

What Happens When Serious Mental Illness Isn't Treated?

8.1 million people suffer from serious mental illness.



Every year, **3.9 million** people have **untreated** serious mental illness.

This leads to...

POOR SHORT-TERM TREATMENT AND EMERGENCY ROOM BOARDING

90% of emergency physicians reported that patients with serious mental illness were being "held" in ERs for lack of hospital beds for psychiatric patients.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND DIVERSION FROM JAIL

Mental health courts and crisis intervention teams, tactics that help police divert detained people with serious mental illness into **treatment vs. incarceration**, are **available to less than half the population**.



HOMELESSNESS

169,000 homeless adults have untreated serious mental illness.



MASS INCARCERATION

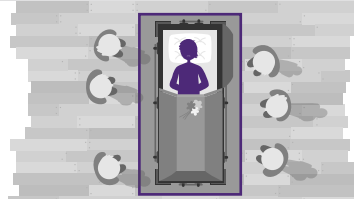
95% of jails report having inmates with serious mental illness.

44 states and D.C. hold **more people with serious mental illness in jails and prisons** than the largest remaining psychiatric hospital.



POLICE SHOOTINGS

People with untreated mental illness are **16 times more likely** to be killed during a police encounter.



SUICIDE

Individuals with bipolar disorder have a suicide risk **15 times higher** than the general population, and suicide is the **most common** cause of death in schizophrenia.

It doesn't have to be this way.

With the right services and support, people with serious mental illness can stay out of jail and off the streets, living healthy lives.

Take the Treatment Advocacy Center pledge to support more access to inpatient beds.