



COMMUNITY-ENGAGED LEARNING HEALTH AND JUSTICE

PATHWAY: MENTAL HEALTH

Project Description

- Learn about the various pathways from criminal justice involvement and the different healthcare services available through pre and post release
- Study disparities by race and ethnicity in arrests, and incarceration
- Develop an in-depth understanding of barriers to healthcare
- Study trends of prevalent social determinants of health for justice-involved individuals
- Identify resources available to help address routine and chronic healthcare needs
- Educate justice-involved individuals and reentry professionals on navigating and understanding the healthcare system
- Develop metrics to help define success in improving public health for justice-involved patients

Annual Student Activities

- Help to develop resources and tools for justice-involved individuals to access healthcare
- Help to develop a set of resources for healthcare professionals to address the needs of justice involved individuals

Community Outcomes/Results

- ↑ Awareness of disparities and barriers in healthcare resulting from justice involvement
- ↑ Awareness of resources available to justice-involved individuals in the community
- ↑ Quality of care for justice-involved individuals

FACILITATOR

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PARTNERS

- Virginia Beach Correctional Facility
- Southampton Memorial Hospital
- HOPES Free Clinic
- Sentara ACC
- Workforce Development Center & Parole Offices

THE NEED

- Between 1980 and 2014, the rate of incarceration in the U.S. increased by 220%
- Incarceration impacts the health and well-being of those who are or have been incarcerated as well as their families and communities