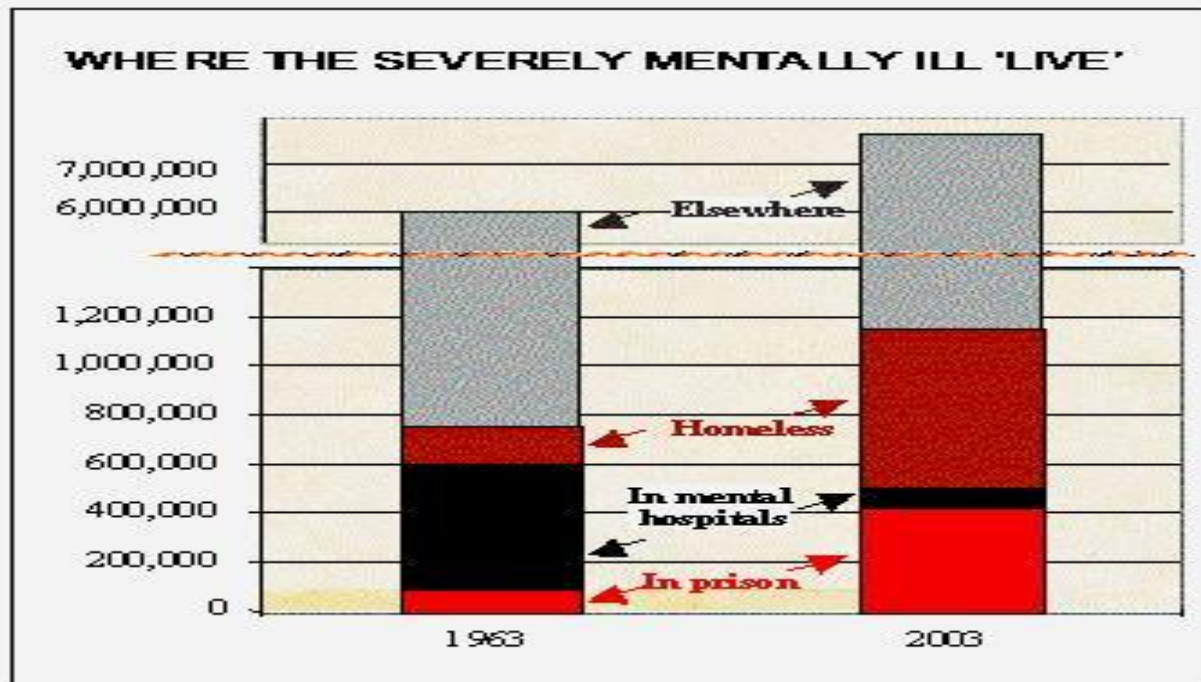
LMDC FACT SHEET DATA FROM 2014

- **Annual bookings: 36,740**
- **Average daily bookings and releases: 100**
- **Average daily in-bed population: 1,851**
- **Average length of stay: 26 days**
- **Cost to house per day: \$70**

- ❖ In 2006, the US Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics issued an extensive report on mental illness in American jails and prisons. According to the findings contained in this report, 64 percent of all people incarcerated in a local jail have at least one mental health issue.

❖ Being poor with SMI, is a combination that results in high vulnerability to further poverty and homelessness. Some 200 thousand homeless in the United States have been identified as having a SMI. And according to the National Resource and Training Centre on Homeless and Mental Illness between 20 and 25 percent of America's homeless suffered from severe or persistent mental illnesses in 2003.

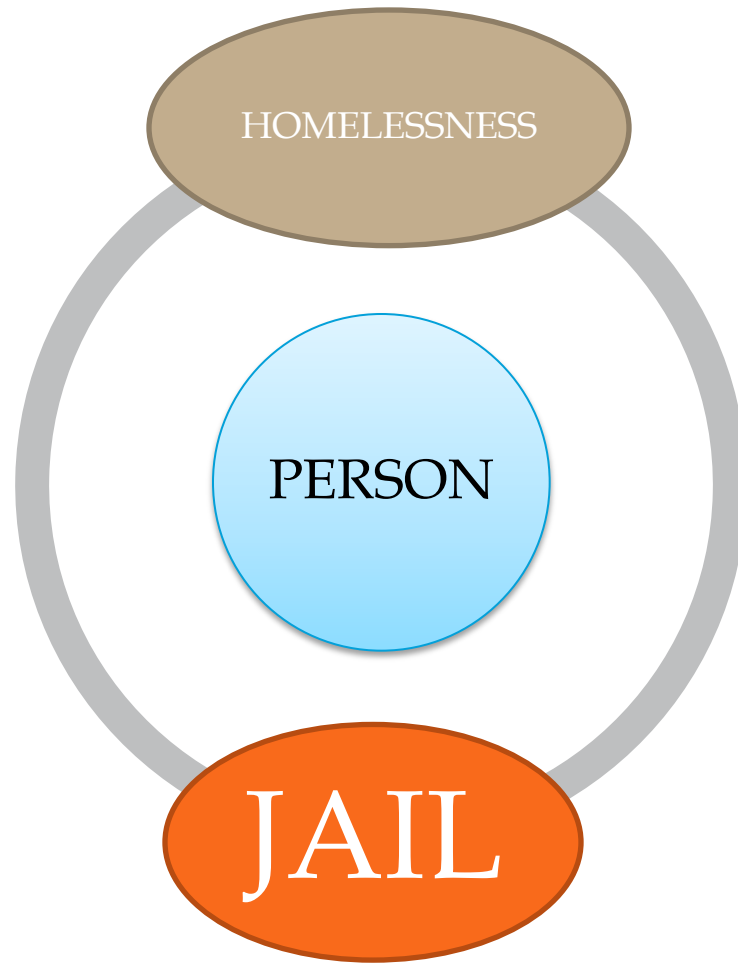
- ❖ Unfortunately, instead of decreasing, the number of mentally ill homeless in the U.S significantly increased during the last half of the 20th century (see graph). This increase can be directly attributed to America's psychiatric service policy changes away from mental hospitals toward community service. Although the theory behind this policy was well intended, disorganized and inefficient community services meant that many mentally ill were left without consistent care and as a result ended up as homeless or in jails/prisons.



Sources: New York Times, PBS, National Coalition for the Homeless, Human Rights Watch

- ❖ As a result, many people are released from jail back into homelessness. These individuals face significant barriers as they re-enter society, and without supportive services, may cycle between jail and homelessness...

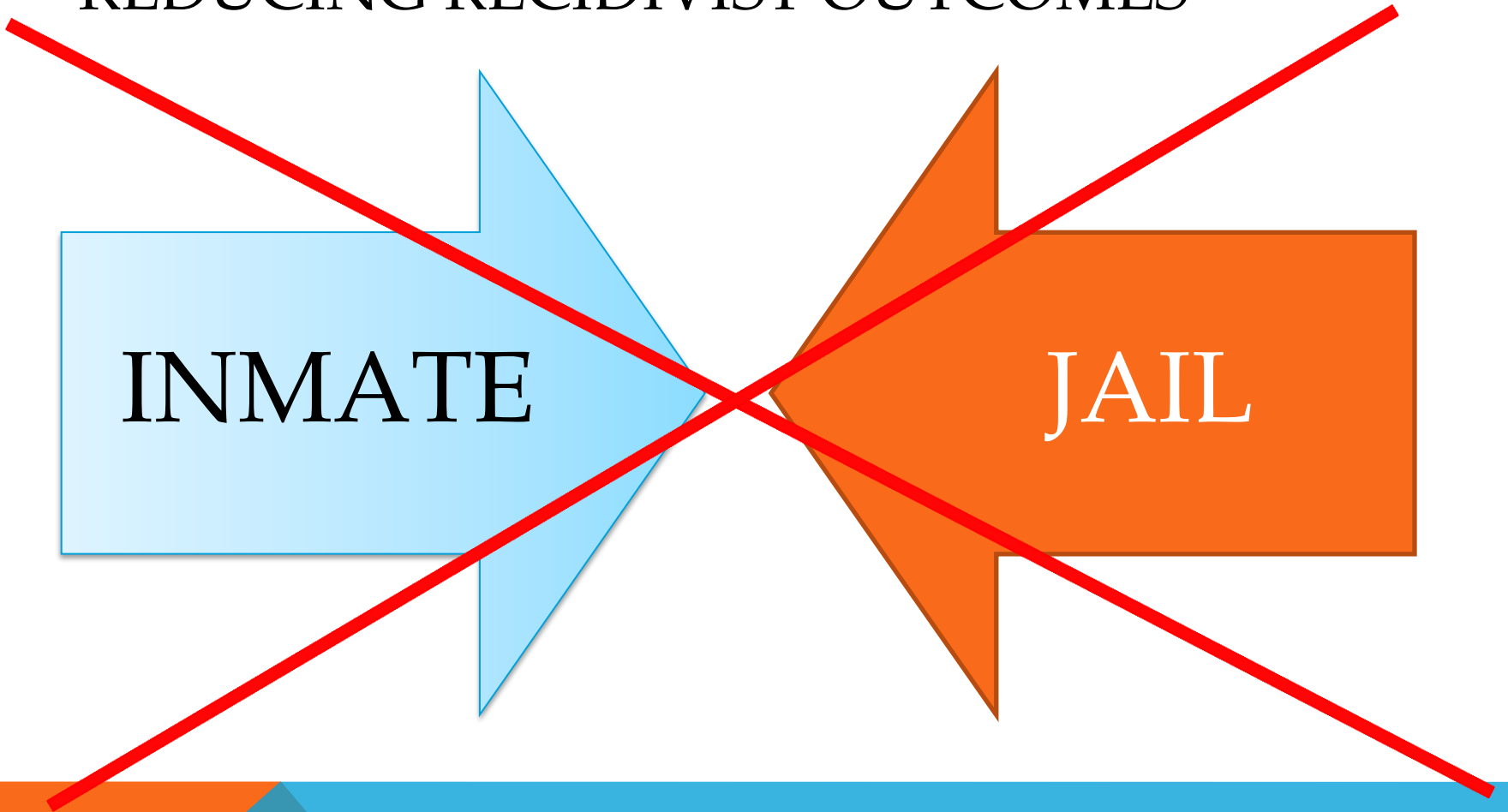
In Louisville Metro we refer to these individuals as **“Familiar Faces”**.

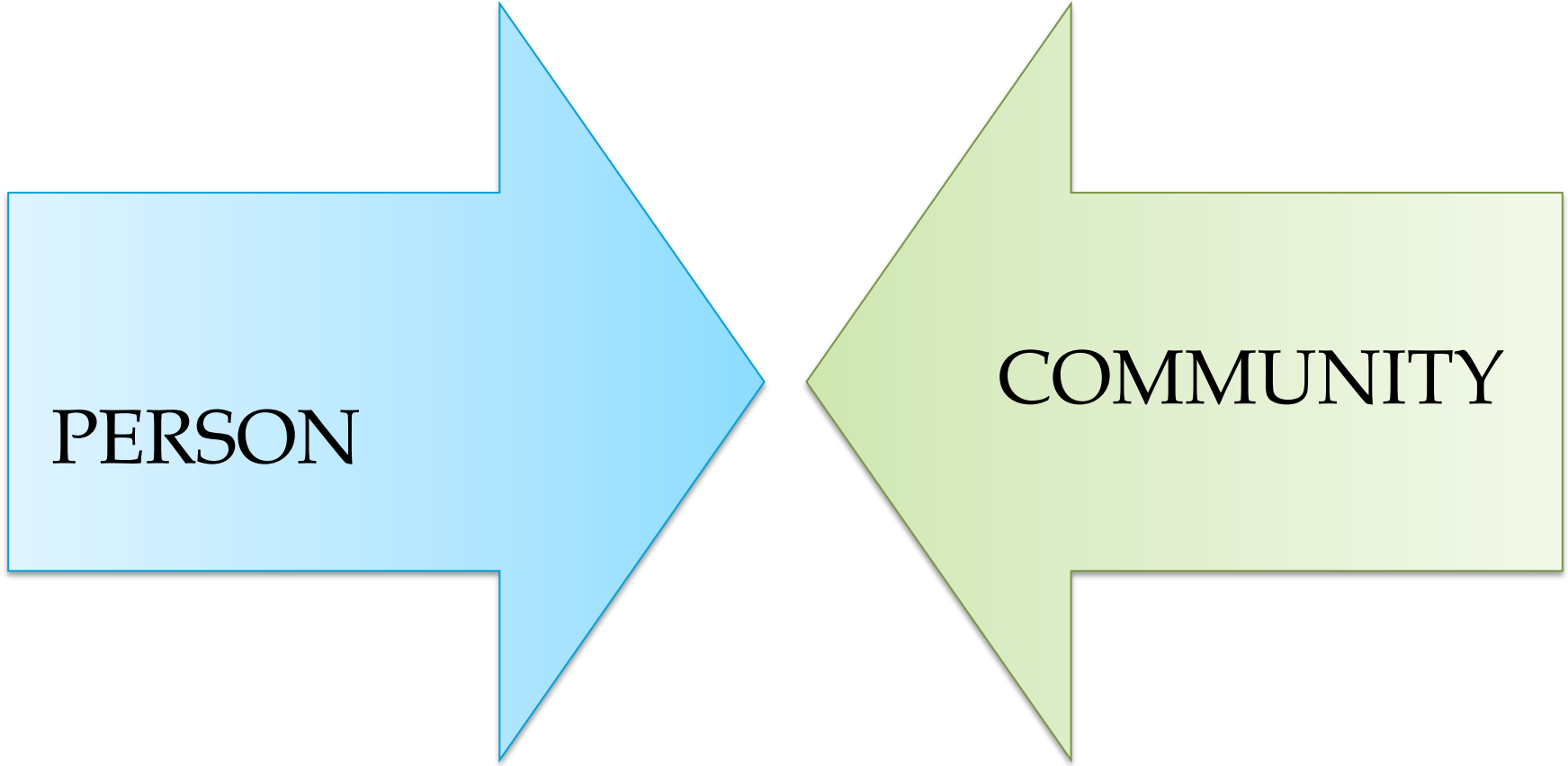


THEIR REALITY...



REDUCING RECIDIVIST OUTCOMES





- ❖ The moment of release represents a critical point in time that can make or break an inmate's successful reintegration into society.

BENEFITS

Linkage to appropriate next step resources based on needs

Prevent vulnerable populations from returning to homelessness

Benefits of discharge planning

Investment in outcome that every life has some human potential to be a productive member of society

Maintain gains achieved during the course of incarceration

By recognizing the importance of the above, LMDC has committed to a successful discharge planning process for inmates that are the most vulnerable and require additional assistance in meeting basic needs.

Discharge Planning is designed for those Familiar Faces who frequent the jail and do not participate in ACT (Assertive Community Treatment).

DISCHARGE PLANNING INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS OF BASIC NECESSITIES:

- ✓ **Medication**
- ✓ **Health insurance**
- ✓ **Shelter/housing**
- ✓ **SSI/SSDI benefits**
- ✓ **Backpack**
- ✓ **Hygiene items**
- ✓ **Clean underwear/socks**
- ✓ **Clothing bank/Clean and seasonally-appropriate clothing/Footwear**
- ✓ **Public transportation/bus tickets**
- ✓ **Resource handbooks**

WE CANNOT DO IT ALONE! OUR PARTNERS

- ❖ **Metro Corrections and the LMDC Contract Inmate Healthcare Provider**
- ❖ **Coalition for the Homeless**
- ❖ **Judges/Courts**
- ❖ **Public Defender's office**
- ❖ **Affordable Care Act**
- ❖ **Social Security Office**
- ❖ **Seven Counties Criminal Justice Team**
- ❖ **Transitioning Community Partners Coalition**
- ❖ **Greater Louisville Reentry Coalition**
- ❖ **Community Organizations**
- ❖ **Transitional Housing**
- ❖ **Permanent Supported Housing**
- ❖ **Louisville Metro Police Department**
- ❖ **Center for Accessible Living (clothing donations)**
- ❖ **State Corrections Probation and Parole**

WHAT IT NEEDS TO LOOK LIKE

