





## Reconnecting people with behavioral health treatment after jail release reduces risk of jail reentry

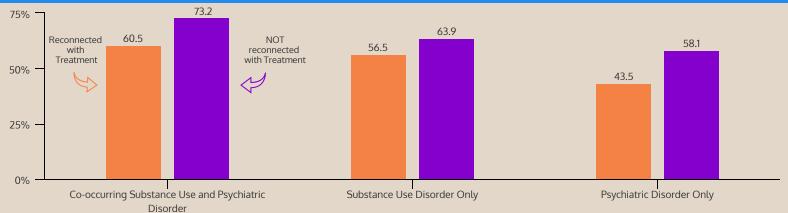
People who have substance use or psychiatric disorders are at increased risk of going to jail. Reconnecting with treatment upon release from jail reduced the risk of jail reentry for people with psychiatric disorders, substance use disorders or both by 26-38%.

44%

of jail inmates in the U.S in 2011-2012 had a history of behavioral health disorders 35%

of those who entered jail in Philadelphia in 2013-2015 had substance use or psychiatric disorders This study included individuals who were released from the Philadelphia County jail during 2013-2015 and had behavioral health service use history during 3 years prior to the index detention.

## Who Reentered Philadelphia Jail Within Three Years of Release?\*



\*Before controlling for age, gender, race/ethnicity, and history of jail entry

## Reduced Risk of Jail Reentry if Reconnected with Behavioral Health Treatment after Jail Release\*\*

Co-Occurring Substance Use and Psychiatric Disorder

38% 🕹

Substance Use Disorder Only

26%

Psychiatric Disorder Only

36%

\*\*Risk controlled for age, gender, race/ethnicity, and history of jail entry

## **Policy and Practice Implications**

Timely connection to psychiatric and substance use treatment is an important intervention, not only to improve wellness, but also to reduce jail reentry for individuals with a history of substance use and psychiatric disorders.