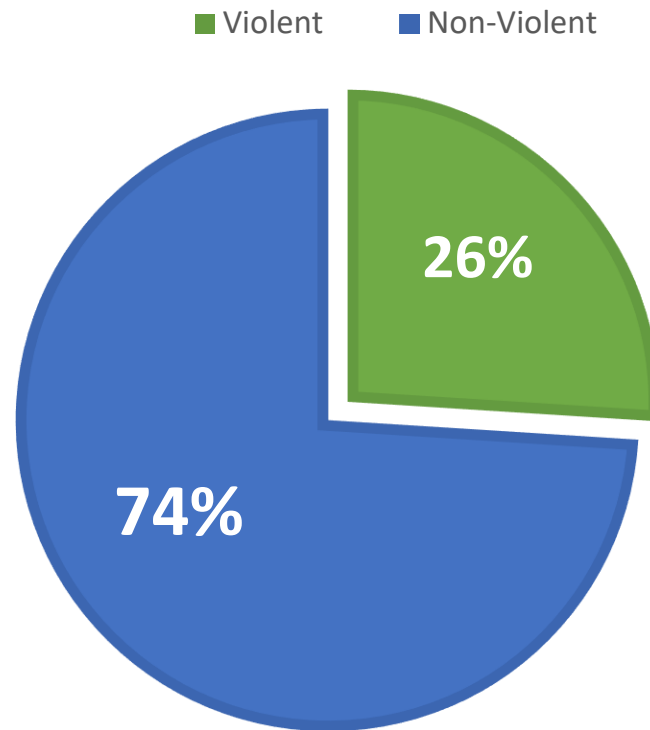


SB 242:

**Continued Funding of the
Family Preservation Project**

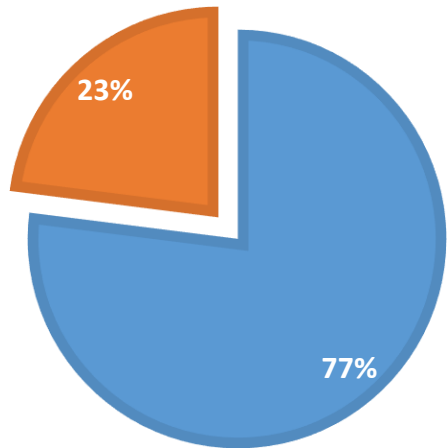
TYPE OF CRIME FEMALE ADULTS IN CUSTODY ARE INCARCERATED FOR



- The number of women incarcerated in Oregon for property crimes **doubled** between 2000-2011.
- The length of sentence for property and drug crimes has been **steadily increasing** over recent years, while decreasing for violent person offenses.

OREGON FEMALE ADULTS IN CUSTODY MENTAL HEALTH

■ Need Mental Health Treatment ■ No Need for Treatment

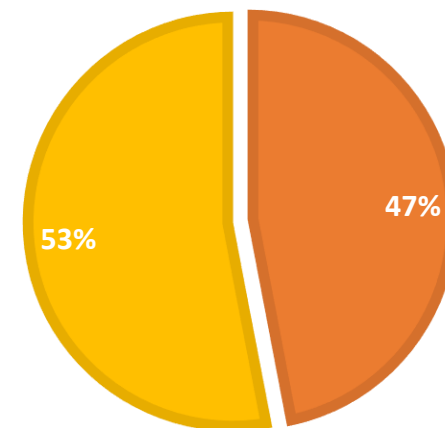


Of the 77%, **41% have severe mental health problems.** This is almost three times the level of male Adults in Custody.

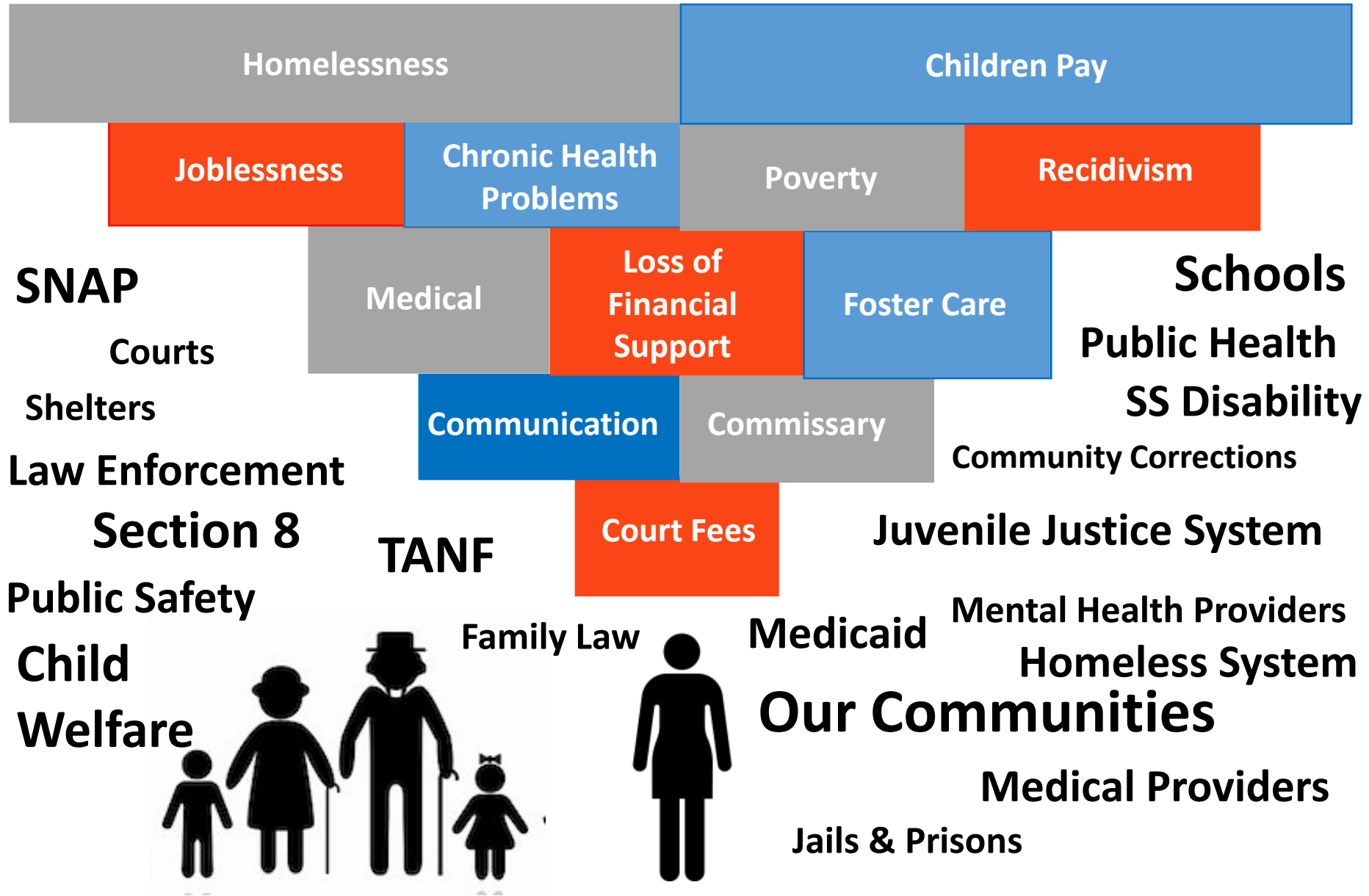
77% of female Adults in Custody in the Oregon the Department of Corrections **need mental health treatment.** By comparison, 47% of male Adults in Custody need mental health treatment.

OREGON MALE ADULTS IN CUSTODY MENTAL HEALTH

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The Apparent & Hidden Costs to Incarcerated Parents and their Families



Family Preservation Project



Enrichment Activities for Children

- Tutoring Support
- Daycare & Afterschool care
- Sports and Arts Activities
- Summer Camps
- Mentorships

264 children served each year

Intensive Family Reunification

- Therapeutic Visitations
- Parenting Support & Education
- Intensive Transition Planning
- Caregiver Support
- Biopsychosocial assessments

25 children & 12 mothers served each year

Family Resource Center

- Reducing barriers to contact
- Juvenile & Family Law support
- Psycho-educational groups
- Peer mentoring & support

Up to 3600 children & 1440 mothers served each year

OVERCOME

- Peer Support
- Transportation and supplies
- Reentry and transition services
- Connects to community resources
- 100% volunteer operated

144 mothers served each year

Caregiver Support

- Bi-monthly support group
- Navigating community and government resources
- Provides respite opportunities
- Facilitated family meetings

105 families served each year

Public Education & Advocacy

- Led by former FPP participants
- Barriers to parenting from prison
- Addresses the needs of children of incarcerated parents

20K children served each year

Monthly Speaker Series

- Open to all women serving in the minimum facility
- Topics include: parenting, legal, re-entry, wellness
- Provided pro-bono by community partners

1200 women served each year

Between the Lines

- Reaches both minimum & medium facilities
- Promotes literacy
- Removes distance barrier
- 100% volunteer run

240 children served each year

WHY FOCUS ON MOTHERS?

- **84% of incarcerated mothers had at least one child living with them before incarceration.**
- **Children of incarcerated mothers are 2.5 times more likely to also become incarcerated in their lifetime than if their father is incarcerated.**
- **Connectivity with family is the leading factor for successful reentry.**

THE FPP IMPACT

- In the last 18 months, FPP has **saved the state \$300,000 in foster care expenses.**
- FPP is having a positive impact on the state women's prison population and the associated **costs of incarceration have been reduced** as a result.
- **Children of FPP participants are performing well on academic indicators** like school attendance and reading at grade level.

With an investment of \$400,000, the legislature has ensured that fewer children are being placed in foster care, incarcerated mothers are less likely to recidivate, and children of participants are exhibiting successful outcomes academically, socially, behaviorally and emotionally. This investment has created safer communities and relieves the strain on state resources by interrupting intergenerational criminal justice involvement.

SB 242 Support Includes:

- **Oregon Women's Health & Wellness Alliance**
- **Oregon Justice Resource Center**
- **Youth, Rights and Justice**
- **Oregon Advocacy Commissions**
- **Children First for Oregon**
- **ACLU**
- **Family Forward**
- **Clackamas County Children of Incarcerated Parents Fund**

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**eliminating racism
empowering women**

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OREGON LEADING THE WAY



Has received national and international attention and accolades.



Featured in **yes!** Magazine as Oregon's top solution.

SB 242: A PATH FORWARD

- \$600K per biennium fully funds the program as currently structured.
- \$400K, the FY15-17 allocation, was matched almost dollar for dollar through efforts by the YWCA.

SB 241:

**Bill of Rights for
Children of Incarcerated Parents**

SB: 241A: Bill of Rights for Children of Incarcerated Parents

SB 241A creates a Bill of Rights for Children of Incarcerated Parents, ensuring that every child whose parent is arrested and/or incarcerated is guaranteed the rights that follow:

- ▶ To be protected from additional trauma at the time of parental arrest.
- ▶ To be informed of the arrest in an age-appropriate manner.
- ▶ To be heard and respected by decision makers when decisions are made about the child.
- ▶ To be considered when decisions are made about the child's parent.
- ▶ To be cared for in the absence of the child's parent in a way that prioritizes the child's physical, mental and emotional needs.
- ▶ To speak with, see and touch the incarcerated parent.
- ▶ To be informed about local services and programs that can provide support to the child as the child deals with the parent's incarceration.
- ▶ To not be judged, labeled or blamed for the parent's incarceration.
- ▶ To have a lifelong relationship with the incarcerated parent.

WHO IS AFFECTED BY PARENTAL INCARCERATION?

1 in 14 children

1 in 9 African American children

1 in 8 children living in poverty

Half are under the age of ten

CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM ARE:

4 times for likely to reside in juvenile detention facilities

3 times more likely to drop out of high school

African American children are 65% more likely to end up homeless

* Statistics from the Annie E. Casey *A Shared Sentence: 2016 Policy Report* & the National Resource Center on Children & Families of the Incarcerated.