

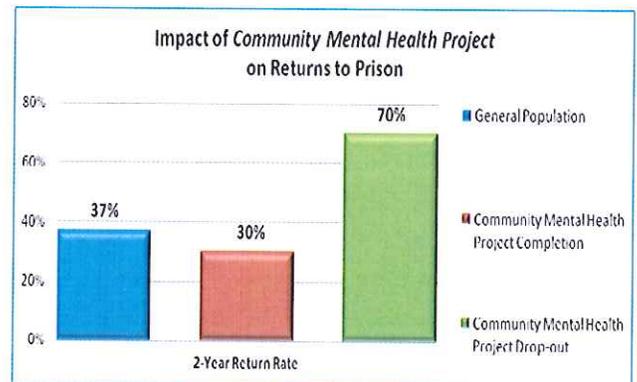
DOC – DMH COLLABORATION

Over 17% of the 31,000 offenders in the Department of Corrections are diagnosed with mental illness of such severity that they are classified as MH-3 or higher (on a 5-point scale). Roughly 85% have substance abuse problems.

Since 2002, the Department of Mental Health has worked with the Department of Corrections and other state agencies on the Missouri Reentry Process to find effective ways to reduce returns to prison and improve public safety. That effort has resulted in a number of significant initiatives, but to highlight three:

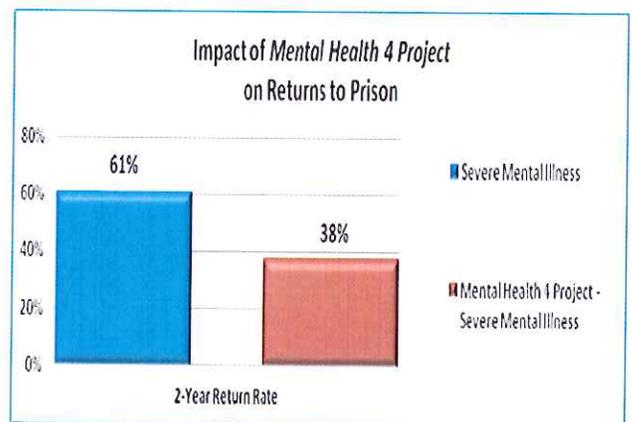
Community Mental Health Project

- CMHCs provide three months of community-based treatment for offenders with mental illness who are referred by field parole officers.
- When offenders enter the program and complete treatment, the recidivism rate over two years is about 30% (the return rate for the general population is 37%). For those who drop out or for other reasons do not complete treatment, the return rate is 70%.



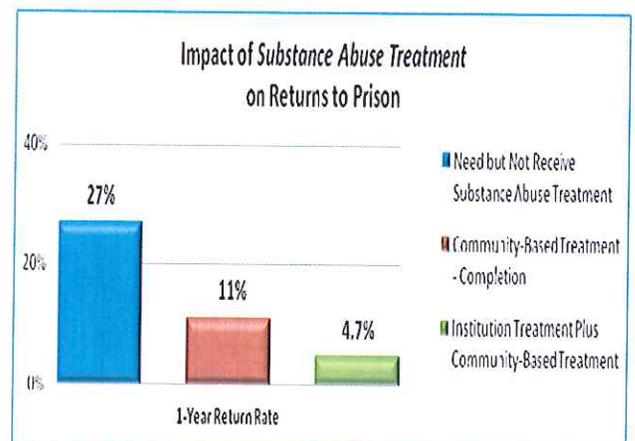
Mental Health 4 Project

- CMHCs also provide community treatment for the most seriously mentally ill offenders leaving prison classified as MH-4—a relatively small group, about 340 in prison today. This project links these offenders with CMHCs prior to release and continues mental health care following release.
- Even for this tougher, sicker population, results are impressive: Over a 4-year period, returns to prison went from 61.4% down to 37.5% annually, a drop of almost 40%.



Substance Abuse Treatment

- Certified ADA providers offer substance abuse treatment for offenders released from prison and from officers in the field.
- For offenders released from prison in FY 2010 who needed ADA treatment in the community but did not receive it, the return rate in the first year was 27%.
- For those who completed ADA treatment in the community, the rate was 11%.
- For those who receive treatment in prison followed by treatment in the community, the rate drops to 4.7%.



Some of the funding for each of these efforts comes from monthly supervision fees paid by offenders.