



Course Corrections: National Law Enforcement



Consensus regarding priorities for policy and practice reform to improve mental health, reduce incarceration, and increase national safety, prosperity, and wellbeing.

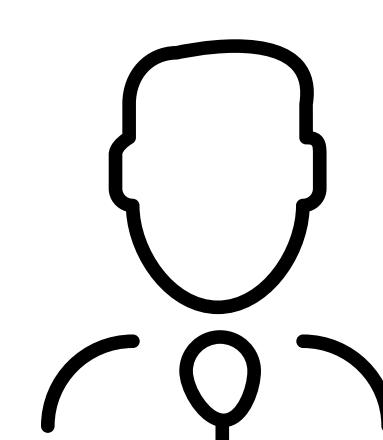
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The United States is in the midst of a poorly understood public health crisis.

The nation's first response to mental health needs is too often a public safety response.

Therefore, we recommend and promote the following course corrections:

Coordinate Community Efforts and Resources



Public safety department leadership is influential across sectors in every community, and can play a key role in coordinating community efforts.



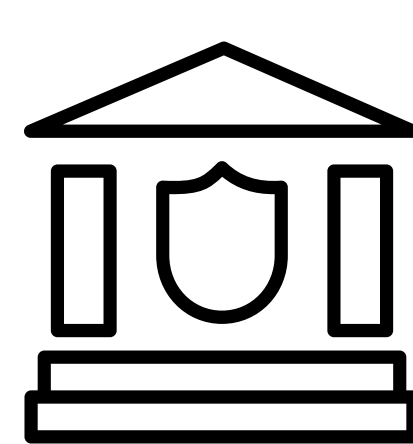
Preventative and supportive health care is not widely available, and yet is more cost-effective and yields better health outcomes than acute and crisis care.

Health Care Partnership

Housing and Homelessness



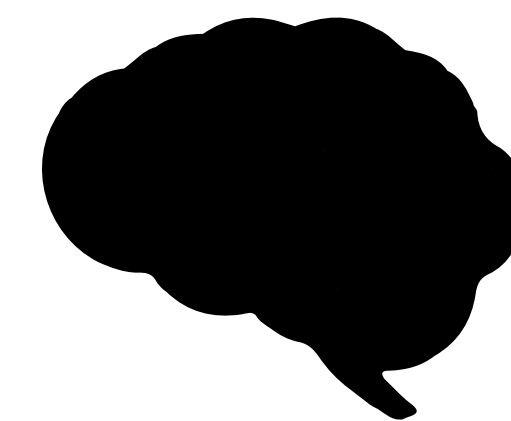
Providing low-barrier supportive housing, and accommodated employment improves health outcomes, can build stronger, safer, and happier communities, and can save taxpayer dollars.



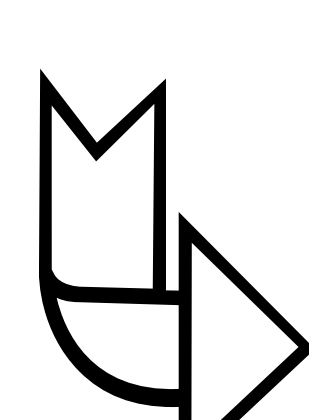
Supporting a proud law enforcement agency culture, of protecting and serving people and our community's wellbeing, is a top priority, and requires constant learning and continuous improvement.

Law Enforcement Agency Internal Priorities

Officer Mental Health



Officer health and wellness must be a top priority in every agency and community.



When health-driven behaviors result in law enforcement encounters, alternatives to arrest and to criminal charges should be available and prioritized.

Early Redirection

Post-Arrest



When arrest occurs, early post-arrest mental health needs assessments and interventions can yield better health and safety outcomes and cost-savings.



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