

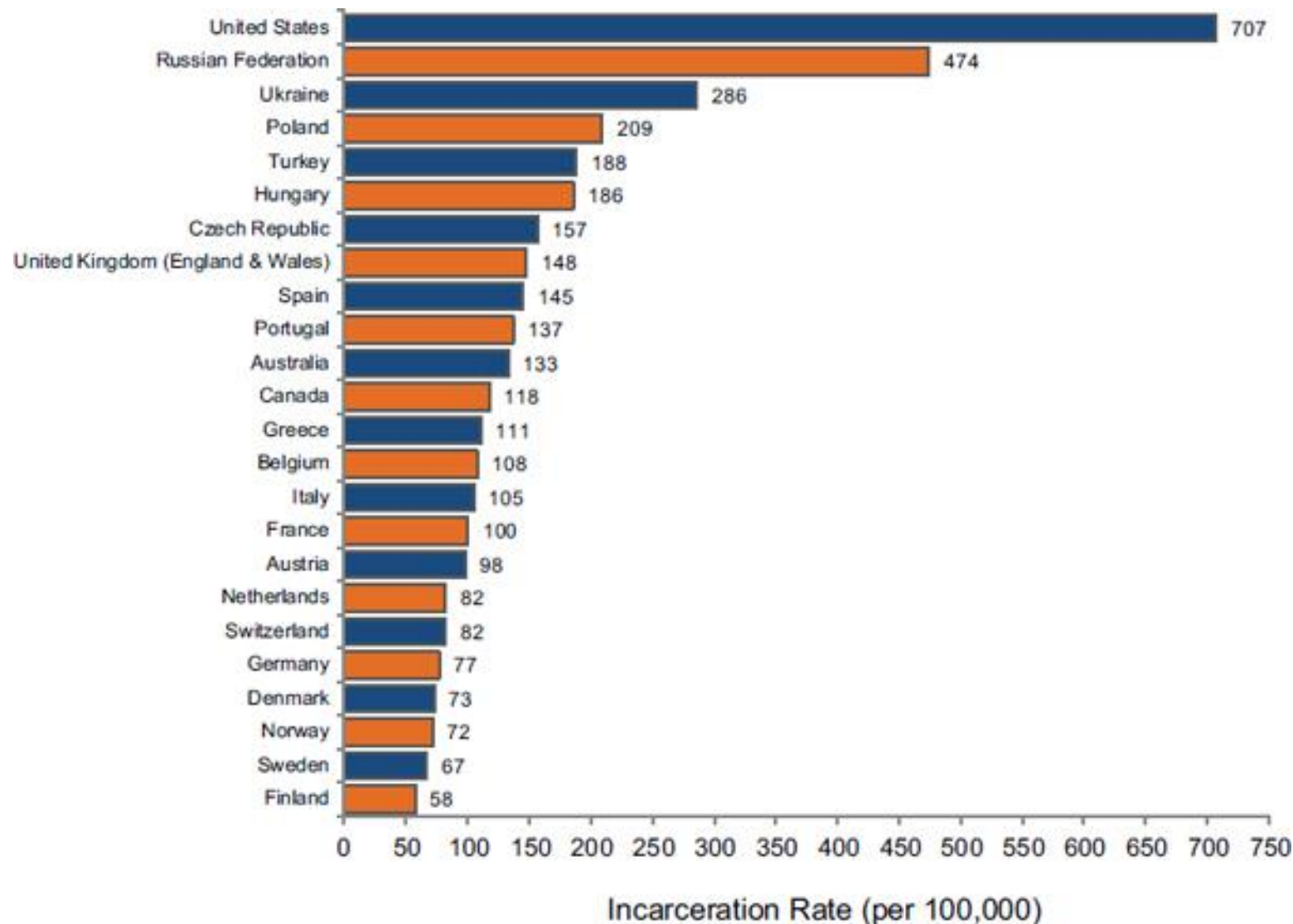


FPHNY PUBLIC HEALTH TALK

NYC Health Justice Network
NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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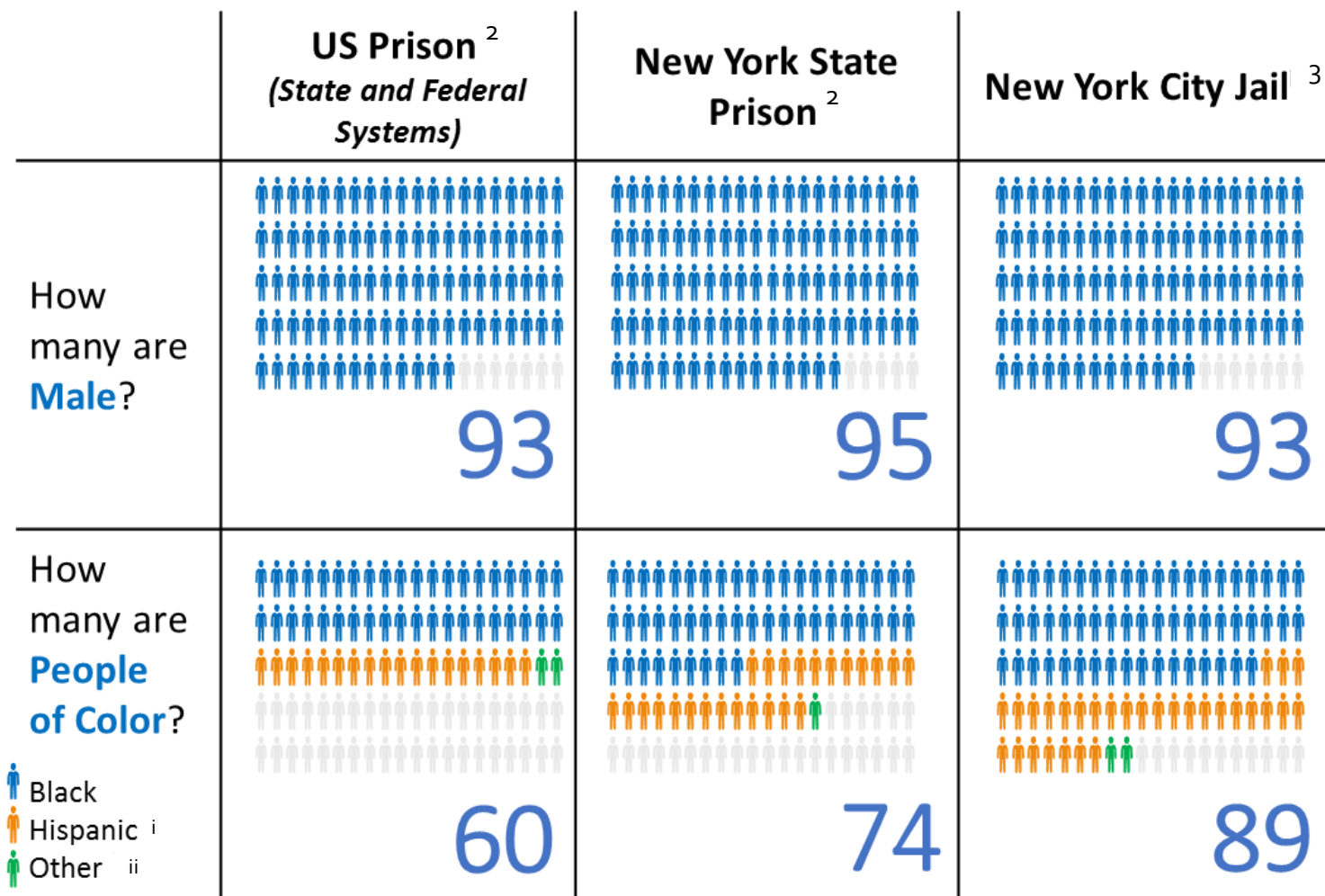
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25% of the
World's
Incarcerated are
in US Jails and
Prisons¹

Reporting year: US: 2012, others from 2011 to 2013

For 100 People In The Criminal Justice System...



i. For NYC jail data, race indicated as Other assumed to be Hispanic ethnicity
 ii. Includes American Indian, Alaskan, Asian, and Native Hawaiian races

Why is this a Public Health Issue?



Premature Mortality

The risk of mortality increases **12-fold** in the first 2 weeks post release ^{4, 5}



Chronic Diseases

40% incarcerated individuals have at least one current chronic medical condition ⁶



Cancer

Incarcerated Women have higher rates of cervical cancer ⁷
Incarcerated men have higher liver and lung cancer mortality ⁸

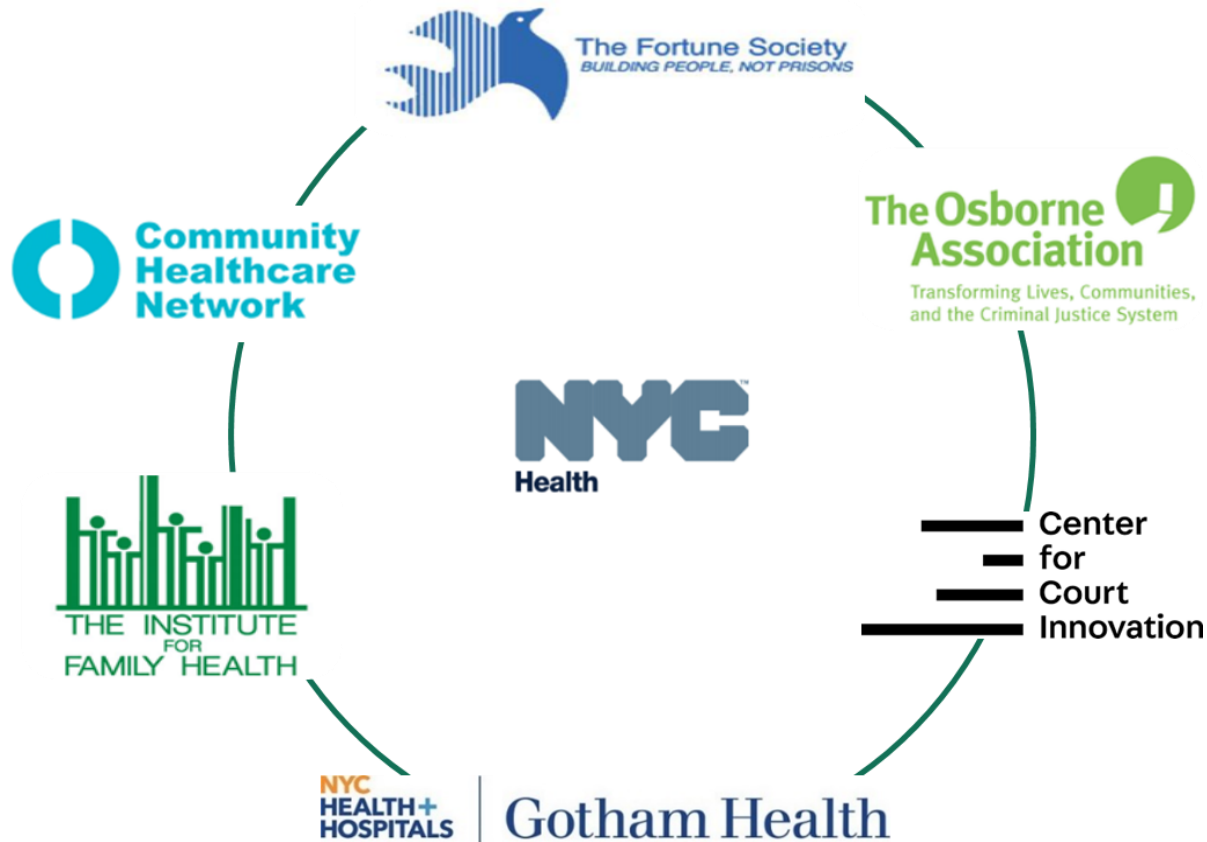


Trauma + Behavioral Health

50% in state prison and 68% in jail have a diagnosable substance use disorder, compared to 9% in the general population ⁹

NYC HEALTH JUSTICE NETWORK

*A **public health** approach to community re-entry*

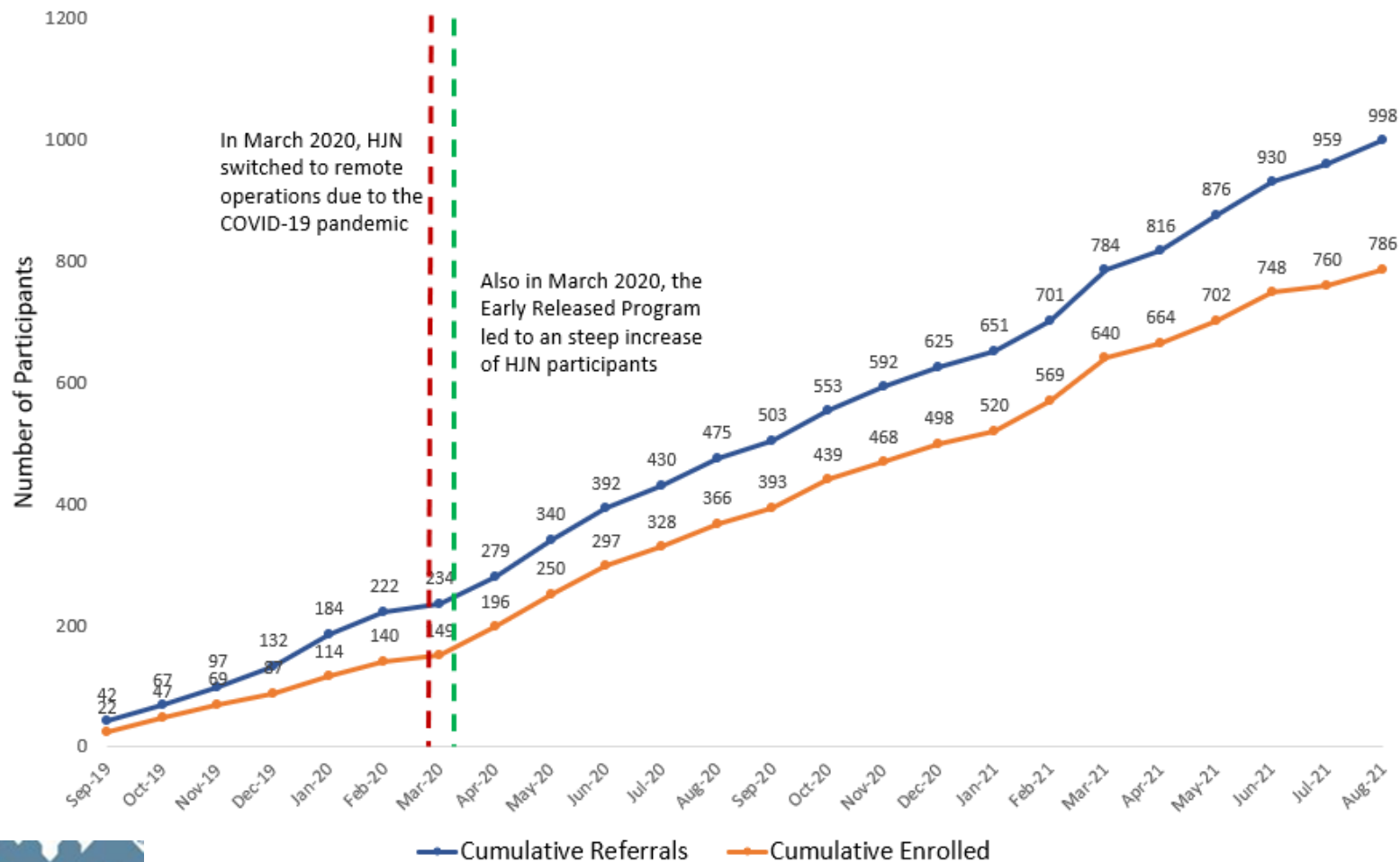


Novel and expanding model bridging **public health, social services, health care**

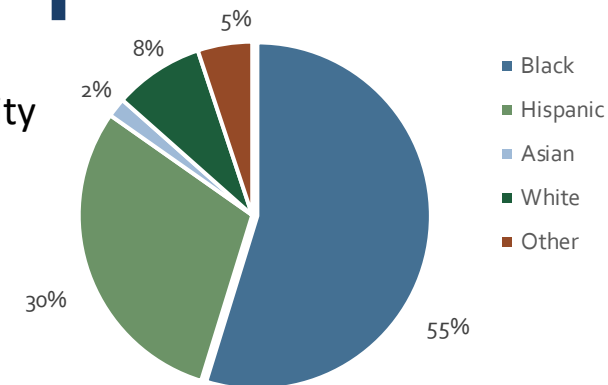
- **Voluntary** services, serving 800+ participants
- **Anti-racist** and **trauma-informed**
- **Participant-driven**
- **Community Advisory Board/Community of Practice**
- Respecting **diverse** participant backgrounds
- Funded by the **District Attorney of New York's** Criminal Justice Investment Initiative (March 2019 - February 2022)

HJN Enrollments + Demographics

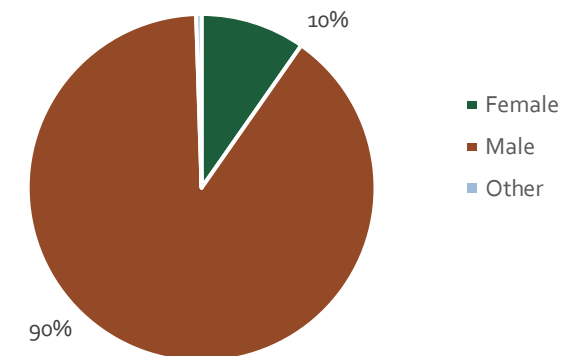
NYC Health Justice Network Monthly Enrollment Graph



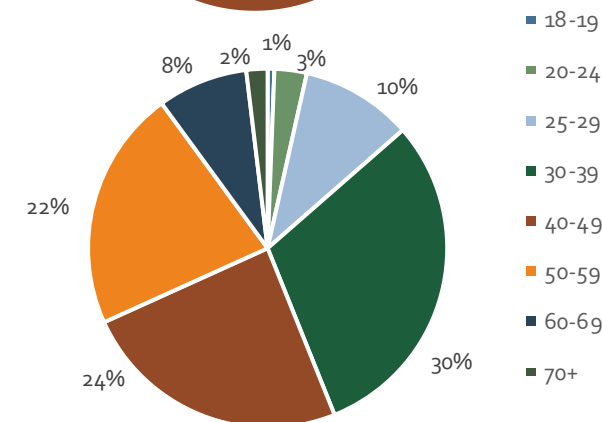
Race + Ethnicity



Gender

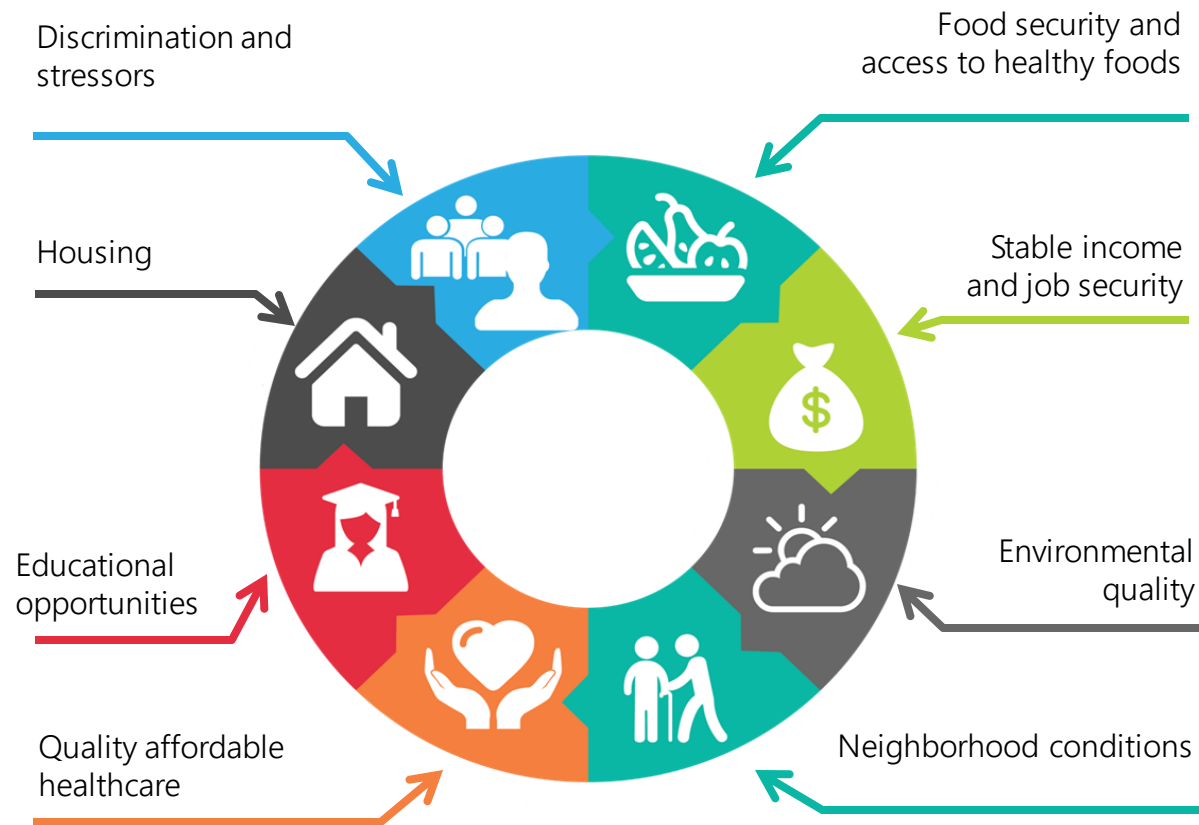


Age



Needs Addressed: Barriers to Community Re-Entry

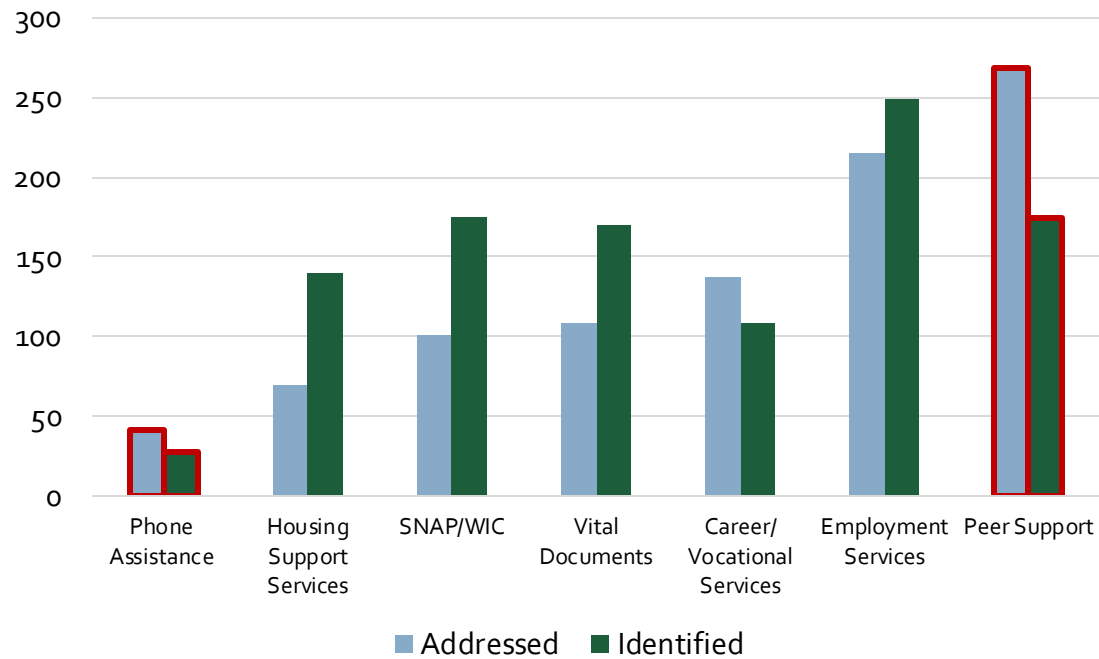
Social Determinants of Health + the HJN Approach



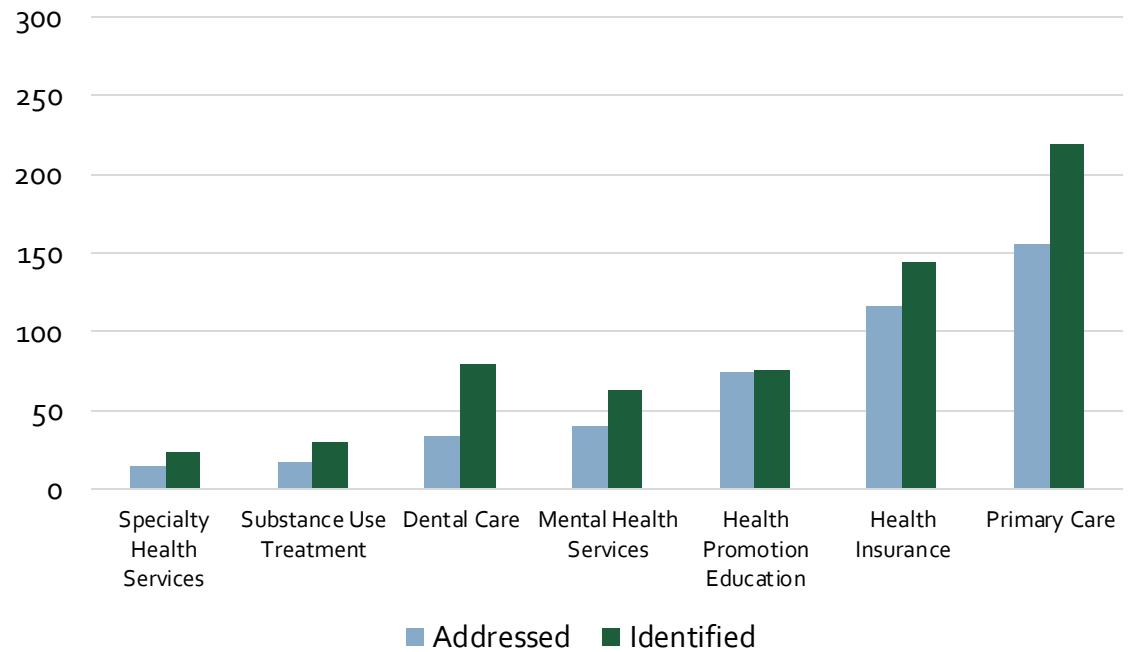
Preliminary Findings

A demonstrated need for HJN services

Top 7 Social Service Needs Addressed

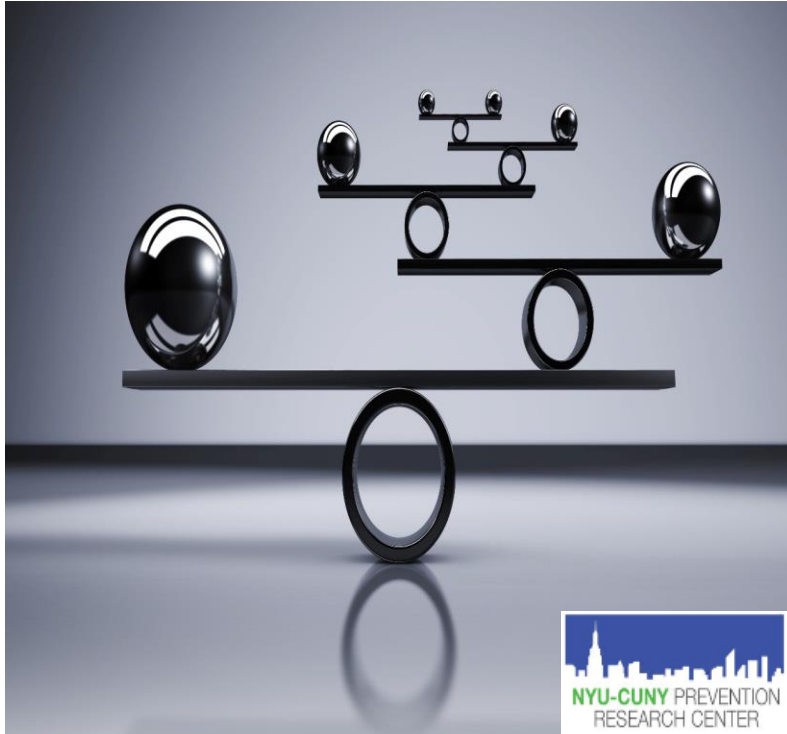


Top 7 Healthcare Needs Addressed



*Note: Highlighted **in red** are participant-identified needs that NYC HJN began to track during COVID-19's peak in 2020*

HJN Evaluations & Academic Collaboration



- **Collaboration with NYC Prevention Research Center (NYU School of Medicine and CUNY School of Public Health)**
 - PRC Evaluator for HJN Grant
 - **HEALTH STUDY**: Evaluate healthcare utilization and costs
 - **RECIDIVISM STUDY**
- **First Publication: Abstract accepted** by APHA.
 - HJN Director presented poster and power point to APHA on October 21, 2021.

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